Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB230ER **Patron:** Surovell
Bill Title: Expungement of police and court records.

Bill Summary: Permits the expungement of police and court records relating to an initial charge when a person is arrested, charged, summonsed, or indicted for the commission of an infraction, a crime, or a civil offense and is not ultimately convicted, provided that no stipulation of facts sufficient to find guilt was entered or the court did not determine the facts sufficient to find guilt but deferred adjudication or disposition to a later date, such matter is eligible for expungement. The bill also permits that a petition may request expungement of the police and court records for multiple charges even if such charges arose out of separate transactions or occurrences and all such charges are eligible for expungement. The provisions of the bill do not become effective until December 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated impact on state agencies.

Fiscal Analysis: The current version of the bill permits the expungement of police and court records relating to an initial charge when a person is arrested, charged, summonsed, or indicted for the commission of an infraction, a crime, or a civil offense and is not ultimately convicted. The bill also permits that a petition may request expungement of the police and court records for multiple charges even if such charges arose out of separate transactions or occurrences and all such charges are eligible for expungement. The bill has a delayed enactment clause of December 1, 2026.

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the number of additional expungement petitions that may be filed as a result of this proposal is indeterminate.

The Department of State Police indicates that any impact is expected to be minimal and absorbable.

Other: None.