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Bill Number: HB1877

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Bill Title: Barrier crimes; peer recovery specialists; screening requirements.

Bill Summary: Modifies the barrier crimes screening assessment requirements for peer recovery specialists applying for employment with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, an employer licensed by the Department, or a community services board to require that such specialists have completed all prison or jail terms, been free of parole or probation for at least five years, have no pending charges in any locality, and not be under probation or parole supervision in order to be eligible for a screening assessment. Under current law, an applicant must also have paid all fines, restitution, and court costs for any prior convictions.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated fiscal impact to this legislation.

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation will increase the number of individuals who may qualify for employment as peer recovery specialists by removing some of the barriers to employment. The Virginia Department of State Police conducts background checks on all applicants but does not anticipate a fiscal impact associated with the possible increase in number of individuals who may apply for employment pursuant to the changes included in this bill. Any administrative costs associated with this change at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services can be absorbed by existing resources.