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HOUSE BILL NO. 973

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 30-19.14 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the office allowance of members of the House of Delegates and the application of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Patrons—Pollard, Baskerville and Keister

Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 30-19.14 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 30-19.14. Office expenses; taxes and withholding.

A. Each member of the General Assembly shall receive as an allowance for office expenses and supplies such sums as shall be set forth in the general appropriation act.

B. Notwithstanding any *other* provision of law, all payments to members of the General Assembly made in accordance with subsection A shall be subject to such taxes and tax withholding as applicable to other nonvouchered allowances, except for any member of the General Assembly who has established an individual "accountable plan" as defined in § 1.62.2 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code Tax Regulations.

C. *Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any record that accounts for the use of funds from the office allowance provided to members of the House of Delegates shall be considered a public record under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) and shall be open to public inspection and copying pursuant to § 2.2-3704.*

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