

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

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB936H1

Patron: Craig

Bill Title: Decreasing probation period; criteria for mandatory reduction.

Bill Summary: The substitute bill establishes criteria for which a defendant's supervised probation period shall be reduced, including completing qualifying educational activities, maintaining verifiable employment, complying with or completing any state-certified or state-approved mental health or substance abuse treatment program, securing and maintaining qualifying health insurance or a qualifying health care plan, and obtaining housing and establishing residence. The bill provides that a court may decrease a defendant's probation period if warranted by the defendant's conduct and in the interests of justice and may do so without a hearing. The provisions of the bill will become effective on July 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

The Department of Corrections (DOC) reports that additional Probation Officers would be needed to fulfil the requirements of this proposal due to increased workload it may create. The provisions of this bill would become effective no earlier than July 1, 2026. Therefore, no budget amendment is needed for FY2026.

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>
			\$19,449,168	\$19,449,168	\$19,449,168	\$19,449,168
TOTAL			\$19,449,168	\$19,449,168	\$19,449,168	\$19,449,168

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
			237	237	237	237
TOTAL			237	237	237	237

Fiscal Analysis:

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The Department of Corrections (DOC) currently has approximately 61,531 probationers on active supervision in the community as ordered by the Circuit Courts of Virginia. DOC estimates that the reporting requirement in this proposal could take up to 2 hours to complete per quarter for each of the probationers. By DOC's estimates, the proposal could increase the annual workload of Probation Officers (PO's) by 492,000 hours. DOC would need an additional 237 PO's to comply with the proposal. The additional PO's would cost \$19,449,168 (\$82,064 per officer including benefits). Further analysis is needed to determine if the increases in PO workload as a result of this proposal would be offset by the shorter periods of time probationers may spend under active supervision per this proposal.

Per DOC, the proposal would not require updates to CORIS, DOC's offender management system.

Other: Similar to HB2252