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HOUSE BILL NO. 2008

House Amendments in [] — January 22, 2013

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-12.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to mandatory minimum sentences; work release programs.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Cline

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-12.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-12.1. Mandatory minimum punishment; definition.
"Mandatory minimum" wherever it appears in this Code means, for purposes of imposing punishment upon a person convicted of a crime, that the court shall impose the entire term of confinement, the full amount of the fine and the complete requirement of community service prescribed by law. The court shall not suspend in full or in part any punishment described as mandatory minimum punishment. Notwithstanding any other provision of law providing for work release programs, no person while serving that portion of a sentence that is a mandatory minimum shall be eligible to participate in any work release program [, unless such person is committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and is participating in a work or education program operated by or under contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to § 66-25.1:3].