

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB386

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

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Quarters for magistrates; certain minimum standards for security and accessibility.

5. Summary: This bill establishes certain standards for ensuring security and accessibility in quarters for magistrates including, where practicable, that such quarters must be in a courthouse or a law-enforcement office where business is regularly conducted and must include an entrance, exit, and parking for magistrates that is separate from those for members of the public. Such quarters must provide for the physical security of the magistrate and must include controlled access to interior spaces or intrusion detection, a secure physical barrier between the magistrate and members of the public, and a readily accessible duress button that connects the magistrate to local law enforcement.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the resources of the court system.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Magistrates offices

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia. This bill is companion to HB679.