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SENATE BILL NO. 920

Senate Amendments in [] — February 7, 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 [First or of the] Second Judicial District are authorized to appoint pro bono counsel for (i) [~~petitioners~~ alleged victims] 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 [be a volunteer and] serve without compensation and shall be subject to any rules adopted by the court [and approved by the Virginia Supreme Court] providing for the establishment and conduct of a project providing pro bono services to victims of family abuse.

[2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 1997.]

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