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SENATE BILL NO. 28

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 53.1-25.2, relating to child-friendly visiting rooms in state correctional facilities.*

Patron—Miller, Y.B.

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 53.1-25.2 as follows:

§ 53.1-25.2. Child-friendly visiting rooms in state correctional facilities.

Each state correctional facility shall provide child-friendly visiting rooms in order to encourage healthy bonds between incarcerated parents and their children. Child-friendly visiting rooms shall provide activities for young children and adequate facilities with areas for nursing. The Department shall promulgate regulations governing the provision and use of child-friendly visiting rooms that do not penalize inmates with sanctions, such as termination of a visit, due to normal behavior of visiting children.

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