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SENATE BILL NO. 820

Offered January 18, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-387 of the Code of Virginia, relating to fees for criminal records dissemination.

Patrons—Cross; Delegates: Almand, Ball, Copeland, Cunningham, Guest and Woodrum

Referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 19.2-387 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-387. Exchange to operate as a division of Department of State Police; authority of Superintendent of State Police.

A. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall operate as a separate division within the Department of State Police and shall be the sole criminal record-keeping agency of the Commonwealth, except for (i) the Department of Corrections pursuant to Chapter 10 (§ 16.1-222 et seq.) of Title 16.1, (ii) the Department of Motor Vehicles, (iii) for purposes of the DNA data bank, the Bureau of Forensic Science and (iv) for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 5 of § 53.1-136, the Virginia Parole Board.

B. The Superintendent of State Police is hereby authorized to employ such personnel, establish such offices, and acquire such equipment as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and is also authorized to enter into agreements with other state agencies for services to be performed for it by employees of such other agencies.

C. The Department of State Police may establish a fee schedule for the dissemination of information from the Central Criminal Records Exchange in accordance with Chapter 21 (§ 2.1-342 et seq.) of Title 2.1. The Department is authorized to keep twenty-five percent of the fees collected to be deposited into a special account to assist in the payment of costs for use of the Exchange for noncriminal justice purposes. The remaining fees collected shall be transferred to the general fund.