

# Felony Assault of Police Officer Statute

## VA Code § 18.2-57(C)

1. If any person commits an *assault or an assault and battery* against another knowing or having reason to know that such other *person is a law-enforcement officer*
2. Such person is guilty of a Class 6 felony
3. Upon conviction, the sentence of such person shall include a mandatory minimum term of confinement of six months.

# Consequences of Felony Conviction for Assault of a Police Officer

- Imprisonment
  - 6 Month Mandatory sentence
  - Maximum penalty of 5 years in prison
- Right to Vote
- Right to Possess Firearms
- Jury Service
- Housing

# 2019 Reports for Assault of a Police Officer

- 1,939 reports of assault on police officer
  - **1,588** of the allegations involved no weapons
  - **1,824** of the allegations did not involve any major injury to the police officer

# SRO statute

## VA Code § 9.1-101

“School resource officer” means a certified *law-enforcement officer* hired by the local law-enforcement agency to provide *law-enforcement and security services* to Virginia public elementary and secondary schools

# **WHY** is our pipeline so severe?

**Virginia has historically had the highest rate of school-based referrals of students to law enforcement in the nation partially because the law requires referrals.**



# LAJC Suspended Progress 2018 Report\*

- Although Black students make up only 23% of the statewide population, they received 57% of short-term suspensions, 58% of long-term suspensions, and 50% of expulsions. The suspension rate for Black students was 4.5 times higher than the suspension rate for hispanic and white students.

- 2018 update-- Legal Aid Justice Center Suspended Progress: State of Exclusionary Discipline and Alternative Education in Virginia's Public Schools.

# LAJC Suspended Progress 2018 Report\*

- The rate of short-term suspensions issued to students with disabilities was 2.3 times larger than the rate for students without disabilities.



# Nationwide debate sparks calls to remove police officers from schools

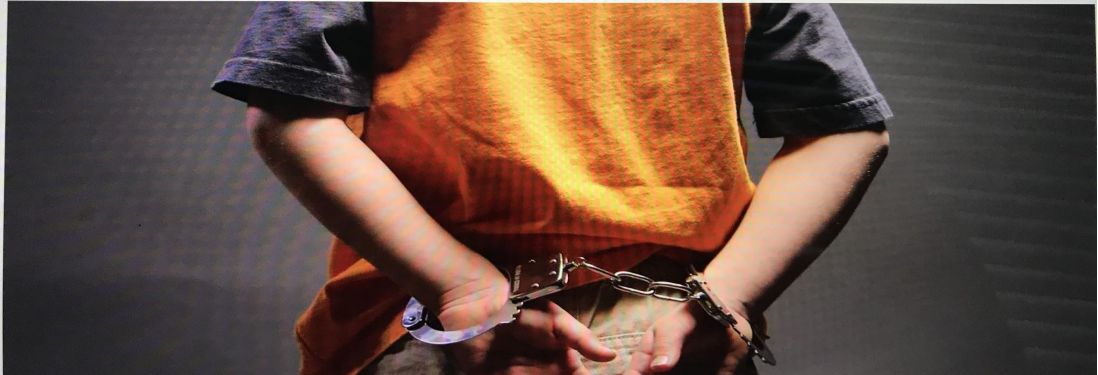
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