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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-3705 of the Code of Virginia, to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 3.1, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-304 through 2.2-310, relating to the State Inspector General Act of 2004.

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Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-3705 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 3.1, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-304 through 2.2-310, and by adding a section numbered 2.2-1509.01 as follows:

CHAPTER 3.1.

OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

§ 2.2-304. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

"State agency" means any agency, institution, board, bureau, commission, council, or instrumentality of state government in the executive branch listed in the appropriation act. "State agency" shall not include the General Assembly, any court, and any county, city or town.

"State employee" means any person who is regularly employed full time on either a salaried or wage basis, whose tenure is not restricted as to temporary or provisional appointment, in the service of, and whose compensation is payable, no more often than biweekly, in whole or in part, by a state agency.

"State officer" means any person who is elected or appointed to a public office in a state agency.

§ 2.2-305. Office created; appointment of State Inspector General.

A. There is hereby created the Office of the State Inspector General, which shall be headed by a State Inspector General appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The State Inspector General shall be appointed for a six-year term. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term and shall be effective until 30 days after the next meeting of the ensuing General Assembly and, if confirmed, thereafter for the remainder of such term.

§ 2.2-306. Powers and duties of State Inspector General.

The State Inspector General shall have power and duty to:

1. Operate and manage the Office of the State Inspector General and employ such personnel as may be required to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

2. Make and enter contracts and agreements as may be necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and apply for and accept grants from the United States government and agencies and instrumentalities thereof, and any other source, in furtherance of the provisions of this chapter.

3. Conduct independent evaluations of the programs and activities of (i) state agencies and (ii) nonstate agencies that receive state funds, as provided by § 2.2-1509.01.

4. Receive complaints alleging (i) fraud, (ii) waste, including task or program duplication and inefficiency, (iii) abuse, or (iv) corruption; and determine whether the complaints give reasonable cause to investigate.

5. Investigate the management and operations of state agencies to determine whether acts of fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption have been committed or are being committed by state officers or state employees.

6. Prepare a detailed report of each investigation stating whether fraud, waste, abuse or corruption has been detected. If fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption is detected, the report shall (i) identify the person committing the wrongful act or omission, (ii) describe the wrongful act or omission, and (iii) describe corrective measures taken by the state agency in which the wrongful act or omission was committed to prevent recurrences of similar actions.

7. Provide timely notification to the appropriate attorney for the Commonwealth whenever the State Inspector General has reasonable grounds to believe there has been a violation of state criminal law.

8. Identify other state agencies that are also responsible for investigating, auditing, reviewing, or evaluating the management and operation of state agencies, and negotiate and enter into agreements with such agencies to share information and avoid duplication of effort.

9. Consult with state agencies and nonstate agencies receiving state funds and assist them in

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59 developing, implementing, and enforcing policies and procedures that will prevent or reduce the risk of
60 wrongful acts and omissions by their employees and eliminate duplication and inefficiency.

61 10. Assist individual state agencies and nonstate agencies receiving state funds in developing clear
62 goals and objective measures of performance for programs and activities. The goals and objective
63 measures shall be a part of any independent evaluation conducted by the Inspector General.

64 § 2.2-307. Program evaluation of state and nonstate agencies.

65 A. The State Inspector General shall develop a schedule for the evaluation of the programs and
66 activities of state agencies and nonstate agencies receiving state funding. The evaluation shall include,
67 but not be limited to, the following measures and determinations regarding such programs and activities:
68 (i) effectiveness, (ii) efficiency, (iii) cost, (iv) alternative service delivery options, and (v) consolidation
69 opportunities. Such evaluation shall also determine whether a particular program or activity is
70 appropriate to be continued as a government function. At the completion of the evaluation, the State
71 Inspector General shall furnish a report to the state or nonstate agency including any recommendations
72 to improve program effectiveness and efficiency. The State Inspector General shall prepare a report of
73 each evaluation and submit the report to the Governor immediately upon its completion and to the
74 General Assembly in its annual report. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the State
75 Inspector General from conducting an evaluation that is unscheduled or at the request of the Governor.

76 B. Within one year after an evaluation has been conducted pursuant to subsection A, the state or
77 nonstate agency that is the subject of the evaluation shall report to the State Inspector General on the
78 progress made toward performance goals and the implementation of any recommendations made by the
79 State Inspector General.

80 § 2.2-308. Subpoenas.

