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**HOUSE BILL NO. 913**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-30 of the Code of Virginia, relating to victim of prisoner visiting prisoner in prison.*

Patron—Bell, Robert B.

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 53.1-30 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 53.1-30. Who may enter interior of state correctional facilities; searches of those entering.

A. The Governor, members of the General Assembly, and members of the Board of Corrections may go into the interior of any state correctional facility. Attorneys shall be permitted in the interior of a state correctional facility to confer with prisoners who are their clients and with prisoners who are witnesses in cases in which they are involved. The Director shall prescribe, subject to approval of the Board, the time and conditions on which attorneys and other persons may enter any state correctional facility.

B. *A person who was the victim, or is the family member of a victim, of a crime committed by a prisoner incarcerated in any state correctional facility shall be permitted to enter the facility to visit the prisoner, if the prisoner agrees to such a visit, subject to reasonable time, place, and safety restrictions for such visits prescribed by the Director and approved by the Board. The warden, superintendent or other official having custody of the prisoner shall make whatever arrangements are necessary to facilitate such a visit.*

B-C. Any person seeking to enter the interior of any state correctional facility shall be subject to a search of his person and effects. Such search shall be performed in a manner reasonable under the circumstances and may be a condition precedent to entering a correctional facility.

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