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SENATE BILL NO. 24

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.1-67.5:01, relating to interpreters in mental commitment proceedings.

Patron—Marsh

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 37.1-67.5:01 as follows:

§ 37.1-67.5:01. Interpreters for non-English-speaking persons in commitment or certification proceedings.

In any proceeding pursuant to § 37.1-65.1 or §§ 37.1-67.1 through 37.1-67.4 in which a non-English-speaking person is alleged to be mentally retarded or mentally ill or a witness to such proceeding, an interpreter for such person shall be appointed by the judge before whom such proceeding is pending. The compensation for such interpreter shall be fixed by the court in accordance with the guidelines set by the Judicial Council of Virginia and shall be paid out of the state treasury from the appropriation for criminal charges.

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