

DRAFT - ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION - DRAFT
FOR THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE STUDYING
PRISONER REENTRY

Recommendations - Legislation		
Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse		
Require and enforce standardized screening and treatment protocol for HIV and other infectious diseases in all state correctional institutions	Legislation Budget Amend.	
Require the Department of Corrections to work with the Social Security Administration and Veterans Administration to secure all medical and psychiatric benefits a prisoner may require and may be entitled to upon release prior to release of the inmate.	Legislation	
Require that every inmate being release have updated physical and mental health evaluation	Legislation	
Education (Including Special Education and Technical Education)		
Require that the Department of Correctional Education screen all offenders for learning disabilities and other special education needs upon admission into state or local correctional systems; provide funding including funding for educational psychologists to conduct screenings to identify adult inmates with special education needs.	Legislation	
Encourage DCE to locate alternative source of funding to support ESOL program	Legislation (Resolution)	

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Housing		
Direct Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with VHDA, to develop a strategy for the development and implementation of housing programs and community development in the Commonwealth for the purpose of meeting housing needs of ex-offenders. Consider programs to develop and ensure housing for ex-offenders	Legislation	
Debt Load and Child Support Arrearages		
Require the Department of Child Support Enforcement and Department of Corrections to provide the total of any amounts owed by a prisoner be provided to prisoners upon incarceration and annually thereafter.	Legislation	
Amend the <i>Code</i> to require reduction of child support payments upon intake	Legislation	
Amend § 19.2-353.5 to suspend accrual of interest all fines and costs while an offender is incarcerated (consider exempting restitution)	Legislation	
Amend the <i>Code</i> to allow reductions in child support payments for all individuals whose annual income is less than 150% of the federal poverty level	Legislation	
Amend the <i>Code</i> to provide that incarceration <i>is not</i> voluntary unemployment for child support purposes	Legislation	
Authorize installment payment plans for civil remedial fees	Legislation	

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Authorize abatement of interest during incarceration and waiver of accrued interest during prior periods of incarceration	Legislation	
Issue a joint resolution with advisory language outlining that in support of the well-being of children and families, it is the sense of the legislature that the collection of child support payments takes priority over the collection of other debts.	Legislation (resolution)	
Centralize restitution collection process - identify single collection entity; require centralized tracking of restitution payments	Legislation	
Driver's Licenses, Identification Cards and other Documentation		
Require the Department of Motor Vehicles, working together with the Department of Corrections, to issue standardized identification cards to prisoner returning to the community	Legislation	
Amend the <i>Code</i> to allow mandatory 6 month suspension of drivers' license to run concurrently with other suspensions	Legislation	
Amend the <i>Code</i> to allow restricted licenses for suspensions based on unpaid fines and costs	Legislation	
Amend the <i>Code</i> to allow restricted license for suspensions based on driving on suspended license	Legislation	
Amend the <i>Code</i> to allow license suspensions for drug convictions run concurrently, not consecutively	Legislation	
Amend the <i>Code</i> to allow a holder of a restricted license to hold a CDL restricted license	Legislation	

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Other Reentry Programs		
Amend zoning regulations to allow further development of single-room occupancy, group homes	Legislation	
Require each warden to establish and implement a comprehensive reentry program for each inmate, to begin on the first day of incarceration.	Legislation	
Develop program to provide government benefits application completion assistance to disabled prisoners	Legislation	
Probation and Parole		
amend § 53.1-154 to allow parole interviews to be in person or by videoconferencing	Legislation	
Amend §53.1-136 to require the Parole Board to include an analysis of risk in all parole determinations	Legislation	