

## HB 3018 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Judiciary

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

**Meeting Dates:** 2/2

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

States that the Department of Justice (DOJ) may assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs and appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General fund for said assistance. Directs DOJ to report on expenditures to the Legislative Assembly as directed. Sunsets January 2, 2026. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

DOJ is responsible for a conglomeration of functions and activities. The Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) compensates victims of violent crime for losses they sustain as a result of criminal actions and is organized into sections specific to the goals of the Division as a whole. CVSSD administers and monitors grants from eight major funds, providing partial funding to nearly every non-profit and system-based victims program in the state. It also provides direct advocacy programs, monitors bias crimes, and collects restitution and criminal fines and fees on behalf of victims and the state. The Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund section of the CVSSD advocates, provides safety, promotes cooperation among agencies, and stabilizes the infrastructure for victims of assault.

House Bill 3018 would appropriate \$5,000,000 from the General fund to the Department of Justice to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs.