Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

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- **2. Patron:** Herring
- 3. Committee: Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
- 4. Title: Written explanation of imposed sentence
- **5. Summary:** The substitute bill requires the judicial performance evaluation report to include data on the number of cases during a judge's term in which a judge imposes a sentence that is either greater or less than that indicated by the sentencing guidelines and the judge did not file a written explanation of such departure. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission is to provide the report information to the Supreme Court by November 1 of each year.
- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES) and the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission (VCSC), the substitute bill is not expected to create a material fiscal impact on either agency.
- **9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts, and Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No
- 11. Other Comments: None