Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB747 ES2 **Patron:** Favola
Bill Title: Juvenile and domestic relations district courts; mental health and social assessments.

Bill Summary: The engrossed bill provides that if a court finds that a juvenile is delinquent, the court may, before final disposition of the case, direct the appropriate public agency to evaluate the juvenile's service needs using an interdisciplinary team approach. The team must consist of qualified personnel who are reasonably available from the appropriate department of social services, community services board, court service unit, and other appropriate and available public and private agencies and may be the family assessment and planning team established pursuant to § 2.2-5207 (Family assessment and planning team; membership; immunity from liability).

The engrossed bill requires that a report of the evaluation must be filed by the evaluating agency as provided in subsection A of § 16.1-274 (Time for filing of reports; copies furnished to attorneys; amended reports; fees) and provides that in lieu of directing an evaluation be made, the court may consider the report concerning the juvenile of an interdisciplinary team that met not more than 90 days prior to the court's making a finding that the juvenile is delinquent.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate **Items Impacted:** Indeterminate
Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary: Because the bill permits, but does not require, evaluations of juveniles and does not specifically assign the agencies or entities that are to conduct such evaluations, it is not possible to assess the fiscal impact this bill may have. However, for context, the Department of Juvenile Justice reports that there were 2,272 juveniles adjudicated in fiscal year 2024 and estimates the cost of a privately provided evaluation at up to $1,500, depending on the type of evaluation needed. Any fiscal implications to social services agencies, community services boards, and the Department of Juvenile Justice are indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: None available

Other: None