

SENATE BILL NO. 486

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator McClellan)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-152.7:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to protective orders; petitioner to include employer; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 19.2-152.7:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-152.7:1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

"Act of violence, force, or threat" means any act involving violence, force, or threat that results in bodily injury or places one in reasonable apprehension of death, sexual assault, or bodily injury. Such act includes, but is not limited to, any forceful detention, stalking, criminal sexual assault in violation of Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, or any criminal offense that results in bodily injury or places one in reasonable apprehension of death, sexual assault, or bodily injury.

"Petitioner" includes an employer whose employee has been subjected to an act of violence, force, or threat in connection with his employment.

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is _____ for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 552 of the Acts of Assembly of 2021, Special Session I, requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is _____ for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.