81 A. The State Inspector General or a designated subordinate may issue a subpoena for the
82 appearance of an individual before any hearing conducted by the Office of the Inspector General. The
83 subpoena shall be served by the appropriate sheriff's officer and enforced by the court of that
84 jurisdiction.

85 B. The State Inspector General may make an ex parte application to the circuit court for the city or
86 county wherein evidence sought is kept, for the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum in furtherance of an
87 investigation or to request production of any relevant records, documents and physical or other evidence
88 of any person, partnership, association or corporation located in the Commonwealth. The court may
89 issue and compel compliance with such a subpoena upon a showing of reasonable cause. Upon
90 determining that reasonable cause exists to believe that evidence may be destroyed or altered, the court
91 may issue a subpoena duces tecum requiring the immediate production of evidence.

92 § 2.2-309. Cooperation of state agencies and officers.

93 A. Each state agency and every state officer and state employee, shall cooperate with, and provide
94 assistance to, the State Inspector General in the performance of any investigation. Each state agency
95 shall make its premises, equipment, personnel, books, records, and papers readily available to the State
96 Inspector General upon request.

97 B. The State Inspector General may enter upon the premises of any state agency at any time, without
98 prior announcement, if necessary to the successful completion of an investigation. In the course of an
99 investigation, the State Inspector General may question any state officer or state employee serving in,
100 and any person transacting business with, the state agency, and may inspect and copy any books,
101 records, or papers in the possession of the state agency. The State Inspector General shall preserve the
102 confidentiality of any information obtained from a state agency during the course of an investigation as
103 required by applicable state and federal law.

104 § 2.2-310. Reports.

105 A. The State Inspector General shall prepare an annual report summarizing the activities of the
106 Office. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to:

107 1. A description of any significant problems, abuses and deficiencies related to the management or
108 operation of state agencies during the reporting period;

109 2. A description of the recommendations for corrective actions made by the Office during the
110 reporting period with respect to significant problems, abuses or deficiencies identified;

111 3. An identification of each significant recommendation described in previous reports under this
112 section for which corrective action has not been completed;

113 4. A summary of matters referred to the attorneys for the Commonwealth and law-enforcement
114 agencies and actions taken on them during the reporting period; and

115 5. Information concerning the numbers of complaints received and types of investigations completed
116 by the Office during the reporting period.

117 B. Within 30 days of the transmission of each annual report, the State Inspector General shall make
118 copies of such report available to the public upon request and in accordance with § 2.2-3705.

119 C. The State Inspector General shall report immediately to the Governor whenever the Office
120 becomes aware of particularly serious problems, abuses or deficiencies relating to the management or

operation of a state agency.

D. The State Inspector General may conduct such additional investigations and make such reports relating to the management and operation of state agencies as are, in the judgment of the State Inspector General, necessary or desirable.

E. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the reports, information or documents required by or under this section shall be transmitted directly to the Governor and the General Assembly by the State Inspector General.

F. Records that are confidential under federal or state law shall be maintained as confidential by the State Inspector General, and shall not be further disclosed, except as permitted by law.

§ 2.2-3705. Exclusions to application of chapter.

A. The following records are excluded from the provisions of this chapter but may be disclosed by the custodian in his discretion, except where such disclosure is prohibited by law:

1. Confidential records of all investigations of applications for licenses and permits, and all licensees and permittees made by or submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the State Lottery Department, the Virginia Racing Commission, or the Department of Charitable Gaming.

2. State income, business, and estate tax returns, personal property tax returns, scholastic and confidential records held pursuant to § 58.1-3.

3. Scholastic records containing information concerning identifiable individuals, except that such access shall not be denied to the person who is the subject thereof, or the parent or legal guardian of the student. However, no student shall have access to (i) financial records of a parent or guardian or (ii) records of instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel and educational personnel ancillary thereto, which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof and that are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute.

The parent or legal guardian of a student may prohibit, by written request, the release of any individual information regarding that student until the student reaches the age of 18 years. For scholastic records of students under the age of 18 years, the right of access may be asserted only by his legal guardian or parent, including a noncustodial parent, unless such parent's parental rights have been terminated or a court of competent jurisdiction has restricted or denied such access. For scholastic records of students who are emancipated or attending a state-supported institution of higher education, the right of access may be asserted by the student.

Any person who is the subject of any scholastic record and who is 18 years of age or older may waive, in writing, the protections afforded by this subdivision. If the protections are so waived, the public body shall open such records for inspection and copying.

