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SENATE BILL NO. 1256
Offered January 14, 2009
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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-8.1, relating to prosecution
*   for homicide.*

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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    Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 19.2-8.1 as follows:

    § 19.2-8.1. Prosecution for murder or manslaughter; passage of time not a limitation.

    A prosecution for murder or manslaughter, whether at common law or under the Code of Virginia,
may be instituted regardless of the time elapsed between the act or omission causing the death of the
victim and the death of the victim.

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or
commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot
be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is $0 for
periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.