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044626772 1 **SENATE BILL NO. 496** Offered January 14, 2004 2 3 4 5 6 Prefiled January 14, 2004 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-303.5, relating to deferral of criminal conviction. Patrons—Mims; Delegate: Albo 7 8 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 19.2-303.5 as follows: 11 12 § 19.2-303.5. Deferral of conviction not allowed unless statutorily authorized. A court shall not defer a conviction when the facts found by the court would justify a finding of 13 guilt, unless there is specific statutory authorization for such deferral for the criminal offense with which 14 15 the defendant is charged.