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

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Bill Number: HB1873 ER Patron: Callsen

Bill Title: Release of accused on secured or unsecured bond.

Bill Summary: This bill adds to the factors a judicial officer must consider in making a bail determination (a) the person's current bond status for an unrelated arrest in any jurisdiction and (b) the person's current status on probation or parole.

Under current law, any person arrested for a felony who has previously been convicted of a felony, or who is presently on bond for an unrelated arrest in any jurisdiction, or who is on probation or parole, may be released only upon a secure bond. The bill removes these conditions and eliminates the need for a secure bond to be waived with approval of the judicial officer and with the concurrence of the attorney for the Commonwealth or the attorney for the county, city, or town.

This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES) this bill is not expected to have a material impact on Courts.

Fiscal Analysis: None required

Other: None