

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the bill is likely to increase the number of defendants who wish, and are able, to enter evidence regarding their mental conditions or disabilities. Offering this evidence will require assessments and testimony by experts, who are paid for their services out of the Criminal Fund when the defendant has been determined to be indigent. The number of such defendants who would be inclined to enter this evidence based on the expanded standards for consideration cannot be determined. Though this bill would likely increase payments from the Criminal Fund each year, the actual financial impact upon the Criminal Fund is indeterminate.

Other: None.