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**HOUSE BILL NO. 985**

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions  
on February 12, 2000)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Rhodes)

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 53.1-25.1, relating to rules of state correctional facilities.*

**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. Rules of state correctional facilities.*

*The Director shall prescribe rules for state correctional facilities to ensure that, when physical contact is required between an officer and an inmate and when the inmate is required by circumstances to disrobe, the officer shall be the same gender as the inmate. However, such rules may allow for the suspension of the provisions of this section during the period of a declared emergency.*

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