Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1661 EH1 **Patron:** Jones
Bill Title: Deferred or installment payment agreements; universal minimum payments.

Bill Summary: Current law allows anyone who owes court fines, fees, costs, or restitution to request an installment payment plan. The engrossed bill provides that if a defendant requests to enter into an installment agreement, the court must offer installment payments of $25 per month except that the defendant may choose to pay a higher amount. If the defendant indicates that he is unable to pay $25 per month, the court must assess the defendant's ability to pay and may offer installment payments of an amount lower than $25 per month.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate **Items Impacted:** Indeterminate
Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), it is possible that this could slow the amounts collected by the courts, which could result in a lesser amount of fees collected by the state in the near term, with total collections potentially equaling out over time. However, the immediate fiscal impact this proposal would have on collections, which are deposited into various funds established throughout the Code of Virginia, cannot be quantified.

Fiscal Analysis: None required

Other: None