

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-46.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to definition of predicate*  
3 *criminal act for purpose of determining membership in a criminal street gang.*

4 [H 2524]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 18.2-46.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 18.2-46.1. Definitions.

9 As used in this article unless the context requires otherwise or it is otherwise provided:

10 "Act of violence" means those felony offenses described in subsection A of § 19.2-297.1.

11 "Criminal street gang" means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more  
12 persons, whether formal or informal, (i) which has as one of its primary objectives or activities the  
13 commission of one or more criminal activities; (ii) which has an identifiable name or identifying sign or  
14 symbol; and (iii) whose members individually or collectively have engaged in the commission of,  
15 attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or solicitation of two or more predicate criminal acts, at least  
16 one of which is an act of violence, provided such acts were not part of a common act or transaction.

17 "Predicate criminal act" means (i) an act of violence; (ii) any violation of § 18.2-42, 18.2-46.3,  
18 18.2-51, 18.2-51.1, 18.2-52, 18.2-53, 18.2-53.1, 18.2-55, 18.2-56.1, 18.2-57, 18.2-57.2, 18.2-59, 18.2-83,  
19 18.2-121, 18.2-127, 18.2-128, 18.2-137, 18.2-138, 18.2-146, 18.2-147, subsection H, H 1 or H 2 of  
20 § 18.2-248, § 18.2-248.01, 18.2-255, 18.2-255.2, 18.2-282.1, 18.2-286.1, 18.2-287.4, 18.2-308.1, or  
21 18.2-356; (iii) a second or subsequent felony violation of subsection C of § 18.2-248 or of § 18.2-248.1;  
22 (iv) any violation of a local ordinance adopted pursuant to § 15.2-1812.2; or (v) any substantially similar  
23 offense under the laws of another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the  
24 United States.

25 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**  
26 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is**  
27 **\$4,251 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of**  
28 **commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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