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HOUSE BILL NO. 586

Offered January 11, 2012 Prefiled January 10, 2012

A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-79.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to confinement of local inmates in state correctional facilities.

Patron—Merricks

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-79.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-79.1. Agreements to transfer, transport, and confine prisoners.

The sheriff or superintendent of any jail local correctional facility may enter into an agreement with the sheriff or superintendent of any other jail local correctional facility in the Commonwealth to transfer and transport prisoners between the respective facilities, and to confine such prisoners, unless such transfer is otherwise prohibited by law.

The sheriff or superintendent of any local correctional facility may enter into an agreement with the Department to transfer local inmates to any state facility for confinement. Each agreement shall provide for the payment by the sheriff or regional jail authority of all reasonable costs of guarding, feeding, clothing, caring for, and furnishing of medicine and medical attention to such prisoners. Inmates transferred under the provisions of this subsection shall be kept separate from the population of prisoners committed by the court to the custody of the Director of the Department under § 53.1-20.