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**SENATE BILL NO. 456**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-106 of the Code of Virginia, relating to regional criminal justice training academies; fees.*

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Patron—Carrico (By Request)

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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~~ *The 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 to the localities that participate in a regional criminal justice training academy in proportion to the moneys deposited in the Fund that were collected from the locality. The locality may use such money only to provide financial support for the regional criminal justice training academy where the locality is a member.*

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this section shall prohibit a locality from charging a similar fee 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 July 1, 2012.

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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