

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB438

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Bill Title: Juvenile intake and petition; informal proceedings.

Bill Summary: Permits a court, sua sponte, or upon motion of an attorney for the Commonwealth or counsel for the juvenile, to continue proceedings on a petition alleging that a juvenile (i) committed a violent juvenile felony or (ii) is delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult and direct that the court service unit conduct informal proceedings even if such juvenile had previously been (a) proceeded against informally by intake or (b) adjudicated delinquent for a prior offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult. Current law does not permit proceeding informally when a juvenile (1) commits a violent juvenile felony or (2) is alleged delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult if such juvenile had previously been (A) proceeded against informally by intake or (B) adjudicated delinquent for a prior offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There is no anticipated fiscal impact from the bill.

Fiscal Summary: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia and the Commonwealth Attorney's Services' Council (CASC), there is no anticipated fiscal impact from the bill on either agency.

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

Other: None