

SUBCOMMITTEE: SUBCOMMITTEE #2

HOUSE BILL NO. 1642

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Hope)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 53.1-39.1, relating to Department of Corrections; restrictive housing; data collection and reporting; report.

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 53.1-39.1 as follows:**

**§ 53.1-39.1. Restrictive housing; data collection and reporting; report.**

A. As used in this section:

"Offender" means an adult or juvenile who is confined in a state correctional facility.

"Restrictive housing" means special-purpose bed assignments operated under maximum security regulations and procedures, and utilized under proper administrative process, for the personal protection or custodial management of offenders.

"Shared Allied Management Unit" or "SAM Unit" means a general population environment used to promote safety within institutions by avoiding the use of restrictive housing to manage vulnerable populations that typically require a high level of services from security, mental health, or medical staff.

"Vulnerable population" means offenders who are at a greater risk of victimization or being bullied in the general population due to characteristics such as cognitive challenge, age (seniors and youthful), small stature, or timid personalities.

B. The Department's policies and procedures relating to the use and conditions of restrictive housing shall, at a minimum, adhere to the standards adopted by the American Correctional Association.

C. The Department shall report to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before April 1 and October 1 of each year the following information for the Department, in the aggregate and for each state correctional facility, for the previous fiscal year:

