

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB687

Patron: Zehr

Bill Title: Criminal complaint, warrant, summons, etc.; temporary sealing.

Bill Summary: Provides that (i) any complaint that accompanies any warrant, summons, or capias issued pursuant to relevant law may be temporarily sealed for a specific period of time by the appropriate court upon application of the attorney for the Commonwealth for good cause shown in an ex parte hearing and (ii) any individual arrested on or served with such warrant, summons, or capias may move the appropriate court for the unsealing of such complaint. The bill states that the burden of proof with respect to continued sealing shall be upon the Commonwealth.

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 and the Commonwealth Attorney's Services' Council, there is no anticipated fiscal impact from the bill.

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

Other: Related bill is HB1029.