

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 53.1-35.1, relating to electronic*
3 *visitation; state correctional facilities.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 53.1-35.1 as follows:**

8 ***§ 53.1-35.1. Electronic visitation and messaging with inmates; fees.***

9 *The Director is authorized to prescribe reasonable rules regarding electronic visitation systems or*
10 *electronic messaging systems, including Voice-over-Internet Protocol technology and web-based*
11 *communication systems, for communication between prisoners and third parties and collection of a fee*
12 *for the system utilized. Any state correctional facility that utilizes such systems shall establish such*
13 *system allowing for the security needs of the facility. Any state correctional facility that utilizes such*
14 *system shall not prohibit in-person visitation.*

15 *This section does not apply to telephonic communication systems or to electronic video and audio*
16 *communication systems used in judicial proceedings.*

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