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SENATE BILL NO. 738

Offered January 13, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 14.1-118.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to remote access to certain records; fee.

Patrons—Barry, Calhoun, Gartlan, Howell, Saslaw and Woods

Referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 14.1-118.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 14.1-118.1. Same; for providing remote access to certain records.

Any clerk who provides remote access to nonconfidential court records or other records pursuant to §§ 17-59.2 and 17-59.3 shall charge each remote access user a pro rata portion of the cost of their leased line, if any. In addition, a fee for each inquiry made shall be established by the county agency local government agency providing computer support in order to cover the operational expenses of such computer support, including, but not limited to, maintenance, enhancements, upgrades and future replacement. Such fee may be assessed for each inquiry or upon actual connect time. Such fee shall be charged each user and paid to the clerk's office. Furthermore, the clerk may charge a clerk's fee which shall be based upon the cost of providing such service. However, such charges shall not to exceed a user fee of seventy-five dollars per month or five cents per inquiry, whichever is greater.