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SENATE BILL NO. 989

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-124 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reports made by sheriffs and jail superintendents.

Patron—Puller

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-124 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-124. Sheriffs and jail superintendents to report to the courts, etc.

A. If requested by the judge, the sheriffs of all local jails and the jail superintendents of all regional jails of this the Commonwealth shall, on the first day of each term of the circuit court, make written reports to the judge thereof, to the attorney for the Commonwealth, and to city attorneys whose duties include prosecuting certain cases, and to the local community services board or behavioral health authority showing the number of prisoners in jail on that day. The report shall show the name, date of commitment, offense, and sentence of each prisoner. The judge of such court, after examining the report, shall enter an order directing the clerk to file the same in the clerk's office of such court.

B. If requested by the chief judge of the circuit court, general district court, or juvenile and domestic relations district court, the sheriffs of all local jails and the jail superintendents of all regional jails of the Commonwealth shall report semimonthly to the circuit court, general district court, and juvenile and domestic relations district court, to the attorney for the Commonwealth, and to the public defender, if any, as established in Article 3.1 (§ 19.2-163.01 et seq.) of Chapter 10 of Title 19.2, and to the local community services board or behavioral health authority showing the number of prisoners in jail on that day awaiting trial. The report shall include the name, offense, date of commitment to jail, and amount of bail established.

C. If requested by the judge, the sheriffs of all local jails and the jail superintendents of all regional jails shall report weekly to the juvenile and domestic relations district court located within that county, city, or region and to the local community services board or behavioral health authority concerning the identity and number of juveniles kept in their jails and the length of time such juveniles have been incarcerated therein.