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SENATE BILL NO. 404

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 17.1-282, relating to assessment for courthouse security.

Patrons—Rerras and Stolle

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 17.1-282 as follows:

§ 17.1-282. Assessment for courthouse security.

Any county or city, through its governing body, may assess a sum not in excess of ten dollars as part of the costs in (i) each civil action filed in the district or circuit courts located within its boundaries and (ii) each criminal or traffic case in its district or circuit court in which the defendant is charged with a violation of any statute or ordinance. If a town provides court facilities for a county, the governing body of the county shall return to the town a portion of the assessments collected based on the number of civil, criminal and traffic cases originating and heard in the town.

The imposition of such assessment shall be by ordinance of the governing body that may provide for different sums in the circuit courts and district courts. The assessment shall be collected by the clerk of the court in which the action is filed, remitted to the treasurer of the appropriate county or city and held by such treasurer subject to disbursements by the governing body for the funding of courthouse security.

The assessment provided for herein shall be in addition to any other fees prescribed by law. The assessment shall be required in each felony case regardless of the existence of a local ordinance requiring its payment.

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