

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2025 General Assembly Session  
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB914 **Patron:** Stanley  
**Bill Title:** Sexual assault of a child; mandatory minimum sentence; penalty.

**Bill Summary:** Increases the penalty for the sexual assault of a child younger than 18 years of age to a mandatory minimum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

**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:**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
Dept. of Corrections		\$18,046,950				
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The proposal establishes a mandatory sentence of life in prison for several sexual assault offenses against children. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission estimates this proposal will result in an increased need of at least 330 prison beds in the Commonwealth by FY2031. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of necessary appropriation is at least \$18,140,089

The proposal is expected to decrease the future need for local responsible (jail) beds, since offenders who received a jail term in the past would receive a prison sentence under the proposal. The impact on local-responsible (jail) beds is estimated to be a decrease of five beds by FY2031 (state savings: \$93,139).

The total fiscal impact of this bill is expected to be \$18,046,950

**Other:** None