

13100986D

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1606**

Offered January 9, 2013

Prefiled January 6, 2013

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-346 of the Code of Virginia, relating to solicitation of a minor for prostitution; penalty.*

Patrons—Hugo, Bell, Robert B., Comstock, Ramadan, Cosgrove, Crockett-Stark, Greason, Iaquinto, Knight, Loupassi, Miller, Minchew, Peace, Pogge, Rust, Watson and Wilt

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 18.2-346 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 18.2-346. Solicitation of a prostitute or prostitution.**

A. Any person who, for money or its equivalent, commits adultery, fornication, or any act in violation of § 18.2-361, or offers to commit adultery, fornication, or any act in violation of § 18.2-361 and thereafter does any substantial act in furtherance thereof, ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of ~~being a prostitute, or~~ prostitution, which ~~shall be~~ *is* punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. Any person who offers money or its equivalent to another for the purpose of engaging in sexual acts as enumerated ~~above~~ *in subsection A* and thereafter does any substantial act in furtherance thereof ~~shall be~~ *is* guilty of solicitation of prostitution ~~and shall be guilty of, which is punishable as~~ a Class 1 misdemeanor. *However, any person who solicits prostitution from a minor (i) 16 years of age or older and younger than 18 years of age is guilty of a Class 6 felony or (ii) younger than 16 years of age is guilty of a Class 5 felony.*

**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 cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 3 of the Acts of Assembly of 2012, Special Session I, requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

INTRODUCED

HB1606