4. Personnel records containing information concerning identifiable individuals, except that access shall not be denied to the person who is the subject thereof. Any person who is the subject of any personnel record and who is 18 years of age or older may waive, in writing, the protections afforded by this subdivision. If the protections are so waived, the public body shall open such records for inspection and copying.

5. Medical and mental records, except that such records may be personally reviewed by the subject person or a physician of the subject person's choice. However, the subject person's mental records may not be personally reviewed by such person when the subject person's treating physician has made a part of such person's records a written statement that in his opinion a review of such records by the subject person would be injurious to the subject person's physical or mental health or well-being.

Where the person who is the subject of medical records is confined in a state or local correctional facility, the administrator or chief medical officer of such facility may assert such confined person's right of access to the medical records if the administrator or chief medical officer has reasonable cause to believe that such confined person has an infectious disease or other medical condition from which other persons so confined need to be protected. Medical records shall only be reviewed and shall not be copied by such administrator or chief medical officer. The information in the medical records of a person so confined shall continue to be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the administrator or chief medical officer of the facility to any person except the subject or except as provided by law.

Where the person who is the subject of medical and mental records is under the age of 18, his right of access may be asserted only by his guardian or his parent, including a noncustodial parent, unless such parent's parental rights have been terminated or a court of competent jurisdiction has restricted or denied such access. In instances where the person who is the subject thereof is an emancipated minor or a student in a public institution of higher education, the right of access may be asserted by the subject person.

For the purposes of this chapter, statistical summaries of incidents and statistical data concerning patient abuse as may be compiled by the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall be open to inspection and copying as provided in § 2.2-3704. No such summaries or data shall include any patient-identifying information.

6. Working papers and correspondence of the Office of the Governor; Lieutenant Governor; the Attorney General; the members of the General Assembly or the Division of Legislative Services; the mayor or chief executive officer of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth; or the president or other chief executive officer of any public institution of higher education in Virginia. However, no record, which is otherwise open to inspection under this chapter, shall be deemed exempt by virtue of the fact that it has been attached to or incorporated within any working paper or correspondence.

As used in this subdivision:

"Office of the Governor" means the Governor; his chief of staff, counsel, director of policy, Cabinet Secretaries, and the Director of the Virginia Liaison Office; and those individuals to whom the Governor has delegated his authority pursuant to § 2.2-104.

"Working papers" means those records prepared by or for an above-named public official for his personal or deliberative use.

7. Written advice of legal counsel to state, regional or local public bodies or the officers or employees of such public bodies, and any other records protected by the attorney-client privilege.

8. Legal memoranda and other work product compiled specifically for use in litigation or for use in an active administrative investigation concerning a matter that is properly the subject of a closed meeting under § 2.2-3711.

9. Confidential letters and statements of recommendation placed in the records of educational agencies or institutions respecting (i) admission to any educational agency or institution, (ii) an application for employment, or (iii) receipt of an honor or honorary recognition.

10. Library records that can be used to identify both (i) any library patron who has borrowed material from a library and (ii) the material such patron borrowed.

11. Any test or examination used, administered or prepared by any public body for purposes of evaluation of (i) any student or any student's performance, (ii) any employee or employment seeker's qualifications or aptitude for employment, retention, or promotion, or (iii) qualifications for any license or certificate issued by a public body.

As used in this subdivision, "test or examination" shall include (a) any scoring key for any such test or examination and (b) any other document that would jeopardize the security of the test or examination. Nothing contained in this subdivision shall prohibit the release of test scores or results as provided by law, or limit access to individual records as provided by law. However, the subject of such employment tests shall be entitled to review and inspect all records relative to his performance on such employment tests.

When, in the reasonable opinion of such public body, any such test or examination no longer has any potential for future use, and the security of future tests or examinations will not be jeopardized, the test or examination shall be made available to the public. However, minimum competency tests administered to public school children shall be made available to the public contemporaneously with statewide release of the scores of those taking such tests, but in no event shall such tests be made available to the public later than six months after the administration of such tests.

12. Applications for admission to examinations or for licensure and scoring records maintained by the Department of Health Professions or any board in that department on individual licensees or applicants. However, such material may be made available during normal working hours for copying, at the requester's expense, by the individual who is the subject thereof, in the offices of the Department of Health Professions or in the offices of any health regulatory board, whichever may possess the material.

13. Records of active investigations being conducted by the Department of Health Professions or by any health regulatory board in the Commonwealth.

