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S 530. ROCKINGHAM BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. Filed 3/11/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17A BUREAU OF FORENSIC SERVICES.*

As the title indicates. Requires that, on July 1, 2009, the District Attorney (DA) for prosecutorial district 17A name and appoint an identification expert, two identification assistants, one administrative assistant, and such additional personnel as recommended, who will be supervised by the DA and will have their salaries fixed by the Judicial District 17A Bureau of Forensic Services (Bureau) board of directors. Sets forth the duties of the identification experts and assistants. Provides that the board of directors consists of (1) chiefs of police from Eden, Madison, Mayodan, Reidsville, and Stoneville; (2) one elected official from Rockingham County appointed by the DA; and (3) the DA, who will serve as the president and will oversee and supervise day-to-day operations. Requires that the board of directors procure funds for operation, equipment, and expenses for the proper performance of the Bureau. Provides that the Administrative Office of the Courts is not responsible for raising revenue for the Bureau but will be a conduit or pass-through for grants, transfers, or other revenues otherwise generated, solicited, or raised by or on behalf of the Bureau. Requires the board of directors to set policy and criteria for investigations undertaken by the Bureau. Allows a superior or district court judge to assess a maximum \$150 fine for any defendant convicted of a crime investigated by the Bureau to help defray operating expenses. Repeals all laws and clauses of laws which conflict with this act, to the extent of such conflict, as they relate to the prosecutorial district 17A.

Intro. by Berger of Rockingham.

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