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HOUSE BILL NO. 1350

Offered January 25, 1994

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-19 of the Code of Virginia, relating to establishment of correctional institutions.*

Patrons—Rollison, Callahan, Hamilton, May, Morgan, Purkey and Watkins; Senators: Colgan, Marsh and Woods

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-19 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-19. Establishment of correctional institutions.

The Director, subject to the approval of the Board and the Governor, shall determine the necessity for and select the site of any new state correctional facility and any land to be taken or purchased by the Commonwealth for the purposes of any new or existing state correctional facility. *In making such a determination, the Director shall solicit proposals for and give due consideration to the operation of any state correctional facility by a private contractor pursuant to Chapter 15 of Title 53.1.* The Director shall have charge of the construction of any new building at any state correctional facility, shall determine the design thereof, and for this purpose may employ architects and other experts or hold competitions for plans and designs. The Director may, if he finds it practical and economical, use persons sentenced to the Department as laborers in the construction of such structures.

If land or property is taken or purchased by the Board, title shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth. The original names of all state correctional facilities shall be designated by the Board and approved by the Governor.

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