

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB362 E

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

2. Patron: Ebbin

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: First-time drug offenders.

5. Summary: Currently, § 18.2-251, anyone charged with first drug offense may be placed on probation, subject to substance abuse screening, required to successfully complete treatment and education programs or services, or discharged under certain conditions. This bill provides that any person who has not previously been convicted of any felony drug offense under relevant law or under any substantially similar statute of the United States or of any state may be eligible for first-time drug offender disposition. Under current law, such disposition is limited to any person who has not been convicted of any criminal drug offense.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), this bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on courts. The impact this bill may have on community corrections populations will depend on future decisions courts make.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None