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HOUSE BILL NO. 337

Offered January 12, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-29 of the Code of Virginia, relating to criminal solicitation; penalty.

Patrons—Armstrong and Day; Senator: Reynolds

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-29 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-29. Criminal solicitation; penalty.

Any person who commands, entreats, or otherwise attempts to persuade another person to commit a felony, shall be ~~guilty of a Class 6 felony~~; *punished as follows:*

1. If the felony is punishable by a maximum of life imprisonment or a term of years in excess of twenty years, the person who commands, entreats, or otherwise attempts to persuade another person to commit a felony shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

2. If the felony is punishable by a maximum punishment of twenty years' imprisonment, the person who commands, entreats, or otherwise attempts to persuade another person to commit a felony shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.

3. If the felony is punishable by a maximum punishment of less than twenty years' imprisonment, the person who commands, entreats, or otherwise attempts to persuade another person to commit a felony shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony.

Any person age eighteen or older who commands, entreats, or otherwise attempts to persuade another person under age eighteen to commit a felony *punishable by a maximum punishment of less than twenty years' imprisonment*, shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state correctional facilities. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$0 in FY 2010.

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