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HOUSE BILL NO. 1357

House Amendments in [] - February 6, 2004

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-3703 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Freedom of Information Act; exclusions.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Griffith

Referred to Committee on General Laws**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 2.2-3703 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.2-3703. Public bodies and records to which chapter inapplicable; voter registration and election records.

A. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

1. The Virginia Parole Board, except that (i) information from the Virginia Parole Board providing the number of inmates considered by such Board for discretionary parole, the number of inmates granted or denied parole, and the number of parolees returned to the custody of the Department of Corrections solely as a result of a determination by such Board of a violation of parole shall be open to inspection and available for release, on a monthly basis, as provided by § 2.2-3704 and (ii) all records concerning the finances of the Virginia Parole Board shall be public records and subject to the provisions of this chapter. The information required by clause (i) shall be furnished by offense, sex, race, age of the inmate, and the locality in which the conviction was obtained, upon the request of the party seeking the information;

2. Petit juries and grand juries;

3. Family assessment and planning teams established pursuant to § 2.2-5207;

4. The Virginia State Crime Commission; and

5. The Commitment Review Committee and any documents, evaluations, assessments and proceedings involving the commitment of sexually violent predators under Article 1.1 (§ 37.1-70.1 et seq.) of Chapter 2 of Title 37.1.

B. Public access to voter registration and election records shall be governed by the provisions of Title 24.2 and this chapter. The provisions of Title 24.2 shall be controlling in the event of any conflict.

C. *Public access to any meeting of the General Assembly or a portion thereof shall be governed by rules established by the Joint Rules Committee. [At least 60 days before the adoption of such rules, the Joint Rules Committee shall hold at least four regional public hearings on its proposed rules governing public access to meetings of the General Assembly.]*

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