Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB17ER **Patron:** Price
Bill Title: Fines, costs, forfeitures, etc.; collection fees, assessment against incarcerated defendant.

Bill Summary: Changes the period of limitations for the collection of court fines and costs from within 60 years from the date of the offense or delinquency giving rise to imposition of such penalty if imposed by a circuit court or within 30 years if imposed by a general district court to within 10 years from the date of the judgment whether imposed by a circuit court or general district court. The bill provides that upon the expiration of the period of limitations, no action shall be brought to collect the debt.

The bill extends the time period for commencing collection activity from 90 days to 180 days after judgment, but provides that no collection activity shall be commenced while a defendant is incarcerated on an active term of imprisonment and subject to a deferred payment agreement.

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 180 days after the defendant's scheduled release from incarceration on the charge for which such defendant was sentenced on the same day. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 31
Explanation: See Fiscal Analysis.

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:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
Supreme Court		$74,000				
TOTAL		**$74,000**				

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: House Amendment 28 #3h includes funding for this bill. This bill is identical to SB180.