

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB127 **Patron:** Callsen
Bill Title: Court appearance of a person not free on bail.

Bill Summary: Makes various changes to provisions regarding bail hearings, including (i) the appointment of counsel for the accused; (ii) the information provided to counsel for the accused; (iii) a requirement that counsel for the accused, when practicable, be provided with adequate time to confer with the accused prior to any bail hearing; and (iv) the compensation of counsel for the accused. The bill provides that, effective in due course, the chief judge in each circuit shall create a plan to be completed by November 1, 2026, that establishes the means by which the jurisdiction will meet such provisions. The remaining provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A

Explanation: See Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary: The bill is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC). The impact on the Courts is indeterminate at this time.

Fiscal Analysis: According to the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC), the proposed legislation is not expected to have a material impact on agency operations. There is not enough information for the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia to estimate the impact, so it is indeterminate at this time.

Other: None