14. Records recorded in or compiled exclusively for use in closed meetings lawfully held pursuant to § 2.2-3711. However, no record that is otherwise open to inspection under this chapter shall be deemed exempt by virtue of the fact that it has been reviewed or discussed in a closed meeting.

15. Reports, documentary evidence and other information as specified in §§ 2.2-706 and 63.2-104.

16. Proprietary information gathered by or for the Virginia Port Authority as provided in § 62.1-132.4 or § 62.1-134.1.

17. Contract cost estimates prepared for the confidential use of the Department of Transportation in awarding contracts for construction or the purchase of goods or services, and records and automated systems prepared for the Department's Bid Analysis and Monitoring Program.

18. Vendor proprietary information software that may be in the official records of a public body. For the purpose of this subdivision, "vendor proprietary software" means computer programs acquired from a vendor for purposes of processing data for agencies or political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.

19. Financial statements not publicly available filed with applications for industrial development financings.

20. Data, records or information of a proprietary nature produced or collected by or for faculty or staff of public institutions of higher education, other than the institutions' financial or administrative records, in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on medical, scientific, technical or scholarly

issues, whether sponsored by the institution alone or in conjunction with a governmental body or a private concern, where such data, records or information has not been publicly released, published, copyrighted or patented.

21. Lists of registered owners of bonds issued by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, whether the lists are maintained by the political subdivision itself or by a single fiduciary designated by the political subdivision.

22. Confidential proprietary records, voluntarily provided by private business pursuant to a promise of confidentiality from the Department of Business Assistance, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, the Virginia Tourism Authority, or local or regional industrial or economic development authorities or organizations, used by the Department, the Partnership, the Authority, or such entities for business, trade and tourism development; and memoranda, working papers or other records related to businesses that are considering locating or expanding in Virginia, prepared by the Partnership, where competition or bargaining is involved and where, if such records are made public, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

23. Information that was filed as confidential under the Toxic Substances Information Act (§ 32.1-239 et seq.), as such Act existed prior to July 1, 1992.

24. Confidential records, including victim identity, provided to or obtained by staff in a rape crisis center or a program for battered spouses.

25. Computer software developed by or for a state agency, state-supported institution of higher education or political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

26. Investigator notes, and other correspondence and information, furnished in confidence with respect to an active investigation of individual employment discrimination complaints made to the Department of Human Resource Management or to such personnel of any local public body, including local school boards as are responsible for conducting such investigations in confidence. However, nothing in this section shall prohibit the disclosure of information taken from inactive reports in a form that does not reveal the identity of charging parties, persons supplying the information or other individuals involved in the investigation.

27. Fisheries data that would permit identification of any person or vessel, except when required by court order as specified in § 28.2-204.

28. Records of active investigations being conducted by the Department of Medical Assistance Services pursuant to Chapter 10 (§ 32.1-323 et seq.) of Title 32.1.

29. Records and writings furnished by a member of the General Assembly to a meeting of a standing committee, special committee or subcommittee of his house established solely for the purpose of reviewing members' annual disclosure statements and supporting materials filed under § 30-110 or of formulating advisory opinions to members on standards of conduct, or both.

30. Customer account information of a public utility affiliated with a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, including the customer's name and service address, but excluding the amount of utility service provided and the amount of money paid for such utility service.

31. Investigative notes and other correspondence and information furnished in confidence with respect to an investigation or conciliation process involving an alleged unlawful discriminatory practice under the Virginia Human Rights Act (§ 2.2-3900 et seq.) or under any local ordinance adopted in accordance with the authority specified in § 2.2-2638, or adopted pursuant to § 15.2-965, or adopted prior to July 1, 1987, in accordance with applicable law, relating to local human rights or human relations commissions. However, nothing in this section shall prohibit the distribution of information taken from inactive reports in a form that does not reveal the identity of the parties involved or other persons supplying information.

32. Investigative notes; proprietary information not published, copyrighted or patented; information obtained from employee personnel records; personally identifiable information regarding residents, clients or other recipients of services; and other correspondence and information furnished in confidence to the Department of Social Services in connection with an active investigation of an applicant or licensee pursuant to Chapters 17 (§ 63.2-1700 et seq.) and 18 (§ 63.2-1800 et seq.) of Title 63.2. However, nothing in this section shall prohibit disclosure of information from the records of completed investigations in a form that does not reveal the identity of complainants, persons supplying information, or other individuals involved in the investigation.

