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

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Bill Number: HB2415ER **Patron:** Cousins Public housing authorities; indigent parties; unlawful detainer.

Bill Summary: The bill exempts indigent defendants, as defined in the bill, from posting an appeal bond in unlawful detainer actions brought by a public housing authority. The bill also amends the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to (i) prohibit public housing authorities from charging tenants fees for maintenance or repair unless caused by the tenant's action or omission, and (ii) require that when such a public housing authority issues a notice of nonpayment of rent, it must also provide the tenant with information on pink or orange paper. Such information should explain how the tenant can recertify their income, report income changes, request a minimum rent hardship exemption, and file grievances, in accordance with federal law. Information is required to be posted by the public housing authority in conspicuous locations in each public housing community under its authority.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the

Courts; however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to DHCD. Any fiscal impact to the Courts is anticipated to be absorbable.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is final. It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to DHCD. Any impact to the Courts as a result of this bill is anticipated to be absorbable.

Other: None.