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HOUSE BILL NO. 667

Offered January 19, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-121 of the Code of Virginia, relating to monthly reports by sheriffs.

Patrons—Grayson; Senators: Barry and Norment

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §53.1-121 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-121. Sheriffs to make monthly reports to Director; failure to send report.

The sheriff shall report on the first day of each month to the Director, giving the record of each prisoner received during the preceding month on blank forms to be furnished by the Director, stating whether the offense is for violation of state law or of city or town ordinance. In addition, the sheriff shall include the information on the citizenship status of each prisoner received as required pursuant to § 53.1-218.

If any sheriff fails to send such report within five days after the date when the report should be forwarded, the Director shall notify the sheriff of such failure. If the sheriff fails to make the report within ten days from that date, then the Director shall cause the report to be prepared from the books of the sheriff and shall certify the cost thereof to the Comptroller. The Comptroller shall issue his warrant on the Treasurer for that amount, deducting the same from any funds that may be due the sheriff by the Commonwealth.

The report shall be signed by both the chief jailer and the sheriff who shall certify the accuracy of the report. Either signer found guilty of willfully falsifying the information contained in such report shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.