

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia, relating to compensation for*
3 *wrongful incarceration; annuity term.*

4 [S 415]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 8.01-195.11 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 8.01-195.11. Compensation for wrongful incarceration.**

9 A. Any person who is convicted of a felony by a county or city circuit court of the Commonwealth
10 and is wrongfully incarcerated for such felony may be awarded compensation in an amount equal to 90
11 percent of the inflation adjusted Virginia per capita personal income as reported by the Bureau of
12 Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce for each year of incarceration, or portion
13 thereof.

14 B. Any compensation computed pursuant to subsection A and approved by the General Assembly
15 shall be paid by the Comptroller by his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of the person found to
16 have been wrongfully incarcerated. The person wrongfully incarcerated shall be paid an initial lump sum
17 equal to 20 percent of the compensation award with the remaining 80 percent of the principal of the
18 compensation award to be used by the State Treasurer to purchase an annuity from any A+ rated
19 company, including any A+ rated company from which the Virginia Lottery may purchase an annuity, to
20 provide equal monthly payments to such person for a period certain of 25 years commencing no later
21 than one year after the effective date of the appropriation; *however, if such person's life expectancy, as*
22 *calculated pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-419 based on his age on the effective date of the*
23 *appropriation, is less than 25 years, then, upon his election, the annuity period shall be equal to his life*
24 *expectancy.* The annuity shall provide that it shall not be sold, discounted, or used as securitization for
25 loans and mortgages by the person awarded compensation. The annuity shall, however, contain
26 beneficiary provisions providing for the annuity's continued disbursement in the event of the death of the
27 person awarded compensation. All payments or costs of annuities under this section shall be made by
28 check issued by the State Treasurer on warrant of the Comptroller.

29 C. Any person who is convicted of a felony by a county or city circuit court of the Commonwealth
30 and is wrongfully incarcerated for such felony shall receive a transition assistance grant of \$15,000 to be
31 paid from the Criminal Fund, which amount shall be deducted from any award received pursuant to
32 subsection B, within 30 days of receipt of the written request for the disbursement of the transition
33 assistance grant to the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Payment of the transition
34 assistance grant from the Criminal Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the
35 Comptroller upon written request signed by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia.
36 In addition, such person shall be entitled to receive reimbursement up to \$10,000 for tuition for career
37 and technical training within the Virginia Community College System contingent upon successful
38 completion of the training. Reimbursement for tuition shall be provided by the comprehensive
39 community college at which the career or technical training was completed.

40 **2. That nothing in this act shall be construed to require modification of or otherwise affect an**
41 **annuity issued pursuant to the provisions of Article 18.2 (§ 8.01-195.10 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of**
42 **Title 8.01 of the Code of Virginia prior to July 1, 2020.**

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