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HOUSE BILL NO. 843

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 58.1-346.25, relating to voluntary contribution of refund to Pre-Release and Post-Incarceration Services Fund.*

Patron—Baskerville

Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 58.1-346.25 as follows:

§ 58.1-346.25. Pre-Release and Post-Incarceration Services Fund voluntary contribution.

A. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2005, but before January 1, 2010, any individual eligible to receive a tax refund pursuant to § 58.1-309 may designate at the time of filing his return a specified dollar amount of such refund, such amount to be not less than \$1, to be used by the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Pre-Release and Post-Incarceration Services program. The purpose of the program is to provide support by means of grants to public or private nonprofit organizations for pre-release and post-incarceration professional services and guidance that increase the opportunity for successful reentry and reintegration into local society by incarcerated adult offenders.

B. All moneys collected pursuant to this section or through voluntary payments by taxpayers designated for the Pre-Release and Post-Incarceration Services (PAPIS) Fund, established herein, over refundable amounts shall be deposited into the state treasury.

C. The Tax Commissioner shall determine annually the total amount designated on all state income tax returns and shall report the same to the State Treasurer, who shall credit that amount to a special fund known as the PAPIS Fund. All moneys so deposited into the Fund shall be used by the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose described in subsection A.

2. That the Tax Commissioner shall provide a description of the Pre-Release and Post-Incarceration Services program in the instructions that accompany the annual Virginia income tax return package.

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