

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB890S1

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Wagner

**3. Committee:** Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Parole eligibility of juvenile offenders

**5. Summary:** Under current law, any person convicted of a felony offense committed on or after January 1, 1995, is not eligible for parole.

The proposed legislation would provide two exceptions to that prohibition, making any offender, who was convicted for an offense or offenses committed while he or she was a juvenile and falling into either of the following categories, eligible for parole:

- Sentenced to a life term for a single felony or multiple felonies and has served at least 25 years of that sentence; or
- Has active sentences that total more than 25 years for a single felony or multiple felonies and has served at least 25 years of such sentences.

The legislation also directs the Parole Board to adopt rules, subject to approval by the Governor, providing for the granting of parole, on the basis of demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation and the lesser culpability of juvenile offenders, to offenders who qualify for parole under the provisions of the bill.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item 8)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Corrections (DOC) data ran through December 29, 2017, the proposed legislation would make 6 current offenders eligible for parole who would otherwise not be eligible.

According to the DOC and the Virginia Parole Board, the proposed legislation is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on agency operations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Corrections, and Parole Board

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None