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HOUSE BILL NO. 548

Offered January 11, 2006 Prefiled January 9, 2006

A BILL to amend and reenact § 66-15 of the Code of Virginia, relating to education costs of committed juveniles.

Patron—Saxman

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 66-15 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 66-15. Schedules of per diem cost of maintenance in detention homes; reimbursements of cities and counties.

The Department shall establish schedules setting forth the per diem cost to each locality for maintaining a child in a detention home. In accordance with the schedule, the Department, in addition to all other reimbursements on account of such detention homes, shall reimburse each city or county for the cost of maintaining in such homes any children committed to the Department. The Department shall review annually and adjust, if justified, the per diem it pays to localities for the care of state wards.

Whenever a juvenile is placed in a correctional residential facility and is educated by the local schools of the district where he is placed, rather than his home district, his educational expenses shall be paid by the Department of Juvenile Justice.