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HOUSE BILL NO. 2593

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-183 of the Code of Virginia, relating to community diversion incentive programs.

Patron—Scott

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-183 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-183. (Effective July 1, 1995) Community criminal justice boards.

Each county or city or combination thereof developing and establishing a community corrections program pursuant to the provisions of this article shall establish a community criminal justice board. Each county and city participating in a community corrections program shall be represented on a community criminal justice board. The board shall include an equal number of appointments to be made by the governing body of each county or city participating in the program. In addition, the following shall be members of the board in a total number equal to local governing body representatives less one: the chief judges of the circuit court, the general district court, and the juvenile and domestic relations district court of each participating city or county; the chief of police of each participating city or county or the sheriff in a county not served by a police department; the attorney for the Commonwealth of each participating city or county; an attorney from a participating city or county who is experienced in the defense of criminal matters, to be appointed by the chief judges of the circuit courts; and the regional jail administrator or the sheriff in those cities or counties not served by a regional jail.

Where there was in existence a local community diversion incentive program organized pursuant to §§ 53.1-180 through 53.1-185.1 prior to January 1, 1995, the local governing bodies participating in such program may, by resolution, elect to continue such program and its existing board, including successor members thereof, in lieu of the board herein specified. On July 1, 1995, the existing board shall become, in all other respects, a community corrections program subject to all the provisions of this article and entitled to all the benefits of this article.

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