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Bill Number: HB1589H2 Patron: Williams

Bill Title: Revocation of postrelease supervision.

Bill Summary: The bill removes various references to postrelease supervision and instead includes such references and related procedures to the provisions that govern probation so that such procedures, including revocation hearings, will be overseen and conducted by the sentencing court. The bill provides that except for a public meeting convened for conducting the final deliberation and vote regarding whether the Parole Board will grant parole to a prisoner, a meeting of the Parole Board members, regardless of whether such members invite staff or other guests to participate in such meeting, shall not be deemed a meeting subject to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

The bill also provides that the final deliberation and vote of whether to grant parole to a person serving life imprisonment for murder in the first degree shall be attended by four or more members of the Parole Board, and a decision to grant such person discretionary parole shall require the concurrence of four or more members present. A final deliberation and vote of whether to grant parole to a person not sentenced to life imprisonment requires the attendance of a panel of no fewer than three members of the Parole Board and a concurrence of the majority of members present for such final deliberation and vote.

Additionally, the proposal has two enactment clauses. The Parole Board shall (i) notify any person serving a period of postrelease supervision under the Board's supervision as of July 1, 2025, that the duration of such person's postrelease supervision shall be moved to the supervision of probation and (ii) provide information on how such person should report to the appropriate probation officer. Any failure of such person serving a period of postrelease supervision to successfully complete the period of postrelease supervision shall be subject to revocation of a suspended sentence pursuant to §§ 19.2-306 and 19.2-306.1 and the procedures for such revocation shall be conducted in the same manner as the procedures for revocation of probation. Also, any rules adopted by the Virginia Parole Board in accordance with the provisions of § 53.1-136, as amended by this act, shall be approved by the Governor by July 1, 2025.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

The Virginia Parole Board confirmed this proposal will not have a fiscal impact on agency operations. The impact of this proposal on the Department of Corrections is not known at this time.

Fiscal Analysis: N/A

Other: None