Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB1069 **Patron:** Peake
Bill Title: Retired justices and judges; per diem payments for attendance at mandatory judicial conferences.

Bill Summary: Requires that justices and judges who are retired under the Judicial Retirement System and are eligible for recall receive a per diem payment for attendance at any mandatory judicial conference at a rate established by the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 31
Explanation: Additional funding would be appropriated in the agency's administrative and support program.

Fiscal Summary: Total cost assumes 211 judges at $400 per day plus Social Security (FICA) cost, for one three-day conference plus one travel day (four days total).

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Supreme Court		$363,426	$363,426	$363,426	$363,426	$363,426
TOTAL		**$363,426**	**$363,426**	**$363,426**	**$363,426**	**$363,426**

Fiscal Analysis: According to the OES, there are 102 retired circuit court judges, 108 retired district court judges, and one retired appellate judge, for a total of 211 judges who are currently subject to recall. Each judge would be required to attend one mandatory conference each year, which takes place over the course of three days, with one additional day for travel (four full days total). OES assumes that the adopted per diem rate of $400 established in § 17.1-327 (Payment for services of retired judges; members of the State Corporation Commission and Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission) would apply and that Social Security (FICA) at a rate of 7.65 percent would be paid on the per diem amount, for an annual total of $363,426. OES reports that this amount would fluctuate based on the actual number of conference days attended by retired justices and judges.

Other: None