

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

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB2730- S1

Patron: Hope

Bill Title: Virginia State Crime Commission; review panel; cases involving Mary Jane Burton; report.

Bill Summary: Directs the Virginia State Crime Commission (the Crime Commission) to designate a panel, consisting of members outlined in the bill, to review the following types of cases at the Virginia Department of Forensic Science where testing or analysis was performed by Mary Jane Burton: (i) cases resulting in convictions of persons who are currently incarcerated, or who were executed or exonerated, and (ii) cases where Burton testified, regardless of the final disposition of the case. The bill provides that the Crime Commission shall provide staff support to the panel, and may request and shall receive support from other state or local government agencies. The bill provides that the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act do not apply to this panel or its review, or to any information received by or disseminated to any state or local government agency, private organization, or other entity for purposes of this review. The bill directs the panel to report on its work to the Crime Commission by the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly until completion of this review. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 408

Explanation: The Department of Forensic Science (DFS) expects this bill to create a fiscal impact on their agency.

Fiscal Summary: Due to the expanded workload of managing files, making those files available to the review team, and assisting with resulting notifications, DFS estimates that one additional full-time Legal Assistant Senior position will be needed.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
DFS	\$0	\$107,800	\$107,800	\$107,800	\$107,800	\$107,800
TOTAL	\$0	\$107,800	\$107,800	\$107,800	\$107,800	\$107,800

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
DFS	0	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	0	1	1	1	1	1

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Fiscal Analysis: This legislation is expected to cost approximately \$107,800 annually, which consists of salary, benefits, and technology costs for one full-time Legal Assistant Senior position.

Other: Similar to SB1465.