

# Virginia CURE Legislative Priorities 2018

Virginia CURE supports legislation that advocates for:

## **Parole:**

- a Parole Board committed to exploring the facts in each case.
- a determination whether to grant discretionary parole not being based on Board presumptions about the length of time appropriate for any offense.
- a Board that specifies individualized reasons for denying parole, accompanied by specific recommendations for corrective action prisoners may take to facilitate release, as required in other states.

## **Reentry**

- elimination of the prohibition against drug offenders receiving TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families)
- any bill that promotes expungement of criminal records over a specified period of time.

## **Sentencing**

- a second look at very long sentences and victims of three strikes law
- raises the grand larceny threshold from \$200 to \$500

## **Other**

- a requirement that contact visitation cannot be denied because video visitation is available.
- solitary confinement be abolished