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**SENATE BILL NO. 941**

Offered January 14, 2015

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 9.1 of Title 19.2 a section numbered 19.2-152.12, relating to protective orders; compensation for required representation of respondents.*

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Patron—Stuart

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 9.1 of Title 19.2 a section numbered 19.2-152.12 as follows:**

***§ 19.2-152.12. Compensation for required representation of respondents.***

*Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when representation of a respondent by counsel or a guardian ad litem in a proceeding pursuant to this chapter is required by law and there is no other provision for the compensation of counsel or a guardian ad litem, the court may order such counsel or guardian ad litem to be compensated for services pursuant to § 19.2-163.*

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