VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 462

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 30-19.1:5 and 30-19.1:6, relating to impact statements by the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission; legislation increasing terms of imprisonment.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 30-19.1:5 and 30-19.1:6 as follows:

§ 30-19.1:5. Impact statements to be prepared by the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.

In conjunction with its duties under § 17-235, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall detail the impact of each bill filed to which the provisions of § 30-19.1:4 apply. Such statement shall include, but not be limited to, details as to any increase or decrease in adult offender population; any necessary adjustments in guideline midpoints for the crime or crimes affected by the bill as well as adjustments in guideline midpoints for other crimes related to the implementation of the bill which, in the opinion of the Commission, are necessary and appropriate.

The Commission shall forward copies of such impact statements to the Clerk of the House of Delegates for transmittal to each patron of the legislation and to the chairman of each committee of the General Assembly to consider the same and to the Department of Planning and Budget.

§ 30-19.1:6. Limiting time for introduction of bills which increase terms of imprisonment.

No bill to which the provisions of § 30-19.1:4 apply shall be introduced for consideration by the General Assembly after the first calendar day of any session of the General Assembly, unless requested by the Governor or in accordance with the rules of the General Assembly.