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SENATE BILL NO. 581

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Public Safety

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

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Morrissey)

A BILL to direct the State Board of Local and Regional Jails to study fees in local correctional facilities.

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

1. § 1. The State Board of Local and Regional Jails (the Board) shall convene a work group to study implementation of the reduction or elimination of certain fees associated with inmates in local correctional facilities. Such work group shall consist of two members of the House Committee on Public Safety who are not members of the same political party and two members of the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services who are not members of the same political party. Such legislative members shall appoint as members of the work group one formerly incarcerated person, one family member of a currently incarcerated person, and at least one representative of the following organizations or companies: the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, the Virginia Association of Regional Jails, the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, Worth Rises, Social Action Linking Together, Justice Forward Virginia, the Sistas in Prison Reform, Americans for Prosperity, a vendor that provides telephone services to local correctional facilities within the Commonwealth, and a vendor that provides commissary services to local correctional facilities within the Commonwealth. The Board shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services and the House Committee on Public Safety by October 1, 2022.

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