Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB459ER **Patron:** Cohen
Bill Title: Crime victim's right to nondisclosure of certain information; hate crimes.

Bill Summary: This enrolled bill prohibits a law-enforcement agency from disclosing to the public information that directly or indirectly identifies the victim of a hate crime, defined in relevant law, except to the extent that disclosure is (i) of the site of the crime, (ii) required by law, (iii) necessary for law-enforcement purposes, or (iv) permitted by the court for good cause unless such victim, or his next of kin if he is a minor and his death results from any crime, provides written consent. The bill also prohibits, at the request of the victim, the Court of Appeals of Virginia and the Supreme Court of Virginia from listing the first or last name of the victim of a hate crime in an appellate decision.

Budget Amendment Necessary: None **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) for the Supreme Court of Virginia and the Virginia State Police, this bill does not have an impact.

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

Other: None.