1   HOUSE BILL NO. 1303

2   AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

3   (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules

4   on March 1, 2024)

5   (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Herring)

6   A BILL to amend and reenact § 30-19.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to legislative assistants for

7   members of the General Assembly.

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

9   **1. That § 30-19.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

10   **§ 30-19.4. Legislative assistants for officers and members of General Assembly; staff**

11   **personnel for standing committees.**

12   A. The General Assembly shall provide for the employment of ~~secretaries and administrative~~

13   legislative assistants for the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the President pro tempore of the Senate,

14   the Majority and Minority Floor Leaders of the House of Delegates and Senate and members of the

15   General Assembly to aid in the performance of duties incidental to the legislative process.

16   B. Allowances for such ~~secretaries and~~ legislative assistants shall be provided as set forth in the

17   general appropriations act. Such allowances shall not be utilized for political purposes and shall be further

18   conditioned upon such limitations and restrictions as shall be set forth in the general appropriations act.

19   The session day per diem for each ~~administrative~~ legislative assistant shall equal the amount authorized

20   for members of the General Assembly as set forth in the general appropriations act.

21   C. The General Assembly shall provide for the employment of such clerks, counsel and other staff

22   personnel for each of the standing committees as are approved by the Rules Committee of the appropriate

23   house.

24   D. No member of the immediate family of a member of the General Assembly shall be eligible to

25   receive any sum authorized under the provisions of this section. For the purpose of this section the spouse,

26   parent, child, brother or sister of the member shall be considered a member of the immediate family.

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