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HOUSE BILL NO. 494

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-323.03, relating to failure to report a dead child; penalty.*

Patron—Dance

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-323.03 as follows:

§ 18.2-323.03. *Failure to report death of child by parent, guardian, etc.; penalty.*

Any parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child or a person standing in loco parentis to a child who, with intent to conceal the death, fails to report or cause to be reported the death of the child not in the care of a health care provider to the local law-enforcement agency, the State Police, or an emergency health care provider within one hour of his discovery of the death is guilty of a Class 6 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 \$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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