



**Department of Planning and Budget  
2026 General Assembly Session  
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

**General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
VWC		\$130,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
DCJS		\$30,000				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

**Fiscal Analysis:** The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) cost estimates tie to the required work group for meeting logistics and subject matter expertise. The cost estimate assumes eight meetings at \$2,000 each (\$600 for meals/incidental for 11-13 attendees, \$800 for travel, and \$600 for lodging for out-of-town attendees). An additional \$14,000 will be used for subject matter experts. The total one-time cost of the workgroup is \$30,000 in general fund expenses.

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC) anticipates a cost of \$130,000 the first year and \$100,000 FY28 onwards to cover one-time technology costs and the anticipated number of new exams. This legislation does not provide a revenue stream for trace evidence kits and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) cannot absorb the cost of the medical fees from the kits. VWC will require additional general fund appropriation to cover technology costs and to cover the medical fees of anonymous trace collection kits.

The Department of General Services' Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) currently receives general fund appropriation to receive, track, store, and distribute kits to an approved laboratory for analysis. DCLS does not perform sample collection or testing. DCLS currently has sufficient staffing and financial resources to accommodate the potential increase in kits that may materialize under this legislation.

The Virginia Department of Health and Commonwealth Attorneys' Services Council do not anticipate any fiscal impact from the workgroup in this bill. The legislation provides that the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court is to serve on the workgroup and while their fiscal impact assessment is not available yet, it is assumed no fiscal impact is expected.

**Other:** A budget amendment 488#1h was offered by the House to account for the anticipated number of new tests for VWC. The House budget amendment 392#1h is based off of the older version of the bill that provides the new SAFE coordinator is to be a Virginia RN with experience as a forensic nurse, which is removed from the enrolled version of the bill.

The Senate budget amendment 488#1s fully funds the provisions of the enrolled bill.