## Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB1148 Patron: Obenshain

**Bill Title:** Crime victim rights; notification.

**Bill Summary:** Requires notification through the Virginia Statewide VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) System or other similar electronic or automated system to a victim regarding the commitment or release of a defendant who was acquitted by reason of insanity. The bill contains technical amendments.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes Items Impacted: 295

**Explanation:** This legislation will require additional funding at the Department of Behavioral Health and

Developmental Services.

**Fiscal Summary**: This legislation would require the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) commissioner, or designee, to utilize the Virginia Statewide VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) system or a similar electronic or automated system to notify a victim regarding the commitment or release of a defendant who was acquitted by reason of insanity. In FY24, DBHDS admitted 137 new insanity acquittees for temporary custody and as of January 2025, had 365 not guilty by reason of insanity patients in their custody.

Currently, there are two systems utilized by public safety agencies to notify victims of crimes about inmates' parole and release dates. The Virginia Statewide VINE system handles local jail inmates serving sentences shorter than 12 months while the Notification and Assistance for Victim Inclusion (NAAVI) system provides notifications for inmates in state prisons serving sentences longer than 12 months. VINE is a service developed by Appriss Insights, LLC and managed by the National Center for Policing Innovation. VINE is not currently capable of fulfilling the requirements in this legislation.

It is assumed that the legislation would require DBHDS to build out a proprietary system to meet the notification requirements. It is estimated that build out and implementation costs will be approximately \$3.4 million, with an ongoing operational cost of \$491,760.

## **General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	<u>FY2030</u>
720		\$3,422,340	\$491,760	\$491,760	\$491,760	\$491,760
TOTAL		\$3,422,340	\$491,760	\$491,760	\$491,760	\$491,760

**Fiscal Analysis:** DBHDS's Information Technology team has provided a cost proposal for building a new system to be implemented in future fiscal years. Below details the cost of contractors needed to implement a new system to track the commitment or release of a defendant who was acquitted by reason of insanity. Below

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Implementation Costs Estimate- FY 2026							
Item	Position	Timeline	Hourly Rate	Total			
ISO		8 months 160hrs/month	\$95/Hour	\$	121,600		
ЕРМО	Project Manager	12 months 160hrs/month	\$125/Hour	\$	240,000		
	Business Analyst	12 Months 160hrs/month	\$86/Hour	\$	165,120		
Data	Senior Data Engineer	12 months 160hrs/month	\$106/Hour	\$	203,520		
	Data Engineer	7 Months 160hrs/month	\$91/Hour	\$	101,920		
	Data Governance Analyst	8 Months 160hrs/month	\$113/Hour	\$	144,640		
Architecture	Application Architect	6 Months 160hrs/month	\$110/Hour	\$	105,600		
	Data Architect	6 Months 160hrs/month	\$104/Hour	\$	99,840		
Engineering Team	Agile Team	12 months (26 Sprints)	\$85,000/ Sprint	\$	2,210,000		
AWS Infrastructure					30,000		
Total Implementation	\$	3,422,240					

The ongoing costs of maintaining and operating the system are estimated to be as follows:

Ongoing Annual Cost Estimate - FY 2027							
Resource	Time	Hourly Rate	Total				
2 Software Engineers	960 Hours	\$115/Hour	\$	220,800			
1 Data Engineer	960 Hours	\$91/Hour	\$	87,360			
1 Production Support Analyst	1920 Hours	\$80/Hour	\$	153,600			
AWS Infrastructure	_		\$	30,000			
Total Annual Cost	\$	491,760					

For reference, the Compensation Board spends approximately \$2.0 million per year to contract with the Virginia Center of Policing Innovation to support the use of the VINE system in Virginia.