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SENATE BILL NO. 581

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 42.1-60 and 42.1-64 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the State Law Library; access; database.

Patron—Marsden

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 42.1-60 and 42.1-64 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 42.1-60. State Law Library managed by Supreme Court; Law Library database.

A. There shall be a State Law Library at Richmond, with a branch thereof at Staunton, maintained as at present, which shall be managed by the Supreme Court. The Court shall appoint the librarian and other employees to hold office during the pleasure of the Court; provided, however, that the clerk at Staunton shall act as law librarian there without additional compensation therefor.

B. The Supreme Court shall require and oversee the State Law Library's creation of the Commonwealth Law Library Database (the database). The database shall include a list of resources contained in the law libraries located at the George Mason University School of Law, the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary, and the University of Virginia School of Law, and all other public law libraries located in the Commonwealth.

C. The database shall be maintained on the website of the Supreme Court and be accessible to the public. The librarian of the State Law Library or his designee shall be the administrator of the database and shall update the database quarterly with the lists provided in accordance with subsection A.

§ 42.1-64. Who may use Library.

The Governor and other state officers at the seat of government, the Reporter of the Supreme Court, members of the General Assembly *and their staff* and an individual designated by a member of the General Assembly to perform legal research, judges of courts, and practicing attorneys in good standing, and such other persons as the Supreme Court shall designate, shall have the use of the State Law Library, under such rules and regulations as the Court shall make.