

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1370

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-202.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to rate at which sentence credits may be earned.*

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Patron—Campbell, J.L.

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety

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

**1. That § 53.1-202.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

#### **§ 53.1-202.3. Rate at which sentence credits may be earned; prerequisites.**

A maximum of four and one-half sentence credits may be earned for each 30 days served *on a sentence for a violent felony as defined in § 17.1-805. A maximum of 10.5 sentence credits may be earned for each 30 days served on a sentence for any other offense.* The earning of sentence credits shall be conditioned, in part, upon full participation in and cooperation with programs to which a person is assigned pursuant to § 53.1-32.1. For a juvenile sentenced to serve a portion of his sentence as a serious juvenile offender under § 16.1-285.1, consideration for earning sentence credits shall be conditioned, in part, upon full participation in and cooperation with programs afforded to the juvenile during that portion of the sentence. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall provide a report that describes the juvenile's adherence to the facility's rules and the juvenile's progress toward treatment goals and objectives while sentenced as a serious juvenile offender under § 16.1-285.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no portion of any sentence credits earned shall be applied to reduce the period of time a person must serve before becoming eligible for parole upon any sentence.

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