

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2006 SESSION

CHAPTER 98

An Act to amend and reenact § 53.1-41 of the Code of Virginia, relating to work programs for child support obligors.

[H 401]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-41 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-41. Opportunities for work and career and technical education.

To the extent feasible, it shall be the duty of the Director to provide persons sentenced to the Department with opportunities to work and to participate in career and technical education programs as operated by the Department of Correctional Education in accordance with § 22.1-339 et seq. Such work opportunities may include business, industrial, agricultural, highway maintenance and construction, and work release programs as hereafter specified in this article. In addition, prisoners may be employed to improve, repair, work on or cultivate public property or buildings.

In addition to meeting the qualifications for work performance and security compatibility, preference for placement in work programs shall be given to any prisoner who requests a work assignment and assigns a minimum of 50% of his earnings to his child support obligation.