

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB755

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

2. **Patron:** Krizek

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Anti-Human Trafficking and Survivor Trust Fund.

5. **Summary:** Creates the Anti-Human Trafficking and Survivor Trust Fund, which shall be administered by a Board of Trustees and used for the support and development of services for the prevention of human trafficking and the treatment and support of human trafficking victims.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$109,340	1	General fund
2024	\$104,177	1	General fund
2025	\$104,177	1	General fund
2026	\$104,177	1	General fund
2027	\$104,177	1	General fund
2028	\$104,177	1	General fund
2029	\$104,177	1	General fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This legislation creates the Anti-Human Trafficking and Survivor Trust Fund (Fund), which is described as a nonreverting special fund set up to provide funding for the support and development of services for the prevention of human trafficking and the treatment and support of human trafficking victims. This bill also creates a Board of Trustees (Board) to oversee the Fund. Additionally, the bill requires the chairman of the Board to prepare an annual report on the interim activity and work of the Board of Trustees to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The bill creates a Board of Trustees for the Fund that consists of 14 nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the General Assembly and one ex officio member. The bill stipulates that the Commissioner of Social Services, or his designee, will serve as the nonvoting ex officio member. Additionally, the legislation allows the Board to meet as frequently as necessary to fulfill its duties, but requires that it meet no less than once a year.

Further, the bill is silent on board compensation and/or expense reimbursement for its nonlegislative citizen members. However, for demonstrative purposes, this fiscal impact statement will assume that the 14 citizen members will receive compensation and reimbursement similar to what other nonlegislative citizen board members receive, based on §2.2-2813, Code of Virginia. These calculations also assume that the Board will meet four times a year, as is typical for a board of this nature.

Average amount paid per member, per meeting:	
Compensation	\$50
Travel, based on the current GSA schedule:	
- Hotel	\$145
- Mileage	\$115
- Incidentals	\$50
Total:	\$360

The amounts in the table above may vary, depending on whether the board member would be considered to be “traveling” to the board meeting. For instance, members do not receive travel-related payments for electronic meetings. Using the total average amount paid per board member and the assumption that this Board would meet four times year, it is estimated that Board compensation and reimbursements will be approximately \$5,040 annually. It is further assumed that this would be paid via general fund dollars, and not from the Fund. Additionally, it is assumed that the Commissioner, or his designee, would not receive additional compensation, as this would be considered an official duty and similar ex officio members do not receive payment.

Furthermore, this fiscal impact statement assumes the need for one full-time program specialist to assist the Board with administrative tasks, including facilitating the logistics of board meetings and assisting the Board with its duties, as laid out in proposed §63.2-2402 of the legislation. Because the Fund and the Board are established with the Department of Social Services (DSS) code section, it is assumed that the program specialist would be funded and utilize space at DSS. Salary, benefits, and operational costs for this position would cost DSS \$104,300 in the first year, including a one-time onboarding cost of \$5,163. Each year thereafter, this position would be funded at \$99,137 for salary, benefits and operational costs. Because the legislation does not provide a mechanism to fund administrative costs for the Board, these costs are assumed to be funded with general fund dollars.

Total annual costs are estimated at \$109,340 in fiscal year (FY) 2023 and \$104,177 in FY 2024 and beyond.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.