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**SENATE BILL NO. 551**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-237 of the Code of Virginia, relating to duties of probation and parole; distribution of information on protective orders.*

Patrons—Howell, Norment and Stolle; Delegates: Albo, Kilgore, McDonnell and Moran

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 16.1-237 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 16.1-237. Powers, duties and functions of probation and parole officers.

In addition to any other powers and duties imposed by this law, a probation or parole officer appointed hereunder shall:

A. Investigate all cases referred to him by the judge or any person designated so to do, and shall render reports of such investigation as required;

B. Supervise persons placed under his supervision and shall keep informed concerning the conduct and condition of every person under his supervision by visiting, requiring reports and in other ways, and shall report thereon as required;

C. Under the general supervision of the director of the court service unit, investigate complaints and accept for informal supervision cases wherein such handling would best serve the interests of all concerned;

D. Use all suitable methods not inconsistent with conditions imposed by the court to aid and encourage persons on probation or parole and to bring about improvement in their conduct and condition;

E. Furnish to each person placed on probation or parole a written statement of the conditions of his probation or parole and instruct him regarding the same;

F. Keep records of his work and perform such other duties as the judge or other person designated by the judge or the Director shall require;

G. Have the authority to administer oaths and take acknowledgements for the purposes of §§ 16.1-259 and 16.1-260 to facilitate the processes of intake and petition; ~~and~~

H. Have the powers of arrest of a police officer and the power to carry a concealed weapon when specifically so authorized by the judge; *and*

*I. Provide to each person who is issued a protective order pursuant to Article 4 (§ 16.1-246 et seq.) or Article 9 (§ 16.1-278 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of this title, a written statement of the conditions imposed by the order and procedures and time limits applicable to further proceedings on protective orders. Such written statement shall be developed by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court in conjunction with the Department of Juvenile Justice. The Executive Secretary shall make the written statement available to each court service unit for distribution.*

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