

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB331ER

**Patron:** McClure

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

**Bill Summary:** This bill 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 require the defendant to pay such costs or other fees imposed as a term or condition of his deferral. Upon fulfillment of all other terms and conditions, the court shall adjudicate the matter consistent with the agreement of the parties or, if none, by conviction of an alternative charge or dismissal of the case. However, such costs and other fees shall remain due until paid, and all methods of payment and collection already available at law to satisfy or collect any outstanding costs or other fees shall remain available to such court after the underlying case against the defendant has been adjudicated or 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 are expected to be absorbable with existing resources.

**Other:** None.