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SENATE BILL NO. 91

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

on February 3, 2020)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Senators Edwards and Morrissey [SB 809])

A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-165.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to parole; exception to the limitation on the application of parole statutes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-165.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-165.1. Limitation on the application of parole statutes.

A. The provisions of this article, except §§ 53.1-160 and 53.1-160.1, shall not apply to any sentence imposed or to any prisoner incarcerated upon a conviction for a *violent* felony offense, as defined by subsection C of § 17.1-805, committed on or after January 1, 1995. Any person sentenced to a term of incarceration for a *violent* felony offense, as defined by subsection C of § 17.1-805, committed on or after January 1, 1995, shall not be eligible for parole upon that offense.

B. The provisions of this article shall apply to any sentence imposed or to any prisoner incarcerated upon a conviction for a felony offense, other than a violent felony as defined by subsection C of § 17.1-805, committed on or after January 1, 1995. Any person sentenced to a term of incarceration for a felony offense, other than a violent felony as defined by subsection C of § 17.1-805, committed on or after January 1, 1995, shall be eligible for parole upon that offense.

C. The Parole Board shall establish procedures for consideration of parole of persons entitled under subsection B consistent with the provisions of § 53.1-154 allowing for extension of time for reasonable