

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB1661 ER

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 bill provides that if a defendant requests to enter into an installment agreement, the court may offer installment payments of (i) \$25 per month or a higher amount depending on a defendant's ability to pay or (ii) less than \$25 per month, if the defendant is determined to be indigent by the court pursuant to § 19.2-159.

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