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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2396**

Offered January 14, 2011

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-47.1, relating to unlawful solicitation of children; penalty.*

Patron—Bell, Robert B.

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-47.1 as follows:**

*§ 18.2-47.1. Unlawful solicitation of a child by an adult; penalty.*

*Any adult who, by an offer of something of value or by misrepresentation of his identity, allures, persuades, invites or entices a minor to enter a motor vehicle is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

*There shall exist a rebuttable presumption that any of the following persons who allure, persuade, invite or entice a minor to enter a motor vehicle are not in violation of this section: a law-enforcement officer in the performance of his duties, the minor's family or household member as defined in § 16.1-228, a guardian of the minor, or any person who has permission, granted by an adult family or household member of the minor or the guardian of the minor, to transport the minor.*

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