

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1517

Patron: Bloxom

Bill Title: Mandatory sequestration of record; partial sealing; good cause shown exception.

Bill Summary: Requires a court to order the sealing or partial sealing of a divorce record of agreement upon motion of a party except for good cause shown. Under current law, sealing is discretionary. The bill provides that rulings and orders of the court shall only be sealed for good cause shown.

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, there is no anticipated fiscal impact from the bill on the agency.

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

Other: None.