

**HB 3327 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 4/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends sunset for authorization to Department of Justice to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs until January 2, 2024. Appropriates an additional \$5,000,000 out of the General Fund to the Department of Justice to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs. Directs the Department of Justice to provide a report to an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly on the expenditures of the department no later than September 15, 2022. Takes effect July 1, 2021.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2019 the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2006 which authorized the Department of Justice to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs, including through homelessness prevention, housing search assistance, tenant education and funding for rent, utilities, moving costs, deposits, application fees or safe emergency housing. However, this section of the 2019 Act will be repealed January 2, 2022.

House Bill 3327 would extend the authority of the Department to continue this assistance for victims until January 2024 and allocate an additional \$5,000,000 from the general fund to the Department for the continued assistance.