Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1692 **Patron:** Campbell
Bill Title: Virginia Parole Board; investigation of cases for executive clemency.

Bill Summary: Requires all public bodies engaged in criminal law-enforcement activities to provide certain specified records upon request by the Virginia Parole Board related to cases in which executive clemency is sought or the Virginia Parole Board believes action on the part of the Governor is proper or in the best interest of the Commonwealth. The bill specifies that records of any general district court, juvenile and domestic relations district court, or circuit court and the Department of Forensic Science shall be subject to such provisions and that any records requested shall be provided to the Virginia Parole Board at no cost. The bill requires any requested records be provided within five working days of receiving the request. Additionally, the bill specifies that records obtained pursuant to such request are for the internal use of the Virginia Parole Board, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the Office of the Governor and shall not be further disseminated.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

According to the Virginia Parole Board (VPB), Department of Forensic Science (DFS), and Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the provisions of this bill can be absorbed with existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis:

This bill amends § 53.1-231 by adding requirements that public bodies engaged in criminal law enforcement activities and courts to provide access to certain records needed by VPB for investigation of pardon petitions on behalf of the Governor. Requires that the records be provided at no cost to the Parole Board investigators. This proposal is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on VPB, DFS, or OES.

Other: None