

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB243 H1

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Martinez

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission; availability of complaint forms in courthouses.

5. Summary: Current law requires that all state courts within the Commonwealth must post a sign in a location accessible to the public that notes the availability of and provides instructions for obtaining a downloadable electronic version of any standardized form developed and utilized by the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission for the filing of a complaint from the official website of the judicial system of the Commonwealth.

This bill requires that paper copies of any standardized form developed and utilized by the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission for the filing of a complaint must be made available to the public in the clerk's office in all state courts of the Commonwealth. The bill also requires that a sign be posted in all such courts, in a location accessible to the public, that notes the availability and location of such forms.

The substitute bill requires that any standardized form developed and utilized by the Department of Magistrate Services in the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia for the filing of a complaint against a magistrate must be made available to the public in paper form in every clerk's office in all state courts of the Commonwealth. In all such courts, a sign must be posted in a location accessible to the public that notes the availability and location of such paper forms in the clerk's office.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, this bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on courts.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None