

Virginia State Crime Commission

2009 Studies &
Meeting Schedule

May 11, 2009

Overview



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Study Mandates



- **SJ 358: Hospital Violence**
 - Review public safety issues in hospital emergency rooms.
- **SJ 362: Restorative Justice**
 - Review types of programs and the legal and practical issues regarding victim-offender reconciliation programs.
- **SJ 363: False Identification**
 - Review prevalence, apprehension, manufacture and use of, and prosecution related to, false IDs.

Bill Referrals



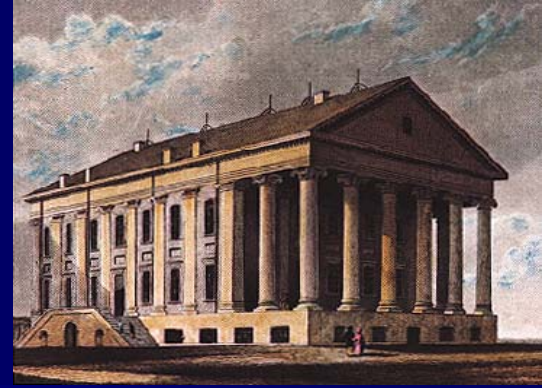
- SB 847: Emergency vehicles proceeding past red lights.
- SB 1289: Expungement of criminal conviction records.
- HB 1843: Civil commitment of sexually violent predators.
- HB 2436: Assault and battery of emergency room personnel; penalty.

Bill Referrals



- Five bills related to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act were also referred:
 - HB 1898, HB 1928, HB 1962, HB 1963, HB 2274.
- In-depth review of Sex Offender Registry requirements.

Study Proposals



- **Juvenile Transfer and Certification**
 - Request by the Crime Commission to continue study of the juvenile justice system.
 - Review of other states' laws, transfer data, and recent research related to adolescent brain development.

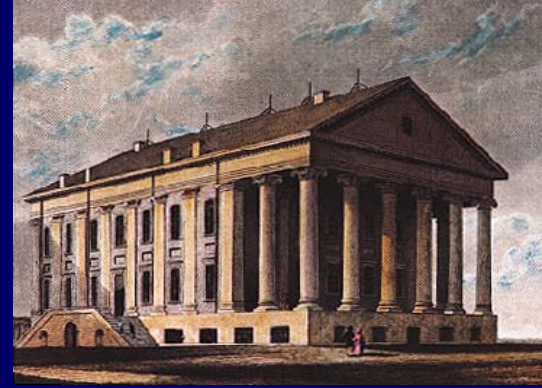
Study Proposals



■ “Sexting”

- Young teenagers take sexually explicit pictures of themselves on their cell phones and send them to others.
- Proposal from Joint Commission on Technology & Science to assist in review of how current law applies, how it is being prosecuted, etc.

Study Proposals



■ Underage Drinking

- Proposal from Joint Commission on Health Care to review establishing a specific crime for hosting a party in which underage drinking is permitted.
- Currently, this is prosecuted as contributing to the delinquency of a minor. There were concerns regarding whether this is the most ideal statute to use.

Other Activities



- **Notification to certain individuals of the availability of physical evidence suitable for DNA testing (SB 1391)**
 - Passed and signed by the Governor on March 23, 2009 with an emergency clause.
 - Staff is assisting with the implementation of this bill.
- **Correctional Issues**
 - Attend meetings and monitor issues regarding correctional issues being studied by Senate Finance and House Appropriations.

2009 Meeting Schedule



- Virginia State Crime Commission Meetings:
 - June 25th
 - September 16th
 - December 15th

*All meetings will be held in Senate Room A
at 10:00 a.m.*