

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 53.1-155.1, relating to*
3 *participation in residential community program prior to release on parole.*

4 [H 2245]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 53.1-155.1 as follows:**8 *§ 53.1-155.1. Participation in residential community program prior to final release.*

9 *The Department may give nonviolent prisoners who have not been convicted of a violent crime and*
10 *who have been sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment of at least three years the opportunity to*
11 *participate in a residential community program, work release, or a community-based program approved*
12 *by the Secretary of Public Safety within six months of such prisoner's projected or mandatory release*
13 *date. The Secretary shall prescribe guidelines to govern the residential community programs, work*
14 *release, or community-based programs.*

15 *Any wages earned pursuant to this section by a prisoner may be paid to the director or*
16 *administrator of the program after standard payroll deductions required by law. Distribution of such*
17 *wages shall be made for the following purposes:*

18 *1. To pay an amount to defray the cost of his keep;*

19 *2. To pay travel and other such expenses made necessary by his work release, employment, or*
20 *participation in a residential community program or a community-based program;*

21 *3. To provide support and maintenance for his dependents or to make payments to the local*
22 *department of social services or the Commissioner of Social Services, as appropriate, on behalf of*
23 *dependents who are receiving public assistance as defined in § 63.2-100; or*

24 *4. To pay any fines, restitution, or costs as ordered by the court.*25 *Any balance at the end of his sentence shall be paid to the prisoner upon his release.*

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