

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB17E

**Patron:** Price

**Bill Title:** Fines, costs, forfeitures, etc.; collection fees, assessment against incarcerated defendant.

**Bill Summary:** This engrossed bill extends from 90 days without payment to 180 days without payment the period of delinquency necessary for an account to be included on the required monthly report of delinquent accounts made by the clerk of the circuit court and district court. The bill also provides that for any defendant sentenced to an active term of incarceration and ordered to pay any fine, cost, forfeiture, or penalty related to the charge that such defendant is incarcerated for, or any other charge for which such defendant was sentenced on the same day, the court shall enter such defendant into a deferred payment agreement for such fines, costs, forfeitures, or penalties. The bill requires the due date for such deferred payment agreement to be set no earlier than the defendant's scheduled release from incarceration on the charge for which such defendant received the longest period of active incarceration. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes

**Items Impacted:** 31

**Explanation:** This bill would change the period of non-payment necessary for court fines/costs to be considered "delinquent" from 90 days to 180 days. Additionally, for any defendant sentenced to an active term of incarceration, the court shall enter such defendant into a deferred payment agreement for owed fines/costs, and the due date for such deferred payment agreement shall be no earlier than the defendant's scheduled release from incarceration on charges for which the defendant was sentenced on the same day.

**Fiscal Summary:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, this bill would have a one-time fiscal impact of \$74,000.

**General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>FY2029</b>	<b>FY2030</b>	<b>FY2031</b>
Supreme Court		\$74,000				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$74,000</b>				

**Fiscal Analysis:**

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, this bill would require updates to OES accounting systems to mark the deferred payment agreement due date according to the defendant's release date from incarceration on charges for which the defendant was sentenced on the same day. The estimated one-time cost for the system enhancements is \$74,000.

**Other:** Related bill is SB185S1.