

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1.1 of Title 19.2 a section numbered*  
3 *19.2-11.3, relating to victim-offender reconciliation programs.*

4 [H 2005]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1.1 of Title 19.2 a section**  
8 **numbered 19.2-11.3 as follows:**9 *§ 19.2-11.3. Establishment of victim-offender reconciliation program.*10 *A. Any Crime Victim and Witness Assistance Program may establish a victim-offender reconciliation*  
11 *program to provide an opportunity after conviction for a victim, at his request and upon the subsequent*  
12 *agreement of the offender, to:*13 *1. Meet with the offender in a safe, controlled environment;*14 *2. Give to the offender, either orally or in writing, a summary of the financial, emotional, and*  
15 *physical effects of the offense on the victim or the victim's family; and*16 *3. Discuss a proposed restitution agreement which may be submitted for consideration by the*  
17 *sentencing court for damages incurred by the victim as a result of the offense.*18 *B. If the victim chooses to participate in a victim-offender reconciliation program under this section,*  
19 *the victim shall execute a waiver releasing the Crime Victim and Witness Assistance Program, attorney*  
20 *for the offender and the attorney for the Commonwealth from civil and criminal liability for actions*  
21 *taken by the victim or offender as a result of participation by the victim or the offender in a*  
22 *victim-offender reconciliation program.*23 *C. A victim shall not be required to participate in a victim-offender reconciliation program under*  
24 *this section.*25 *D. The failure of any person to participate in a reconciliation program pursuant to this section shall*  
26 *not be used directly or indirectly at sentencing.*

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