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## HOUSE BILL NO. 564

Offered January 19, 1996

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-45.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to prisoner work programs.*

Patrons—Hamilton; Senator: Lambert

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 53.1-45.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 53.1-45.1. Work programs; agreements with other entities; disbursement of wages.

A. The Director, with the prior approval of the Governor, may enter into an agreement with a public or private entity to operate a work program in a state correctional facility for prisoners confined therein.

B. The provisions of any proposed agreement shall be submitted for review to a committee appointed by the Governor for that purpose. The committee shall include representatives from an employee association or organization, the business community, a chamber of commerce, an industry association, the Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, and the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety.

C. The Board shall promulgate regulations governing the form and review process for proposed agreements.

D. Articles produced or manufactured and services provided by prisoners participating in such a program may be purchased as provided in § 53.1-47 and may be bought, sold or acquired by exchange on the open market through the participating public or private entity.

E. The Director shall, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board, deduct from such wages, in the following order of priority, an amount to:

1. Meet the obligation of any judicial or administrative order to provide support and such funds shall be disbursed according to the terms of such order;

2. Pay any fines, restitution or costs as ordered by the court;

3. Pay expenses made necessary by his participation in an educational or rehabilitative program; and

4. Defray the prisoner's keep.

The balance shall be credited to the prisoner's account or sent to his family in an amount the prisoner so chooses.

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