Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB438H1 **Patron:** LeVere Bolling
Bill Title: Juvenile intake and petition; informal proceedings.

Bill Summary: This substitute bill permits a court, at any point prior to the commencement of an adjudication hearing on a petition alleging that a child is delinquent, and upon motion of the child or his counsel or attorney for the Commonwealth, if a party to the case, to refer the delinquency charge back to the court service unit in writing and the intake officer shall proceed informally pursuant to subsection B of § 16.1-260. Upon such referral, the court shall dismiss the petition and order that the court records pertaining to the petition be expunged pursuant to subdivision C 2 of § 16.1-306. The bill also states that upon referral of a delinquency charge to the court service unit, prior to the commencement of the adjudication hearing, the court shall enter an order of destruction of all court records pertaining to such petition with notice of entry of the order given to the attorney for the Commonwealth, and shall send copies of the order to all officers or agencies that are repositories of such court records, and all such officers and agencies shall comply with the order.

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. It is not expected to have an impact on the Commonwealth Attorney's Services' Council (CASC) operations.

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

Other: None.