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A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-314 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reapportionment; reallocation of populations; civil commitment facilities.

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Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 24.2-314 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 24.2-314. Population data; reallocation of certain populations.**

A. Persons incarcerated in federal correctional facilities and in state and local correctional facilities, as those terms are defined in § 53.1-1, *or persons civilly committed to a residential behavioral health facility, as that term is defined in § 37.2-100, administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services* shall be counted and reallocated for redistricting and reapportionment purposes in accordance with the provisions of this section and the following:

1. A person incarcerated in a federal, state, or local correctional facility *or a person civilly committed to a residential behavioral health facility administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services* whose address at the time of incarceration *or civil commitment* was located within the Commonwealth shall be deemed to reside at such address.

2. A person incarcerated in a federal, state, or local correctional facility *or a person civilly committed to a residential behavioral health facility administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services* whose address at the time of incarceration was located outside of the Commonwealth or whose address at the time of incarceration *or civil commitment* cannot be determined shall be deemed to reside at the location of the facility in which he is incarcerated.

B. By July 1 of any year in which the decennial census is taken, the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Local and Regional Jails shall provide to the Division of Legislative Services, in a format specified by the Division of Legislative Services, the following information for each person who was incarcerated in a state or local correctional facility on April 1 of that year:

1. A unique identifier, other than his name or offender identification number, assigned by the Department of Corrections or the State Board of Local and Regional Jails for this purpose;

2. His residential street address at the time of incarceration, or other legal residence, if known;

3. His race, his ethnicity as identified by him, and whether he is 18 years of age or older; and

4. The street address of the correctional facility in which he was incarcerated on April 1 of that year.

C. *By July 1 of any year in which the decennial census is taken, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall provide to the Division of Legislative Services, in a format specified by the Division of Legislative Services, the following information for each person who was civilly committed to a residential behavioral health facility on April 1 of that year:*

1. A unique identifier, other than his name, assigned by the Department of Corrections or the State Board of Local and Regional Jails for this purpose;

2. His residential street address at the time of commitment, or other legal residence, if known;

3. His race, his ethnicity as identified by him, and whether he is 18 years of age or older; and

4. The street address of the residential behavioral health facility in which he was incarcerated on April 1 of that year.

D. The Division of Legislative Services shall request each agency operating a federal correctional facility in the Commonwealth that incarcerates persons convicted of a criminal offense to provide to the Division of Legislative Services by July 1 of any year in which the decennial census is taken a record containing the information specified in subsection B for each person who was incarcerated in the facility on April 1 of that year. Any person incarcerated in a federal correctional facility for whom a record is not received by the Division of Legislative Services shall be deemed to have an address at the time of incarceration that cannot be determined.

~~D.~~ E. The Division of Legislative Services shall prepare adjusted population data, including race and ethnicity data, in a manner that reflects the inclusion of incarcerated *and civilly committed* persons in the population count of the locality in which he is deemed to reside pursuant to subdivision A 1 or 2.

This adjusted population data shall be used for purposes of redistricting and reapportionment and shall be the basis for congressional, state Senate, House of Delegates, and local government election districts. This adjusted population data shall not be used in the distribution of any federal or state aid.

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59 ~~E.~~ F. The Division of Legislative Services shall make the adjusted population data available no later than
60 30 days following receipt of population data from the United States Bureau of the Census pursuant to P.L.
61 94-171. In making this data available, the Division of Legislative Services shall ensure no information
62 regarding a specific incarcerated *or civilly committed* person's address at the time of incarceration *or*
63 *commitment* is made public.