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## HOUSE BILL NO. 985

Offered January 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 53.1-25.1, relating to gender of guards.*

Patrons—Rhodes, Bloxom, Hamilton, Jackson and Morgan

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 53.1-25.1 as follows:**

*§ 53.1-25.1. Guards to be of same gender as inmates.*

*The Director shall prescribe rules for state correctional facilities to ensure that, when physical contact is required between a guard and an inmate and when the inmate is required by circumstances to remove articles of clothing or disrobe, the guard shall be the same gender as the inmate.*

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