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HOUSE BILL NO. 1954

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-383 of the Code of Virginia, relating to obscenity and related offenses.*

Patrons—Villanueva, Athey, Bell, Richard P. and Bell, Robert B.

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-383 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-383. Exceptions to application of article.

~~Nothing~~ *With the exception of §§ 18.2-374.1, 18.2-374.1:1, and 18.2-374.3, nothing* contained in this article shall be construed to apply to:

(1) The purchase, distribution, exhibition, or loan of any book, magazine, or other printed or manuscript material by any library, school, or institution of higher learning, supported by public appropriation;

(2) The purchase, distribution, exhibition, or loan of any work of art by any museum of fine arts, school, or institution of higher learning, supported by public appropriation;

(3) The exhibition or performance of any play, drama, tableau, or motion picture by any theatre, museum of fine arts, school, or institution of higher learning, supported by public appropriation.

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 is \$0 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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