

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-226.1, and to repeal Article 4*  
3 *(§§ 2.2-136 to 2.2-138) of Chapter 1 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the security of*  
4 *government databases.*

5 [H 823]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-226.1 as follows:**9 *§ 2.2-226.1. Security of government databases.*

10 *A. To ensure the security of state government databases and data communications from unauthorized*  
11 *uses, intrusions or other security threats, the Secretary of Technology shall direct the development of*  
12 *policies, procedures and standards for assessing security risks, determining the appropriate security*  
13 *measures and performing security audits of government databases and data communications. At a*  
14 *minimum, these policies, procedures and standards shall address the scope of security audits and which*  
15 *public bodies are authorized to conduct security audits. In developing and updating such policies,*  
16 *procedures and standards, the Secretary shall consider, at a minimum, the advice and recommendations*  
17 *of the Council on Technology Services created pursuant to § 2.2-2651.*

18 *B. The Secretary shall designate a government entity to oversee, plan and coordinate the conduct of*  
19 *periodic security audits of all executive branch agencies and institutions of higher education regarding*  
20 *the protection of government databases and data communications.*

21 *1. Security audits may include, but are not limited to, on-site audits as well as reviews of all written*  
22 *security procedures.*

23 *2. The designated entity may contract with a private firm or firms that specialize in conducting such*  
24 *audits subject to approval of the Secretary.*

25 *C. All public bodies subject to such audits as required by this section shall fully cooperate with the*  
26 *entity designated to perform such audits.*

27 *D. The provisions of this section shall not infringe upon responsibilities assigned to the Comptroller,*  
28 *the Auditor of Public Accounts, or the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission by other*  
29 *provisions of the Code of Virginia.*

30 **2. That Article 4 (§§ 2.2-136 to 2.2-138) of Chapter 1 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia is**  
31 **repealed.**

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