Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB444H1 **Patron:** Simon
Bill Title: Uniform Consumer Debt Default Judgments Act established.

Bill Summary: Creates the Uniform Consumer Debt Default Judgments Act for the award of a default judgment in actions for the collection of certain consumer debts, defined in the substitute bill as an obligation or alleged obligation of an individual to pay money that arises out of a transaction in which the money, property, insurance, or service that is the subject of the transaction is primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose. The substitute bill provides that a default judgment in such actions shall only be entered if the warrant in debt or civil action to recover a consumer debt includes certain statements and the required notice to the consumer, as described in the bill. The substitute bill expands the definition of a creditor to include a person that acquired charged-off debt as an incidental part of acquiring a portfolio of debt that is predominantly not charged off, provided that the acquirer is the person to whom the debt was owed at the time of charge off, or if the debt was not charged off, at the time of default. In addition, the substitute reduces the length of a default judgement from 20 years to 10 years. Finally, the substitute bill directs the Office of the Executive Secretary to promulgate a form for the consumer notice provisions created by the bill. The substitute bill adds an enactment date of July 1, 2027.

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, 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: None.