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HOUSE BILL NO. 2489

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services
on February 14, 1997)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Robinson)

A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 53.1-35.1, relating to communications by prisoners.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 53.1-35.1 as follows:

§ 53.1-35.1. Communications privileges with media.

The Board shall promulgate regulations, for which notice of intent of regulatory action shall be issued within ninety days of enactment of this act, which provide that members of the news media issued an identification by the Department of State Police be granted access to the interior of a state correctional facility to meet with prisoners, subject to such conditions as to time, place, manner and duration as will not interfere with the Department's ability to provide for the safety, security or efficient operation of a state correctional facility.

The Department may require additional credentialing certifications such as criminal background checks.

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