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HOUSE BILL NO. 159

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 53.1-39.3 and 66-21.1, relating to use of canines in correctional and juvenile correctional facilities; prohibited acts.

Patrons—Seibold, Webert, Bennett-Parker, Clark, Cohen, Cole, Cousins, Henson, Hope, Keys-Gamarra, Maldonado, Martinez, McClure, Rasoul, Shin and Simonds; Senators: Boysko, Favola, Pekarsky and Salim

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 53.1-39.3 and 66-21.1 as follows:

§ 53.1-39.3. Use of canines in correctional facilities; prohibited acts.

A. It is unlawful for any correctional officer, jail officer, or other employee of a state or local correctional facility to use a patrol or security canine in any state or local correctional facility.

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the training or use of detector canines or detector canine handlers.

§ 66-21.1. Use of canines in juvenile correctional facilities; prohibited acts.

A. It is unlawful for any juvenile correctional officer or other employee of a juvenile correctional facility to use a patrol or security canine in any juvenile correctional facility.

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the training or use of detector canines or detector canine handlers.

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