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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1844****AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice  
on January 20, 2017)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Ransone)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-315 of the Code of Virginia, relating to duties of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court; case information system.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 17.1-315 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 17.1-315. Duties of Executive Secretary.**

The Executive Secretary to the Supreme Court shall have the following duties:

1. He shall be the Secretary of the Judicial Council;

2. He shall be the Secretary of the Judicial Conference;

3. He shall assist the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court in the administration of the judicial branch of the government to the end that litigation may be expedited and the administration of justice improved in the courts of the Commonwealth; and

4. He shall maintain an online case information system of nonconfidential case information entered in a case management system hosted by the Office of the Executive Secretary, subject to record retention periods provided by law, of all criminal cases in the participating circuit courts and general district courts and all adult criminal cases in the participating juvenile and domestic relations district courts of the Commonwealth. The information available on such system for cases in the participating juvenile and domestic relations district courts shall not contain the name of the complainant. Such system shall be searchable by defendant name across all participating localities and across all participating courts and shall be available to the public free of charge; and

5. He shall have such other duties as may be required of him by the Chief Justice or by the Supreme Court in the performance of the administrative functions of that Court.

**2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2018.**