

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the development of a weighted caseload system by the Supreme Court of Virginia and*
3 *report findings to the General Assembly.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1.** *§ 1. The Supreme Court shall develop and implement a weighted caseload system to precisely*
8 *measure and compare judicial caseloads throughout the Commonwealth on the circuit court, general*
9 *district court, and juvenile and domestic relations district court levels. The system shall include the*
10 *development of a comprehensive workload model, an objective means of determining the need for*
11 *judicial positions, an assessment of the optimum distribution of judicial positions throughout the*
12 *Commonwealth, and a recommended plan for the realignment of the circuit and district boundaries.*

13 *§ 2. The Supreme Court shall report to the General Assembly by November 15, 2013, on the*
14 *weighted caseload in each court in each county and city, and in each circuit and district based on the*
15 *current circuit and district boundaries. The report shall include the current number of judges assigned*
16 *to each court in each county and city. The Court shall also recommend a plan for the realignment of*
17 *the circuit and district boundaries and the number of judges the Court recommends for assignment to*
18 *each court in each county and city within the new circuits and districts.*

19 **2.** **That no funds shall be expended for the development and implementation of a weighted**
20 **caseload system, as provided in this act, unless appropriated directly to the National Center for**
21 **State Courts to provide for the development and implementation of the system pursuant to a**
22 **contract with the Supreme Court of Virginia.**

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