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SENATE BILL NO. 1227

Senate Amendments in [] — February 1, 2011

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 53.1 a section numbered 53.1-127.2, relating to electronic visitation and messaging with prisoners; fees.*

Patrons Prior to Engrossment—Senator Howell; Delegate: Albo

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 53.1 a section numbered 53.1-127.2 as follows:

§ 53.1-127.2. Fees for electronic visitation and messaging with prisoners in local correctional facilities.

Each sheriff [or jail superintendent] who operates a correctional facility that utilizes an electronic visitation system or electronic messaging system for communication between prisoners and third parties is authorized to provide for the establishment and collection of a fee for the system utilized. The fee shall not exceed the actual costs of establishing and operating such a system and the proceeds may not be used for any purpose other than to offset the costs of establishing and operating a system.

This section does not apply to telephonic communication systems or to electronic video and audio communication systems used in judicial proceedings.

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