

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB 1837

**House of Origin** ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House** ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Howell

3. **Committee** Passed both houses

4. **Title** Attempted sexual offenses

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

Currently, §18.2-67.5 of the Code makes it a crime to attempt to commit rape, aggravated sexual battery, and sexual battery, and establishes penalties for those offenses. At the same time, §18.2-26.2 of the Code is a “generic” section addressing attempts to commit any felony. The two sections are largely duplicative. The proposed legislation would repeal the section dealing with the attempt to commit specific sexual offenses (§18.2-67.5). It would also make related changes in other sections in order that no substantive change in the law regarding attempts to commit those offenses would be effected.

6. **Fiscal Impact:** See Item No. 8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** None.

8. **Fiscal implications:**

Because it seems that no substantive change relating to the penalties for attempted rape, aggravated sexual battery, or sexual battery would result from the legislation, it is expected that the legislation would have no impact on prison bed space.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** None.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** None.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety

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