

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Corrections to convene a work group to study use of restorative*
3 *housing in correctional facilities.*

4 [S 108]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *The Department of Corrections (the Department) shall convene a work group to study the use of*
8 *restorative housing within state correctional facilities and juvenile correctional centers, including the*
9 *length of time each inmate is kept in restorative housing and the purposes for which inmates are placed*
10 *in restorative housing. As a part of such study, the Department shall facilitate confidential interviews*
11 *between work group members and at least 25 persons currently incarcerated in a state correctional*
12 *facility who are currently or who have within the past 12 months been placed in restorative housing*
13 *units or other units within the state correctional facility under conditions of isolated or restrictive*
14 *confinement and confidential interviews with existing staff and facility officials as requested by the work*
15 *group. The work group shall make recommendations of its findings, including how to safely reduce or*
16 *end the use of restorative housing that lasts longer than 14 days and criteria to be considered when a*
17 *determination is made that placement in restorative housing should last longer than 14 days. The work*
18 *group shall be composed of at least one licensed clinical psychologist, at least three formerly*
19 *incarcerated individuals, each of whom was placed in restorative housing during his term of*
20 *incarceration, and at least three representatives from each of the following agencies or groups: (i) the*
21 *Department, (ii) the Department of Juvenile Justice, and (iii) the Virginia Coalition on Solitary*
22 *Confinement. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the*
23 *House Committee on Public Safety and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by*
24 *December 1, 2022.*

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