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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 3091	Introduced on January 10, 2023
Author:	Pope	
Subject:	Solicitor Funding	
Requestor:	House Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Wren	
Impact Date:	April 10, 2023	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill specifies that no county may appropriate funds for circuit solicitor operations in a fiscal year below the amount it funded in the immediate previous fiscal year.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Commission on Prosecution Coordination since it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) surveyed all forty-six county governments and received responses from Dorchester, Clarendon, and Chesterfield Counties. The responding counties indicate that they appropriate funds above state appropriations to their solicitor's office. While the bill will have no expenditure impact on county government operations, two of the responding counties indicated that it may deter the county from considering additional funding for the solicitor's budget for pilot programs or one-time costs if the county would not be able to reduce the funding in future years. Further, the Commission on Prosecution Coordination indicates that circuit solicitor offices receive funding from several sources, including the state, federal sources, county appropriations, court fines and fees, and grants. Based on data from the Commission on Prosecution Coordination, in FY 2021-22 county appropriations made up about 59 percent, or approximately \$59,000,000 of total circuit solicitor funds.

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State Revenue

N/A

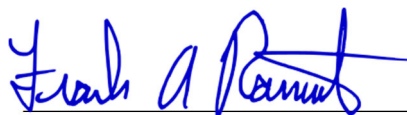
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Local Revenue

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