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## SENATE BILL NO. 188

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-213.2, relating to duties of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.*

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Patron—Puller

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

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

#### **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-213.2 as follows:**

*§ 2.2-213.2. Secretary to coordinate system for children with incarcerated parents.*

*The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in consultation with the Secretary of Public Safety, shall establish an integrated system for coordinating the planning and provision of services for children with incarcerated parents among state, local, and nonprofit agencies in order to provide such children with services needed to continue parental relationships with the incarcerated parent, where appropriate, and encourage healthy relationships in the family and community.*

*It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds used for the purposes of this section be leveraged to the fullest extent possible and that direct services be provided in the most cost-effective means possible, including through agreements with local nonprofit service organizations.*

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