Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB185ER **Patron:** Mehta
Bill Title: Orders closing a proceeding or sealing a record; petitions for review.

Bill Summary: This enrolled bill provides that when a circuit court acts on or issues an order pertaining to the closure of a proceeding, such order is eligible for immediate appellate review with the Supreme Court of Virginia. The bill further provides that any person aggrieved by such an order may, within 15 days of the entry of such an order, file a petition for review with the Supreme Court of Virginia. This bill is a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.

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

Explanation: See Fiscal Analysis.

Fiscal Summary: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on court operations.

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

Other: None.