

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB581

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed

**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Simonds

**3. Committee:** Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns

**5. Summary:** The bill requires Attorneys for the Commonwealth to establish multidisciplinary human trafficking response teams. The bill provides that each team must hold a meeting, at least annually, to (i) discuss implementation of protocols and policies; (ii) establish and review guidelines for the community's response to various forms of human trafficking, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking; and (iii) review protocols for the trauma-informed, victim-centered collection, preservation, and secure storage of evidence from physical evidence recovery kit examinations.

The bill also provides that the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) would not apply to human trafficking response teams, with certain exceptions.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (See Item 8 below)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations.

The Compensation Board reports that the staffing workload cannot be quantified at this time, therefore, the fiscal impact on the Commonwealth's Attorneys is unknown due to this bill. However, the fiscal impact will be revised if additional information is available.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Compensation Board,  
Commonwealth's Attorneys

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None