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HOUSE BILL NO. 565

Offered January 25, 1994

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 53.1-151.1, relating to parole.

Patrons—Reynolds and Armstrong

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 53.1-151.1 as follows:

§ 53.1-151.1. Abolition of parole.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person serving a sentence imposed for an offense which is committed on or after July 1, 1994, shall not be eligible for parole upon that offense.

- 2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state correctional facilities. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$ 397,993,480.
- 3. That the Department of Corrections shall prepare a report and accompanying legislation for the General Assembly which shall provide for the actual number of facilities needed to implement the provisions of this act and the accompanying capital costs. This report shall be completed by December 1, 1994. The legislation shall be in the form of a statewide referendum for the issuance of bonds to finance the construction of such correctional facilities and shall be submitted to the people of the Commonwealth in November 1995.
- 4. That the provisions of this act shall become effective only after the passage of the bond referendum provided for in the third enactment of this act and after sufficient facilities have been constructed to accommodate the additional prisoners.