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SENATE BILL NO. 920

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 16.1-266.2, relating to appointment of pro bono counsel in certain cases.

Patrons—Holland, C.A. and Stolle; Delegates: Croshaw, McDonnell, Purkey, Tata, Wagner and Wardrup

Referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 16.1-266.2 as follows:

§ 16.1-266.2. Appointment of pro bono counsel by judges of the Second Judicial District in certain cases.

The judges of the juvenile and domestic relations district court of the Second Judicial District are authorized to appoint pro bono counsel for (i) petitioners in family abuse and family assault and battery cases in which the court is authorized to issue a preliminary protective order under § 16.1-253.1, or an emergency protective order under § 16.1-253.4, or (ii) any family or household member who is the alleged victim of assault and battery under § 18.2-57.2.

Any attorney appointed under the provisions of this section shall serve without compensation and shall be subject to any rules adopted by the court providing for the establishment and conduct of a project providing pro bono services to victims of family abuse.

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