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HOUSE BILL NO. 2208

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Kilgore)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 1-216.1, relating to hate crimes and discrimination; persons of the Jewish faith or ethnicity; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 1-216.1 as follows:

§ 1-216.1. Hate crimes and discrimination; persons of the Jewish faith or ethnicity.

As used in §§ 2.2-3900 and 2.2-3902, "race," "religion," or "national origin" shall include persons of the Jewish faith or ethnicity. As used in § 8.01-42.1, "racial animosity," "religious animosity," or "ethnic animosity" shall include animosity toward the Jewish faith or ethnicity. As used in §§ 8.01-49.1, 18.2-57, and 18.2-121, "race," "religious conviction," or "national origin" shall include persons of the Jewish faith or ethnicity. As used in § 52-8.5, "race," "religion," or "ethnic or national origin" shall include persons of the Jewish faith or ethnicity.

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 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2022, 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.

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