33. Personal information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, (i) filed with the Virginia Housing Development Authority concerning individuals who have applied for or received loans or other housing assistance or who have applied for occupancy of or have occupied housing financed, owned or otherwise assisted by the Virginia Housing Development Authority; (ii) concerning persons participating in or persons on the waiting list for federally funded rent-assistance programs; (iii) filed with any local redevelopment and housing authority created pursuant to § 36-4 concerning persons participating in or persons on the waiting list for housing assistance programs funded by local governments or by any such authority; or

305 (iv) filed with any local redevelopment and housing authority created pursuant to § 36-4 or any other
306 local government agency concerning persons who have applied for occupancy or who have occupied
307 affordable dwelling units established pursuant to § 15.2-2304 or § 15.2-2305. However, access to one's
308 own information shall not be denied.

309 34. Records regarding the siting of hazardous waste facilities, except as provided in § 10.1-1441, if
310 disclosure of them would have a detrimental effect upon the negotiating position of a governing body or
311 on the establishment of the terms, conditions and provisions of the siting agreement.

312 35. Appraisals and cost estimates of real property subject to a proposed purchase, sale or lease, prior
313 to the completion of such purchase, sale or lease.

314 36. Records containing information on the site specific location of rare, threatened, endangered or
315 otherwise imperiled plant and animal species, natural communities, caves, and significant historic and
316 archaeological sites if, in the opinion of the public body that has the responsibility for such information,
317 disclosure of the information would jeopardize the continued existence or the integrity of the resource.
318 This exemption shall not apply to requests from the owner of the land upon which the resource is
319 located.

320 37. Records, memoranda, working papers, graphics, video or audio tapes, production models, data
321 and information of a proprietary nature produced by or for or collected by or for the State Lottery
322 Department relating to matters of a specific lottery game design, development, production, operation,
323 ticket price, prize structure, manner of selecting the winning ticket, manner of payment of prizes to
324 holders of winning tickets, frequency of drawings or selections of winning tickets, odds of winning,
325 advertising, or marketing, where such official records have not been publicly released, published,
326 copyrighted or patented. Whether released, published or copyrighted, all game-related information shall
327 be subject to public disclosure under this chapter upon the first day of sales for the specific lottery game
328 to which it pertains.

329 38. Records of studies and investigations by the State Lottery Department of (i) lottery agents, (ii)
330 lottery vendors, (iii) lottery crimes under §§ 58.1-4014 through 58.1-4018, (iv) defects in the law or
331 regulations that cause abuses in the administration and operation of the lottery and any evasions of such
332 provisions, or (v) the use of the lottery as a subterfuge for organized crime and illegal gambling where
333 such official records have not been publicly released, published or copyrighted. All studies and
334 investigations referred to under clauses (iii), (iv) and (v) shall be open to inspection and copying upon
335 completion of the study or investigation.

336 39. Those portions of engineering and construction drawings and plans submitted for the sole purpose
337 of complying with the Building Code in obtaining a building permit that would identify specific trade
338 secrets or other information the disclosure of which would be harmful to the competitive position of the
339 owner or lessee. However, such information shall be exempt only until the building is completed.
340 Information relating to the safety or environmental soundness of any building shall not be exempt from
341 disclosure.

342 Those portions of engineering and construction drawings and plans that reveal critical structural
343 components, security equipment and systems, ventilation systems, fire protection equipment, mandatory
344 building emergency equipment or systems, elevators, electrical systems, telecommunications equipment
345 and systems, and other utility equipment and systems submitted for the purpose of complying with the
346 Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.) or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et
347 seq.), the disclosure of which would jeopardize the safety or security of any public or private
348 commercial office, multi-family residential or retail building or its occupants in the event of terrorism or
349 other threat to public safety, to the extent that the owner or lessee of such property, equipment or
350 system in writing (i) invokes the protections of this paragraph; (ii) identifies the drawings, plans, or
351 other materials to be protected; and (iii) states the reasons why protection is necessary.

352 Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent the disclosure of information relating to any building in
353 connection with an inquiry into the performance of that building after it has been subjected to fire,
354 explosion, natural disaster or other catastrophic event.

355 40. Records concerning reserves established in specific claims administered by the Department of the
356 Treasury through its Division of Risk Management as provided in Article 5 (§ 2.2-1832 et seq.) of
357 Chapter 18 of this title, or by any county, city, or town; and investigative notes, correspondence and
358 information furnished in confidence with respect to an investigation of a claim or a potential claim
359 against a public body's insurance policy or self-insurance plan. However, nothing in this subdivision
360 shall prohibit the disclosure of information taken from inactive reports upon expiration of the period of
361 limitations for the filing of a civil suit.

