

Anyone convicted of a Class 6 felony is subject to a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years, or in the discretion of the jury or the court trying the case without a jury, confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. Anyone convicted of a Class 2 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to six months in jail and a fine

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of not more than \$1,000, either or both. Therefore, this proposal could result in an increase in the number of persons sentenced to jail or prison.

Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission (VCSC) estimates the impact of this proposal to be at least eight additional prison beds statewide by FY2031. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is at least \$438,034.

The proposal may also increase the need for local-responsible (jail) beds, specifically for felony offenders given a sentence of 12 months or less. The impact on jail beds is estimated to be at least five beds by FY2031 (state costs: at least \$94,489; local costs: at least \$145,503). It is anticipated the state jail costs can be absorbed within existing resources.

Other: None