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SENATE BILL NO. 1318

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-370.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sex offenses; prohibiting entry onto school property; penalty.

Patrons-Newman; Delegates: Byron, Garrett, Landes and Putney

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 11

1. That § 18.2-370.5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-370.5. Sex offenses; prohibiting entry onto school property; penalty.

13 A. Every adult who is convicted of a sexually violent offense, as defined in § 9.1-902, shall be 14 prohibited from entering and being present, during school hours and or during school-related and or 15 school-sponsored activities, upon any property he knows or has reason to know is a public or private elementary or secondary school or child day center property, unless (i) he is a lawfully registered and 16 qualified voter, and is coming upon such property solely for purposes of casting his vote; (ii) he is a 17 student enrolled at the school; or (iii) he has obtained a court order allowing him to enter and be present 18 19 upon such property, has obtained the permission of the school board or of the owner of the private 20 school or child day center or their designee for entry within all or part of the scope of the lifted ban, 21 and is in compliance with such school board's, school's or center's terms and conditions and those of the 22 court order. A violation of this section is punishable as a Class 6 felony.

23 B. Every adult who is prohibited from entering upon school or child day center property pursuant to 24 subsection A may after notice to the attorney for the Commonwealth and either (i) the proprietor of the 25 child day center, (ii) the superintendent of public instruction of the school division in which the school is located, or (iii) the chief administrator of the school if such school is not a public school, petition the 26 27 circuit court in the county or city where the school or child day center is located for permission to enter 28 such property. For good cause shown, the court may issue an order permitting the petitioner to enter and 29 be present on such property, subject to whatever restrictions of area, reasons for being present, or time 30 limits the court deems appropriate.

31 2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$0 32 33 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of 34 commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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