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SENATE BILL NO. 1130

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-106 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of Criminal Justice Services; Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund; local fees.

Patrons—Petersen, Lucas and Puller

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9.1-106 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 9.1-106. Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund; local fee.

There is created a special nonreverting fund to be administered by the Department, known as the Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund. This Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller and any funds remaining in such Fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the general fund, but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on the Fund shall be credited to the Fund. The Fund shall consist of moneys forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Fund as provided in §§ 16.1-69.48:1, 17.1-275.1, 17.1-275.2, 17.1-275.3, 17.1-275.4, 17.1-275.7, 17.1-275.8, and 17.1-275.9, which sums shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the Fund. Money in the Fund shall be used to provide financial support for regional criminal justice training academies, and shall be distributed as directed by the Department.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this section shall prohibit a locality from charging a similar fee not greater than \$3 per violation if the locality does not participate in a regional criminal justice training academy and if the locality was operating a certified independent criminal justice academy as of January 1, 2003. Any and all funds from such local fee shall support the local academy.

Existing funds for the regional criminal justice training academies shall not be reduced by either state or local entities as a result of the enactment of Chapter 215 of the Acts of Assembly of 1997.

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