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SENATE BILL NO. 965

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-69.35:2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to recording of proceedings in district courts.*

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 16.1-69.35:2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-69.35:2. Recording of proceedings in district courts.

A. An audio recording of proceedings in a ~~general~~ district court may be made by a party or his counsel. *However, the judge of a juvenile and domestic relations district court may impose any restriction as necessary to comply with the confidentiality requirements applicable to such district court.*

B. *No judge of a district court shall (i) order or require a party or his counsel to submit a copy of an audio recording made pursuant to this section to the clerk of a district court to be maintained in such party's individual case file or (ii) prohibit a party or his counsel from providing such copy to the opposing party or his counsel.*

C. *A party or his counsel may, in his discretion, provide a copy of an audio recording made pursuant to this section to the opposing party or his counsel.*

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