

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

CHAPTER 415

An Act to amend and reenact § 19.2-163.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public defenders; court appointed counsel.

[H 192]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 19.2-163.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-163.4. Inapplicability of §§ 14.1-183 and 19.2-163 where public defender offices established; exception.

In counties and cities in which public defenders are appointed, the provisions of §§ 14.1-183 and 19.2-163 applicable to the compensation of attorneys shall not apply where defense offices are established pursuant to § 19.2-163.2, defense services for indigents charged withailable offenses shall be provided by the public defenders unless (i) the public defender is unable to represent the defendant or petitioner by reason of conflict of interest or otherwise, in which case the provisions of §§ 14.1-183 and 19.2-163 shall be in full force and effect or (ii) the court finds that appointment of other counsel is necessary to attain the ends of justice. Except for the provisions of § 19.2-163 relating to reasonable expenses, §§ 14.1-183 and 19.2-163 shall not apply when defense services are provided by the public defenders.