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HOUSE BILL NO. 1911

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A *BILL to request Judicial Council to report on law clerks.*

Patron—Surovell

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Judicial Council of Virginia shall report to the General Assembly on the use of law clerks in the courts of record of the Commonwealth. Such report shall detail the number of law clerks authorized or funded by the state or local government and the number of positions actually filled; to which court or judge each law clerk is assigned and whether they are assigned per judge or used in a pool; the types of tasks law clerks are assigned (e.g., preapproval of divorce decrees, support orders, name changes, concealed weapons permits, legal research, opinion writing, in-court duties, etc.); salary and benefits of law clerks; whether law clerk positions are funded by the state or by localities; length of contract of a typical law clerk; workload of law clerks in general and of the law clerks assigned to the general legal research section of the Supreme Court or Executive Secretary's office specifically; and an estimate of the number of hours each judge in each circuit is available to hear cases but for the assistance of law clerks. This report shall be received by the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2013.*

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