

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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Bill Number: HB331

Patron: McClure

Bill Title: Payment of costs when proceedings deferred and defendant placed on probation.

Bill Summary: Provides that if a circuit court or district court has deferred proceedings pursuant to relevant law and imposed costs, and the defendant has satisfied all other terms and conditions of such deferral except for payment of such costs or fees, the court shall not enter a judgment of guilty against such defendant for his failure to pay such costs or fees or participate in an alternative method of satisfying such costs or fees. The bill states that such costs or fees shall remain due until paid, and the court may use the same methods of payment and collection already in place to satisfy or collect any outstanding costs or fees after the underlying case against the defendant has been dismissed.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, this bill does not have an impact on Courts.

Fiscal Analysis: Any unanticipated costs that may arise from the bill is expected to be absorbable with existing resources.

Other: None