

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB528

**Patron:** Thornton

**Bill Title:** Compromise of claim for death by wrongful act; approval without a hearing.

**Bill Summary:** Allows the court to approve a proposed compromise of a claim for death by wrongful act if the parties in interest agree to and endorse an approval order relating to such proposed compromise. The bill further requires that the endorsement of any such approval order by a beneficiary shall be notarized unless the endorsement is made by an attorney acting as guardian ad litem for such beneficiary. This bill is a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** None

**Items Impacted:** N/A

**Explanation:** N/A

**Fiscal Summary:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, this bill does not have an impact on Courts.

**Fiscal Analysis:** Any unanticipated costs that may arise from the bill is expected to be absorbable with existing resources.

**Other:** None