

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 4

An Act to amend and reenact § 53.1-132 of the Code of Virginia, relating to furloughs from local work release programs; approval by local sheriff and local chief law-enforcement official.

[H 369]

Approved February 24, 2020

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-132 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-132. Furloughs from local work release programs; penalty for violations.

The director of any work release program authorized by § 53.1-131 may, subject to rules and regulations prescribed by the Board, extend the limits of confinement of any offender participating in a work release program ~~which~~ *that* is subject to the director's authority, to permit the offender a furlough for the purpose of visiting his home or family. *If such offender is participating in a work release program under the supervision of the administrator of a regional jail and the furlough would extend the limits of confinement of the offender to a locality not served by that regional jail, then notice of the furlough shall be provided to the sheriff of such locality.* Such furlough shall be for a period to be prescribed by the director, not to exceed three days. The time during which an offender is on furlough shall not be counted as time served against any sentence, and during any furlough, no earned sentence credit as defined in § 53.1-116, good conduct allowance or credits, or any other reduction of sentence shall accrue.

Any offender who, without proper authority or without just cause, fails to remain within the limits of confinement set by the director hereunder, or fails to return within the time prescribed to the place designated by the director in granting such authority, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. An offender who is found guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor in accordance with this section shall be ineligible for further participation in a work release program during his current term of confinement.