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HOUSE BILL NO. 1605

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 52-8.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to powers and duties of a drug law enforcement and investigation division.

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Referred to Committee on Militia and Police

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 52-8.1:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 52-8.1:1. Powers and duties of a drug law enforcement and investigation division.

A. In addition to any other powers and duties which may be provided by statute or otherwise, it shall be the duty of a division for drug law enforcement and investigation to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth and conduct investigations related to violations of Articles 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) and 1.1 (§ 18.2-265.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 ~~or~~ when requested pursuant to the provisions of § 52-8.1.

B. The Superintendent may request and receive, from any federal, state or local agency, cooperation and assistance to aid such division in the performance of its duties, including temporary assignment of personnel which may be necessary to carry out the performance of its functions; provided that the agency consents to the assignment. Consent may not be unreasonably withheld. Any assistance or appropriation given to such division shall be used for the primary purpose of enforcing laws and conducting investigations related to violations of Articles 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) and 1.1 (§ 18.2-265.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2. Such division shall be a party to any anti-crime partnership agreement established pursuant to § 2.1-51.6:3 and may assist any locality declared an Intensified Drug Enforcement Jurisdiction pursuant to § 15.2-1715.

C. Such division may enter into agreements with other states pertaining to the enforcement of Articles 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) and 1.1 (§ 18.2-265.1 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 across state boundaries. Such division may share information with law-enforcement agencies in other states as is necessary to carry out its work.

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