

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1018

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

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Judiciary

4. Title: Sentence reductions; substantial assistance to prosecution.

5. Summary: Current law allows the court, upon motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth, to reduce a convicted person's sentence if the court determines such person provided substantial assistance in furthering the investigation or prosecution of another person engaged in certain crimes. This bill expands the list of crimes to include an act of grand larceny of a firearm, regardless of the firearm's value, participation in criminal street gang activity, or recruitment of persons for criminal street gangs.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation could result in the need for fewer prison beds due to reductions in the sentences of persons convicted of felonies and sentenced to prison. However, because it is not possible to know how often and to what extent sentences would be reduced, the amount of bed-space reduction that might result cannot be projected.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Commonwealth Attorneys, courts, Department of Corrections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None