1   VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2   *An Act to direct the Department of Corrections to convene a work group to study use of restorative*
3   *housing in correctional facilities.*

4   [S 108]
5   Approved

6   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
7   **1.** *§ 1. The Department of Corrections (the Department) shall convene a work group to study the use of*
8   *restorative housing within state correctional facilities and juvenile correctional centers, including the*
9   *length of time each inmate is kept in restorative housing and the purposes for which inmates are placed*
10   *in restorative housing. As a part of such study, the Department shall facilitate confidential interviews*
11   *between work group members and at least 25 persons currently incarcerated in a state correctional*
12   *facility who are currently or who have within the past 12 months been placed in restorative housing*
13   *units or other units within the state correctional facility under conditions of isolated or restrictive*
14   *confinement and confidential interviews with existing staff and facility officials as requested by the work*
15   *group. The work group shall make recommendations of its findings, including how to safely reduce or*
16   *end the use of restorative housing that lasts longer than 14 days and criteria to be considered when a*
17   *determination is made that placement in restorative housing should last longer than 14 days. The work*
18   *group shall be composed of at least one licensed clinical psychologist, at least three formerly*
19   *incarcerated individuals, each of whom was placed in restorative housing during his term of*
20   *incarceration, and at least three representatives from each of the following agencies or groups: (i) the*
21   *Department, (ii) the Department of Juvenile Justice, and (iii) the Virginia Coalition on Solitary*
22   *Confinement. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the*
23   *House Committee on Public Safety and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by*
24   *December 1, 2022.*