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Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

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| Administrative and Support Services (79900) | \$588,839 | \$590,050 |
| General Management and Direction (79901) | \$588,839 | \$590,050 |
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| General | \$588,839 | \$590,050 |

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 2, Article 8, and § [2.2-201](#), Code of Virginia.

A. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security shall present revised state and local juvenile and state and local responsibility adult offender population forecasts to the Governor, the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, and the Chairmen of the House and Senate Courts of Justice Committees by October 15, 2014, for each fiscal year through FY 2020 and by October 15, 2015, for each fiscal year through FY 2021. The secretary shall ensure that the revised forecast for state-responsible adult offenders shall include an estimate of the number of probation violators included each year within the overall population forecast who may be appropriate for alternative sanctions.

B. The secretary shall continue to work with other secretaries to (i) develop services intended to improve the re-entry of offenders from prisons and jails to general society and (ii) enhance the coordination of service delivery to those offenders by all state agencies. The secretary shall provide a status report on actions taken to improve offender transitional and reentry services, as provided in § [2.2-221.1](#), Code of Virginia, including improvements to the preparation and provision for employment, treatment, and housing opportunities for those being released from incarceration. The report shall be provided to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than November 15 of each year.

C. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretaries of Administration and Technology, shall review the feasibility of implementing an integrated criminal justice system web portal for the purpose of securely disseminating information to federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies. Such a web portal would be intended to provide real-time access to information residing in the data systems of the respective agencies participating in the web portal, through a single secure point of entry. Consideration shall be given to the experience of other states in implementing web portals for similar purposes; the potential value to be gained from sharing information in Virginia's criminal justice system; the potential for supporting the costs for such a web portal through agency fees; and the costs, benefits, potential revenues, and time frames for implementing such a system. A preliminary report, including initial findings and recommendations, shall be presented to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by December 1, 2015.