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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2005**
2 House Amendments in [ ] — February 7, 1995
3 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1.1 of Title 19.2 a section numbered*
4 *19.2-11.3, relating to victim-offender reconciliation programs.*
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6 Patrons—Scott, Almand, Armstrong, Bennett, Cohen, Connally, Copeland, Croshaw, Davies,
7 Diamonstein, Dillard, Giesen, McDonnell, Melvin, Miller, Mims, Plum and Van Landingham;
8 Senators: Calhoun and Howell
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10 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
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12 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
13 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1.1 of Title 19.2 a section**
14 **numbered 19.2-11.3 as follows:**
15 *§ 19.2-11.3. Establishment of victim-offender reconciliation program.*
16 *A. Any Crime Victim and Witness Assistance Program may establish a victim-offender reconciliation*
17 *program to provide an opportunity* [*after conviction*] *for a victim,* [~~*if the offender agrees, to:*~~ *at his*
18 *request and upon the subsequent agreement of the offender, to:*]
19 *1. Meet with the offender in a safe, controlled environment;*
20 *2. Give to the offender, either orally or in writing, a summary of the financial, emotional, and*
21 *physical effects of the offense on the victim or the victim's family; and*
22 *3. Negotiate a restitution agreement,* [~~*after conviction,*~~] *to be submitted to the sentencing court for*
23 *damages incurred by the victim as a result of the offense.*
24 *B. If the victim chooses to participate in a victim-offender reconciliation program under this section,*
25 *the victim shall execute a waiver releasing the Crime Victim and Witness Assistance Program and the*
26 *attorney for the Commonwealth from civil and criminal liability for actions taken by the victim or*
27 *offender as a result of participation by the victim or the offender in a victim-offender reconciliation*
28 *program.*
29 *C. A victim shall not be required to participate in a victim-offender reconciliation program under*
30 *this section.*