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HOUSE BILL NO. 54

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A BILL to amend and reenact the first and third enactments of Chapter 704 of the 1999 Acts of Assembly, relating to the Freedom of Information Act; electronic communication meetings.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the first enactment of Chapter 704 of the 1999 Acts of Assembly is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 1. That, ~~in addition to~~ *in lieu of* the provisions of § 2.1-343.1, (i) any public body, as defined in § 2.1-341, (a) in the legislative branch of state government or (b) responsible to or under the supervision, direction, or control of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade pursuant to § 2.1-51.40 or the Secretary of Technology pursuant to Executive Order Nine (1998), as amended by Executive Order Thirty-Three (1998), or (ii) the State Board for Community Colleges established in § 23-215, shall be authorized to hold meetings via electronic communication means pursuant to this act.

§ 13. By ~~October 15, 2000~~ *April 15, 2002*, public bodies in the legislative branch of state government which conduct electronic communication meetings pursuant to this act shall file with the Joint Rules Committee, as defined in § 51.1-124.3, a report on the total number of electronic communication meetings held; the dates and purposes of the meetings; the types of electronic communication means by which the meetings were held; the number of participants, including the members of the public, at the meetings; and a summary of any public comment received about the electronic communication meetings.

§ 14. By ~~October 15, 2000~~ *April 15, 2002*, public bodies responsible to or under the supervision, direction, or control of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade pursuant to § 2.1-51.40 or the Secretary of Technology pursuant to Executive Order Nine (1998), as amended by Executive Order Thirty-Three (1998), which conduct electronic communication meetings pursuant to this act shall file with the Secretary of Commerce and Trade or the Secretary of Technology, respectively, a report on the total number of electronic communication meetings held; the dates and purposes of the meetings; the types of electronic communication means by which the meetings were held; the number of participants, including the members of the public, at the meetings; and a summary of any public comment received about the electronic communication meetings.

§ 15. By ~~October 15, 2000~~ *April 15, 2002*, the State Board for Community Colleges established in § 23-215 shall file with the Secretary of Education a report on the total number of electronic communication meetings held; the dates and purposes of the meetings; the types of electronic communication means by which the meetings were held; the number of participants, including the members of the public, at the meetings; and a summary of any public comment received about the electronic communication meetings.

2. That the third enactment of Chapter 704 of the 1999 Acts of the Assembly is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, ~~2000~~ *2002*.

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