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HOUSE BILL NO. 70

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-83.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to operating costs for local correctional facilities.

Patron—Jones, J.C.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-83.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-83.1. How state appropriations for operating costs of local correctional facilities determined. The Governor's proposed biennial budget bill shall include, for each fiscal year, an appropriation for perating costs for local correctional facilities. The proposed appropriation shall include:

1. An amount for compensating localities for the cost of maintaining prisoners arrested on state varrants in local jails, regional jails and jail farms, at a specified rate per prisoner day;

2. An amount for maintaining convicted state felons in local correctional facilities, at a specified rate per felon day, pursuant to § 53.1-20.1;

3. An amount to pay two-thirds of the salaries of medical and treatment personnel approved by the State Compensation Board; and

4. An amount to be set aside for unanticipated medical emergencies; and

5. An amount for compensating localities for two-thirds of extraordinary medical costs for prisoners arrested on state warrants and convicted state felons in local correctional facilities. Extraordinary medical costs shall consist of all costs paid by the locality to medical providers for the medical care of prisoners, calculated on a per-inmate-day basis, which is in excess of the average medical costs per inmate day for all jails in Virginia as shown in the most recent Jail Cost Report published by the Compensation Board.