

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 130

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: Edwards

3. Committee: Senate Courts of Justice

4. Title: Mandatory minimum sentences

5. Summary:

For numerous offenses, Code of Virginia statutes require the imposition of a “mandatory minimum” sentence. The Code defines a “mandatory minimum” sentence as one in which the court must impose the entire sentence and may not suspend in full or in part any punishment described as mandatory minimum. The proposed legislation would repeal this definition.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

Under the provisions of the proposed legislation, a court could suspend part or all of a mandatory minimum sentence imposed on an offender. To the extent that this would occur, offenders would be incarcerated for shorter periods of time, resulting in savings in prison and jails costs for the Commonwealth and localities. It is not feasible to project the amount of savings that might occur.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Corrections
Counties and cities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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