

RESOLUTION URGING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUIRE AND FUND TIMELY TRANSFERS  
OF INMATES AND FULLY REIMBURSE LOCAL HOUSING COSTS

WHEREAS, Section 53.1-20 of the Code of Virginia requires the Director of the Virginia Department of Corrections to receive eligible State-responsible inmates<sup>1</sup> within sixty days of the date on which the inmate's final sentencing order is transmitted to the Director; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of State-responsible inmates remain in local and regional jails well after this sixty-day period; and

WHEREAS, the funding provided by the State to house state-responsible inmates is routinely less than twenty-five percent of the actual cost for the localities to house such inmates; and

WHEREAS, localities are subsequently and unduly burdened by costs to house State-responsible inmates, resulting in the redirecting of local funding critical to such core services as education, other public safety activities, public works, human services and economic development to absorb unfunded State corrections costs; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has by law directed the Virginia Department of Corrections to house state responsible inmates and is responsible for funding such costs.

WHEREAS, though the Virginia Department of Corrections has made and continues to make efforts to accept state-responsible inmates into state operated facilities, local and regional jails remain overcrowded; and,

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<sup>1</sup> Defined in § 53.1-20 as any inmate convicted of a felony before January 1, 1995 having a sentence of more than two years or any inmate convicted of a felony on or after January 1, 1995 having a sentence of more than one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned request that the Virginia General Assembly fund the actual cost of housing state-responsible inmates as described in the Virginia Compensation Board report to the General Assembly entitled Annual Jail Revenues and Expenditures Report, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly develop additional inmate capacity in the State-supported penal system in order to reduce the strain on local and regional jails.

Adopted December 13, 2021.

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Mayor, City of Covington

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