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Bill Number: HB193

Patron: McQuinn

Bill Title: Parole; exception to limitation on the application of parole statutes.

Bill Summary: Parole; exception to limitation on the application of parole statutes. Provides that a person is eligible to be considered for parole if such person (i) was sentenced by a jury after the date of the Supreme Court of Virginia decision in, 260 Va. 104 (2000), in which the Supreme Court held that a jury should be instructed on the fact that parole has been abolished, for a felony committed on or after the abolition of parole going into effect on January 1, 1995; (ii) can prove by the preponderance of the evidence that the jury in his case was not instructed on the fact that parole has been abolished; and (iii) remained incarcerated for the offense on July 1, 2026, and the offense was not one of the following: (a) a Class 1 felony; (b) if the victim was a minor, rape, forcible sodomy, object sexual penetration, or aggravated sexual battery or an attempt to commit any such act; or (c) carnal knowledge. The bill also requires the Parole Board to establish procedures for consideration of parole of persons entitled to it and also provides that any person who is eligible for parole as of July 1, 2026, shall be scheduled for a parole interview no later than July 1, 2027, allowing for extension of time for reasonable cause.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 419

Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary:

The Virginia Parole Board (the Board) reports funds for additional hours for parole examiners would be needed to fulfill the requirements of this bill. The impact to the Department of Corrections (DOC) is not known at this time.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
Virginia Parole Board		\$167,104	\$167,104	\$167,104	\$167,104	\$167,104
TOTAL	\$167,104	\$167,104	\$167,104	\$167,104	\$167,104	\$167,104

Fiscal Analysis:

According to the Board, the bill will increase the number of inmates eligible for parole on July 1, 2026, by approximately 1,492. The bill requires that the eligible inmates be scheduled for a parole interview by July 1, 2027. The Board reports that complying with this date would require additional work hours for the wage

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parole examiners to complete interviews. Per the Board, additional hours would be required each year. On average, the parole interview, investigation, and reporting process, takes approximately four hours. The Board estimates wage parole examiners will have to work an additional 5,689 hours each year. The hourly wage for a parole examiner is \$28.00. The Board estimates the additional hours will cost \$167,104 each year.

The fiscal impact to DOC is unknown at this time. A new Fiscal Impact Statement will be issued when the information is available.

Other: None.