

Vote "YES" on HB 671 Expand the Hope Card Program for Victims Statewide

What Is the Hope Card Program?

- Administered by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia.
- Allows anyone who has a final civil protection order to obtain a card summarizing the protection order's critical information providing victims with a durable and convenient way to carry pertinent information regarding an existing order.
- It is *not a substitute* for the protection order; instead, it is a tool and resource for victims that supports enforcement.
- Hope Cards are a simple and inexpensive community enforcement tool for law enforcement, victims, and systems partners to use in the implementation of protective orders.



What Does HB 671 Do?

- Expands the Hope Card program to courts statewide so that victims and law enforcement in every locality can access this important tool.
- *Budget Item 42 #2h* requests \$81,520 a year to expand the program statewide.