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Bill Number: SB64

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Bill Title: Juveniles; commitment to DJJ, petition to extend duration of indeterminate commitment.

Bill Summary: Creates a process by which the Department of Juvenile Justice, upon determining that a juvenile currently committed to the Department should continue such commitment beyond the high end of the length of stay guidelines established by the State Board of Juvenile Justice, may petition the court that ordered a juvenile's indeterminate commitment to the Department to extend such juvenile's commitment. The bill requires the Department to file such petition at least 60 days prior to the end of the high end of the length of stay range and to file an accompanying report describing the juvenile's progress while committed to the Department. The bill provides that the court shall schedule a hearing on the petition at which the court shall consider such progress report and may consider additional evidence as described in the bill. The bill provides that, at the conclusion of the hearing, the court shall order either that the juvenile be released or that the juvenile's period of commitment be extended for a period not to exceed six months, provided that such extension does not exceed the limitations for an indeterminate commitment provided by current law. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Commission on Youth.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: See fiscal analysis

Fiscal Summary: According to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), the provisions of this bill may increase operational costs, however the impact is indeterminate at this time.

Fiscal Analysis: According to DJJ, the provisions of the bill relating to the required report describing the juvenile's progress while committed to the Department may take up to 40 hours to prepare, which may increase operational workload for existing staff. The DJJ estimate for the time to complete the report required in the bill is based on comparable requirements in the existing serious offender review packet, which also takes approximately 40 hours to complete. In addition, DJJ anticipates that the number of staff required to attend court hearings may increase as a result of this bill. However, there is not enough available information to accurately estimate the fiscal impact at this time.

Other: None.