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## SENATE BILL NO. 1379

Offered January 11, 2023

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 53.1 a section numbered 53.1-133.06, relating to local and regional correctional facilities; provision of medical services; waiver of sovereign immunity.*

Patron—Deeds

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 53.1 a section numbered 53.1-133.06 as follows:**

**§ 53.1-133.06. Sovereign immunity; provision of medical services.**

*A health care provider, as defined in § 8.01-581.1, who is employed by a locality or by a local or regional correctional facility to provide medical services to prisoners shall be liable to a prisoner for a claim of wrongful death or injury to the person caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of such provider while acting within the scope of such employment. This section serves to waive any sovereign immunity to which such an employee would otherwise be entitled.*

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