

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1263E

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Shin

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Abolition of juvenile fines and fees; criminal offenses.

5. **Summary:** Abolishes court costs, fines, and fees assessed to a juvenile or his parent or other persons responsible for his care in circuit court and juvenile and domestic relations court related to prosecutions of criminal offenses. The substitute amends § 16.1-278.8 (relating to delinquent juveniles) to provide juvenile and domestic relations courts and circuit courts the authority to not impose any fine, fee, or cost on any juvenile or his parent or other persons responsible for his care, except for fines, fees, and costs imposed in specific cases of traffic violations as outlined under subsection A.11. of § 16.1-278.8.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8 below.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES), between calendar years 2018 and 2022, an average of \$462,545 in fines and costs were assessed against juvenile defendants for delinquency matters in juvenile and domestic relations district courts statewide. During the same time period, available information indicates that an average of \$424,408 were assessed against persons who were under the age of 18 at the time of offense but were tried in circuit courts for criminal cases. Between the two categories, an estimated \$886,953 was assessed. Assuming that courts generally receive payments totaling 60 percent of the court fines and costs that have been assessed against minors within a given year, it is anticipated that the maximum fiscal impact, to the extent that all fines, fees, and costs are not imposed, will be a reduction of revenues of approximately \$532,172.

According to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), there is no anticipated fiscal impact on the agency's operations as a result of the proposal. The impact on localities is indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Circuit Courts, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts, Department of Juvenile Justice.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.