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SENATE BILL NO. 320

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-461 of the Code of Virginia, relating to falsely summoning or giving false reports to law-enforcement officials; penalty.

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-461 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-461. Falsely summoning or giving false reports to law-enforcement officials.

It shall be unlawful for any person (i) to knowingly give a false report as to the commission of any crime to any law-enforcement official with intent to mislead, or (ii) without just cause and with intent to interfere with the operations of any law-enforcement official, to call or summon any law-enforcement official by telephone or other means, including engagement or activation of an automatic emergency alarm. Violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable as a Class 4 ~~misdemeanor~~ *felony*.

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 \$2,896,708 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$95,282 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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