

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB268H1

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

2. **Patron:** Watts

3. **Committee:** Committee for Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Juveniles; evidence of trafficking, sexual abuse, or rape by the alleged victim prior to or during the commission of the alleged offense; treatment and rehabilitation.

5. **Summary:** Directs juvenile and domestic relations district courts to take into consideration any evidence that a juvenile was a victim of felonious criminal sexual assault or trafficking by the alleged victim prior to or during the commission of the alleged offense when making considerations to retain a juvenile within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. Additionally, the substitute requires that each study and report made by the probation services or other qualified agency designated by the court for any transfer hearing or a preliminary hearing include any relevant information supporting an allegation that the juvenile was a victim of felonious criminal sexual assault or trafficking by the alleged victim. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these juveniles be viewed as victims and provided treatment and services in the juvenile system.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8 below.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Office of the Executive Secretary, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and the Virginia Department of Health, all costs associated with this proposal are expected to be absorbable.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Juvenile Justice, Courts, Commonwealth's Attorneys, Public Defenders, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.