Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB209 **Patron:** DeSteph
Bill Title: Corrections; conditional release of geriatric prisoners; exceptions

Bill Summary: Expands the list of offenses that prohibit a person from petitioning the Parole Board for conditional release as a geriatric prisoner.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 390
Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

The Virginia Parole Board confirmed this bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations. According to the Department of Corrections (DOC), IT updates would be needed to meet the requirements of this bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
Department of Corrections		$360,000				
TOTAL		**$360,000**				

Fiscal Analysis:

According to the Parole Board, there is no anticipated fiscal impact as a result of the bill. Any unanticipated costs that may arise from the bill are expected to be covered with existing resources.

This bill modifies the eligibility criteria for the conditional release of geriatric inmates, requiring DOC to track and assess offenders' eligibility status. DOC reports modifications would be needed to the Corrections Information System (CORIS) to manage the data related to geriatric release eligibility determination, and track inmates who commit disqualifying crimes on or after July 1, 2026. According to DOC, these modifications would cost $360,000 in FY2027.

This bill would reduce the number of inmates eligible for geriatric release under § 53.1-40.01. However, the proposal applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2026, and would not affect the eligibility of current inmates. According to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission (VCSC), this bill is unlikely to have an impact on state-responsible (prison) bed space needs during the six-year window specified by § 30-19.1:4 for legislative impact statements.

Other: Companion to HB1326