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HOUSE BILL NO. 1096

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-278.19 of the Code of Virginia, relating to attorney fees; juvenile and domestic relations district court.

Patron—Herring

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 16.1-278.19 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-278.19. Attorney fees.

In any matter properly before the court, the court may award ~~attorneys'~~ *reasonable attorney* fees and costs on behalf of any party as the court deems appropriate based on the relative financial ability of the parties. *An award of attorney fees and costs pursuant to this section may be made as part of a pendente lite or final order or at any other time the matter is pending before the court.*

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