

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1727 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reciprocal agreements.*

3 [H 1392]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 15.2-1727 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 15.2-1727. Reciprocal agreements with localities outside the Commonwealth.

8 A locality or a state-supported *or private* institution of higher learning may, in its discretion, enter  
9 into reciprocal agreements for such periods as it deems advisable with any locality outside the  
10 Commonwealth, including the District of Columbia, in order to establish and carry into effect a plan to  
11 provide mutual aid through the furnishing of its police and other employees and agents, together with all  
12 necessary equipment, in the event of such need or emergency as provided herein. No locality or  
13 state-supported *or private* institution of higher learning shall enter into such agreement unless the  
14 agreement provides that each of the parties to such agreement shall: (i) waive any and all claims against  
15 all the other parties thereto which may arise out of their activities outside their respective jurisdictions  
16 under such agreement and (ii) indemnify and save harmless the other parties to such agreement from all  
17 claims by third parties for property damage or personal injury which may arise out of the activities of  
18 the other parties to such agreement outside their respective jurisdictions under such agreement.

19 The principal law-enforcement officer in any locality or of a state-supported *or private* institution of  
20 higher learning having a reciprocal agreement with a jurisdiction outside the Commonwealth for police  
21 mutual aid under the provisions hereof shall be responsible for directing the activities of all police  
22 officers and other officers and agents coming into his jurisdiction under the reciprocal agreement. While  
23 operating under the terms of the reciprocal agreement, the principal law-enforcement officer is  
24 empowered to authorize all police officers and other officers and agents from outside the  
25 Commonwealth to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia to the same extent as if they were  
26 duly authorized law-enforcement officers of the locality or a state-supported *or private* institution of  
27 higher learning in Virginia.

28 The governing body of any locality or a state-supported *or private* institution of higher learning in  
29 the Commonwealth is authorized to procure or extend the necessary public liability insurance to cover  
30 claims arising out of mutual aid agreements executed with other localities outside the Commonwealth.

31 The police officers, and other officers, agents and employees of a locality or a state-supported *or*  
32 *private* institution of higher learning serving in a jurisdiction outside the Commonwealth under a  
33 reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant hereto are authorized to carry out the duties and functions  
34 provided for in the agreement under the command and supervision of the chief law-enforcement officer  
35 of the jurisdiction outside the Commonwealth.

36 In counties where no police department has been established and the sheriff is the chief  
37 law-enforcement officer, the sheriff may enter into mutual aid agreements and furnish and receive such  
38 assistance as provided by this section. Sheriffs and their deputies providing assistance pursuant to such a  
39 mutual aid agreement shall enjoy all of the authority, immunities and benefits as provided herein for  
40 police officers, including full police powers.

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