

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

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**Bill Number:** HB754

**Patron:** Runion

**Bill Title:** Emergency custody, involuntary temp. detention, & commitment hearings; special justice & judge fees.

**Bill Summary:** Increases from \$120 to \$150 the fee that any special justice, any retired judge sitting by designation, or any district court substitute judge who presides over hearings relating to emergency custody, involuntary temporary detention, and commitment is to receive for each such hearing.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes

**Items Impacted:** 34

**Explanation:** This bill would increase the fees paid to special justices, retired judges, and special justices presiding over specified mental health hearings. Additionally, the bill would increase the fees paid to physicians, psychologists, mental health professionals, interpreters, and attorneys appointed for specified mental health hearings.

**Fiscal Summary:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the average annual payments would be estimated to increase from \$8,811,056 to \$11,013,819, which is an increase of \$2,202,763.

**General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
General District Courts		\$2,202,763	\$2,202,763	\$2,202,763	\$2,202,763	\$2,202,763
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,202,763</b>	<b>\$2,202,763</b>	<b>\$2,202,763</b>	<b>\$2,202,763</b>	<b>\$2,202,763</b>	<b>\$2,202,763</b>

**Fiscal Analysis:**

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, for persons presiding over such specified hearings, and specified entities involved in such hearings, the current fee of \$120 is raised to \$150 (25% increase). For this analysis, reported amounts for FYs 2019, 2022, and 2023 were utilized, as they were readily available and less affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. If the increases in this bill were applied to their associated payment code totals within the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund Reports, while also accounting for i) usage of such payment codes for authorizations not specified within the statute amended by this bill, and ii) the payment adjustment that would have been necessary to account for the rate increase implemented in 2024, the estimated average annual payments would be estimated to increase from \$8,811,056 to \$11,013,819. This is an increase of \$2,202,763.

**Other:** None.