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## SENATE BILL NO. 1534

Offered January 20, 2023

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-134.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to collection and reporting of data related to adults charged with a criminal offense punishable by confinement in jail or a term of imprisonment; Virginia Longitudinal Data System.*

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Referred to Committee on the Judiciary

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 19.2-134.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 19.2-134.1. Collection and reporting of data related to adults charged with a criminal offense punishable by confinement in jail or a term of imprisonment.**

A. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall, on an annual basis, collect statewide and locality-level data related to all adults charged with any criminal offense punishable by confinement in jail or a term of imprisonment in the Commonwealth. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission may request data and shall be provided such data upon request from (i) every department, division, board, bureau, commission, authority, or other agency created by the Commonwealth, or to which the Commonwealth is a party, or any political subdivision thereof; (ii) any criminal justice agency as defined in § 9.1-101; and (iii) the clerk of each circuit court. If the statewide Circuit Court Case Management System is used by the circuit court clerk, the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall provide for the transfer of such data upon request of the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall use the data only for research, evaluation, or statistical purposes and shall ensure the confidentiality and security of the data.

B. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall collect data as necessary to report on the following:

1. Information about the individual charged, including sex, race, year of birth, and residential zip code;

2. The type of charging document, including summons, warrant, direct indictment, or any other charging document;

3. Information related to the offense or offenses with which the individual was charged, including (i) the date on which the individual was charged; (ii) the total number of charges; (iii) the Code section or county, city, or town ordinance under which the charge was issued; (iv) whether the charge was a felony, misdemeanor, or other type of offense; and (v) the classification of each such felony, misdemeanor, or other type of offense;

4. Whether, at the time the individual was charged, that individual was a named defendant in any pending criminal proceeding in the Commonwealth;

5. Whether, at the time the individual was charged, that individual was under the supervision of the Department of Corrections, any local community-based probation agency, or any pretrial services agency;

6. Whether, at the time the individual was charged, that individual's criminal history record included any charges or convictions for failure to appear within the Commonwealth, and if so, the date of such charge or conviction;

7. Whether, at the time the individual was charged, that individual's criminal history record included any conviction for any criminal offense committed within the Commonwealth, and if so, the offense for which that individual was convicted and the date of such conviction;

8. Whether, at the time the individual was charged, that individual's criminal history record included any convictions for which the individual was ordered to serve an active term of incarceration;

9. Information related to the individual's detention status at the time of the charge and any changes to the individual's detention status prior to the final disposition of the charge, including whether that individual was released on a summons, denied bail, or admitted to bail, and if admitted to bail, the date of release from custody;

10. For those individuals who were detained at the time of the charge, information related to the conditions of bail and the bond initially ordered on the charge, including (i) whether bail was denied, (ii) whether the bond was secured or unsecured, and (iii) all monetary amounts set on the bond;

11. For those individuals admitted to bail prior to the final disposition of the charge, whenever available, information related to the conditions of bail and the bond at the time that individual was admitted to bail, including (i) whether the bond was secured or unsecured, (ii) all monetary amounts set

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59 on the bond, (iii) whether that individual was ordered to be supervised by a pretrial services agency, and  
60 (iv) whether that individual utilized the services of a bail bondsman;

61 12. Whether the individual was charged with failure to appear in the Commonwealth prior to the  
62 final disposition of the charge, and if so, the date on which the failure to appear was alleged to have  
63 occurred and whether the individual was convicted of the charge of failure to appear;

64 13. Whether the individual was charged with any other criminal offense punishable by confinement  
65 in jail or a term of imprisonment in the Commonwealth prior to the final disposition of the charge, and  
66 if so, the offense for which the individual was charged, the date of the offense, the date of arrest, and  
67 whether the individual was convicted of the offense;

68 14. Information related to the final disposition of the charge, including (i) the date of final  
69 disposition; (ii) whether the charge resulted in a conviction, dismissal, entry of a nolle prosequi, finding  
70 of not guilty, or other disposition; (iii) whether the individual was sentenced to a term of incarceration  
71 for such charge, and if so, the length of such term of incarceration and the length of time that the  
72 individual was incarcerated for such charge; (iv) whether the individual was placed under the  
73 supervision of the Department of Corrections; and (v) when available, whether the individual was placed  
74 under the supervision of any local community-based probation agency for such charge;

75 15. Whether the individual was represented by a public defender or court-appointed attorney on the  
76 charge at the time of the final disposition of the case; and

77 16. Any other data deemed relevant and reliable by the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.

78 C. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall submit an annual report on the statewide and  
79 locality-level data collected pursuant to this section on or before December 1 to the General Assembly,  
80 the Governor, and the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Such report  
81 may include recommendations related to the collection of data.

82 D. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall annually make the statewide and  
83 locality-level data collected pursuant to this section publicly available on a website established and  
84 maintained by the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission on or before December 1. The data shall  
85 be made available as (i) an electronic dataset, excluding any personal and case identifying information,  
86 that may be downloaded by members of the public and (ii) an electronic interactive data dashboard tool  
87 that displays aggregated data based on characteristics or indicators selected by the user. The Virginia  
88 Criminal Sentencing Commission shall not be required to provide electronic data in a format not  
89 regularly used by the agency. Data containing any personal or case identifying information shall not be  
90 subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) and shall not be made publicly  
91 available.

92 E. Nothing in this section shall require any (i) department, division, board, bureau, commission,  
93 authority, or other agency created by the Commonwealth, or to which the Commonwealth is a party, or  
94 any political subdivision thereof; (ii) criminal justice agency as defined in § 9.1-101; or (iii) clerk of  
95 circuit court to provide data to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission if the requested data is not  
96 regularly maintained by such entity or if such data is prohibited from such disclosure under any other  
97 law or under the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct.

98 *F. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission may*  
99 *contribute the statewide and locality-level data collected pursuant to this section to the Virginia*  
100 *Longitudinal Data System. This data may include personal and case identifying information that may be*  
101 *used for linking the data to other datasets for the purpose of creating de-identified datasets for*  
102 *research, but personal and case identifying information shall not be released.*