

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB35

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

**2. Patron:**    Lindsey

**3. Committee:** House Committee on Public Safety

**4. Title:**    Eligibility for parole for juvenile offenders

**5. Summary:** The proposed bill allows any person (i) sentenced to a term of life imprisonment for a single felony offense or multiple felony offenses committed while that person was a juvenile and who has served at least 25 years of such sentence, and (ii) any person who has active sentences that total more than 25 years for a single felony offense or multiple felony offenses committed while that person was a juvenile and who has served at least 25 years of such sentences, to be considered parole eligible.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Corrections (“DOC”), as of November 30, 2019, there were 720 offenders who were sentenced under truth in sentencing who had offenses committed before they were 18 years old. If the provisions of the bill were applied to the current state-responsible population, 131 of these offenders would become eligible for parole during the six year forecast horizon. Any future impact on state responsible bed space is indeterminate and is dependent upon the implementation approach adopted by the Virginia Parole Board.

According to the Virginia Parole Board (“VPB”), the proposed bill is not expected to create a material fiscal impact on its agency resources.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None