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

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Bill Number: SB936ER **Patron:** Craig
Bill Title: Decreasing probation period; criteria for mandatory reduction.

Bill Summary: The 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 not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. The Department of Corrections will meet with all relevant stakeholders and provide to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025, a report that describes (i) current practices for community supervision as it relates to monitoring engagement and attainment in education, employment, treatment, and other programs and making recommendations to the court for modification of time served on probation and (ii) how such practices compare to the processes and practices that would be established pursuant to the first enactment of this act if reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly; and (iii) a plan for implementation of the provisions of the first enactment of this act if reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

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

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
			Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant
TOTAL			**Indeterminant**	**Indeterminant**	**Indeterminant**	**Indeterminant**

Position Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
			Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant
TOTAL			**Indeterminant**	**Indeterminant**	**Indeterminant**	**Indeterminant**

Fiscal Analysis:

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 believes the proposal could increase the annual workload of Probation Officers ($82,064 per officer including benefits). The extent of the increased workload is not known at this time. Additional resources would not be needed unless the bill is reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly.

Further analysis is needed to determine if the increases in Probation Officers' 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