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HOUSE BILL NO. 540

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Joint Conference Committee
on March 8, 2002)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Landes)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-120 of the Code of Virginia, relating to courthouse and courtroom security.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-120 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-120. Sheriff to provide for courthouse and courtroom security; designation of deputies for such purpose; assessment.

A. Each sheriff shall ~~designate deputies who shall~~ ensure that the courthouses and courtrooms within his jurisdiction are secure from violence and disruption *and shall designate deputies for this purpose*. A list of such designations shall be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

B. The chief circuit court judge, the chief general district court judge and the chief juvenile and domestic relations district court judge shall be responsible by agreement with the sheriff of the jurisdiction for the designation of courtroom security deputies for their respective courts. If the respective chief judges and sheriff are unable to agree on the number, type and working schedules of courtroom security deputies for the court, the matter shall be referred to the Compensation Board for resolution in accordance with existing budgeted funds and personnel.

C. The sheriff shall have the sole responsibility for the identity of the deputies designated for courtroom security.

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