

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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Bill Number: HB2015

Patron: Obenshain

Bill Title: Firearms-related offenses; mandatory minimum sentence; penalty.

Bill Summary: Increases from five to 10 years for a second or subsequent offense the mandatory minimum sentence for use or display of a firearm during the commission of certain felonies.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: Item 390

Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

Proposal requires "Woodrum" impact funding per § 30-19.1:4, Code of Virginia, to account for a possible increase in the need for state prison beds due to this legislation.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Dept. of Corrections		24,997				
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis:

This proposal increases the mandatory minimum penalty for a second or subsequent offense of the use or display of a firearm during the commission of certain felonies from five to 10 years. By increasing the mandatory minimum penalty for a second or subsequent offense under § 18.2-53.1, the proposal is expected to increase the state-responsible (prison) bed space needs of the Commonwealth. This proposal is not expected to increase the future need for local-responsible (jail) beds.

The impact on state-responsible (prison) beds is estimated to be at least one partial bed by FY2031. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is at least \$24,997. The majority of the impact would occur beyond the six-year forecast window required by § 30-19.1:4.

Other: None