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SENATE BILL NO. 138

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2.1 of Chapter 2 of Title 53.1 a section numbered 53.1-40.11, relating to medical and psychiatric benefits for prisoners.

Patron—Puller

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2.1 of Chapter 2 of Title 53.1 a section numbered 53.1-40.11 as follows:

§ 53.1-40.11. Medical and psychiatric benefits of prisoners.

The Department shall take all reasonable steps to identify any medical or psychiatric benefits, including Social Security or Veterans Administration benefits, to which a prisoner may be entitled upon release and to assist the prisoner in securing such benefits. The obligations imposed by this section shall be carried out in such a manner and at such time as to ensure that any benefits identified as available to the prisoner are available at the time of release.

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