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SENATE BILL NO. 332

Offered January 22, 1996

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-180 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act.*

Patrons—Howell; Delegate: Almand

Referred to the Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-180 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-180. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this article to enable any city, county or combination thereof to develop, establish and maintain community-based corrections programs to provide the judicial system with sentencing alternatives for certain misdemeanants or persons convicted of nonviolent felonies, as defined in § 19.2-316.1 and sentenced pursuant to § 53.1-20 (B1), for whom the court may impose a jail sentence and who may require less than institutional custody.

The article shall be interpreted and construed so as to effect the following purposes:

1. To allow individual cities, counties, or combinations thereof greater flexibility and involvement in responding to the problem of crime in their communities;

2. To provide more effective protection of society and to promote efficiency and economy in the delivery of correctional services;

3. To provide increased opportunities for offenders to make restitution to victims of crimes through financial reimbursement or community service;

4. To permit cities, counties or combinations thereof to operate and utilize programs and services specifically designed to meet the rehabilitative needs of selected offenders; and

5. To provide appropriate post-sentencing alternatives in localities for certain offenders with the goal of reducing the incidence of repeat offenders.

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