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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1759**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-140.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Corrections; Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; post-release job search assistance services.*

Patrons—Gardner, Bennett-Parker, Clark, Convirs-Fowler, Cousins, Henson, Hope, Jones, Keys-Gamarra, LeVere Bolling, Martinez, Rasoul and Watts

Referred to Committee on General Laws

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

**1. That § 53.1-140.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 53.1-140.1. Department to provide services.**

A. The Department shall ensure that educational, vocational, counseling, substance abuse, rehabilitative, and reentry services are available at all probation and parole offices.

B. *The Department shall work with the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to provide post-release job search assistance services to assist individuals in finding employment upon release from incarceration and refer such individuals to case management services where eligible.*

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