362 41. Information and records collected for the designation and verification of trauma centers and other
363 specialty care centers within the Statewide Emergency Medical Services System and Services pursuant to
364 Article 2.1 (§ 32.1-111.1 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 32.1.

365 42. Reports and court documents required to be kept confidential pursuant to § 37.1-67.3.

366 43. Investigative notes, correspondence and information furnished in confidence, and records

otherwise exempted by this chapter or any Virginia statute, provided to or produced by or for the (i) Auditor of Public Accounts; (ii) *State Inspector General*; (iii) Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission; ~~(iii)~~ (iv) Department of the State Internal Auditor with respect to an investigation initiated through the State Employee Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline; or ~~(iv)~~(v) committee or the auditor with respect to an investigation or audit conducted pursuant to § 15.2-825. Records of completed investigations shall be disclosed in a form that does not reveal the identity of the complainants or persons supplying information to investigators. Unless disclosure is prohibited by this section, the records disclosed shall include, but not be limited to, the agency involved, the identity of the person who is the subject of the complaint, the nature of the complaint, and the actions taken to resolve the complaint. If an investigation does not lead to corrective action, the identity of the person who is the subject of the complaint may be released only with the consent of the subject person.

44. Data formerly required to be submitted to the Commissioner of Health relating to the establishment of new or the expansion of existing clinical health services, acquisition of major medical equipment, or certain projects requiring capital expenditures pursuant to former § 32.1-102.3:4.

45. Documentation or other information that describes the design, function, operation or access control features of any security system, whether manual or automated, which is used to control access to or use of any automated data processing or telecommunications system.

46. Confidential financial statements, balance sheets, trade secrets, and revenue and cost projections provided to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, provided such information is exempt under the federal Freedom of Information Act or the federal Interstate Commerce Act or other laws administered by the Surface Transportation Board or the Federal Railroad Administration with respect to data provided in confidence to the Surface Transportation Board and the Federal Railroad Administration.

47. Records of the Virginia Retirement System, acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, or of a local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, or of the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, acting pursuant to § 23-76.1, relating to the acquisition, holding or disposition of a security or other ownership interest in an entity, where such security or ownership interest is not traded on a governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that: (i) such records contain confidential analyses prepared for the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, prepared by the retirement system or provided to the retirement system under a promise of confidentiality, of the future value of such ownership interest or the future financial performance of the entity, and (ii) disclosure of such confidential analyses would have an adverse effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held or disposed of by the retirement system or the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent the disclosure of records relating to the identity of any investment held, the amount invested, or the present value of such investment.

48. Confidential proprietary records related to inventory and sales, voluntarily provided by private energy suppliers to the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, used by that Department for energy contingency planning purposes or for developing consolidated statistical information on energy supplies.

49. Confidential proprietary information furnished to the Board of Medical Assistance Services or the Medicaid Prior Authorization Advisory Committee pursuant to Article 4 (§ 32.1-331.12 et seq.) of Chapter 10 of Title 32.1.

50. Proprietary, commercial or financial information, balance sheets, trade secrets, and revenue and cost projections provided by a private transportation business to the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the purpose of conducting transportation studies needed to obtain grants or other financial assistance under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (P.L. 105-178) for transportation projects, provided such information is exempt under the federal Freedom of Information Act or the federal Interstate Commerce Act or other laws administered by the Surface Transportation Board or the Federal Railroad Administration with respect to data provided in confidence to the Surface Transportation Board and the Federal Railroad Administration. However, the exemption provided by this subdivision shall not apply to any wholly owned subsidiary of a public body.

51. Names and addresses of subscribers to Virginia Wildlife magazine, published by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, provided the individual subscriber has requested in writing that the Department not release such information.

52. Information required to be provided pursuant to § 54.1-2506.1.

53. Confidential information designated as provided in subsection D of § 2.2-4342 as trade secrets or proprietary information by any person who has submitted to a public body an application for prequalification to bid on public construction projects in accordance with subsection B of § 2.2-4317.

54. All information and records acquired during a review of any child death by the State Child Fatality Review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, during a review of any child death by a local or regional child fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.2, and all information and

records acquired during a review of any death by a family violence fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.3.

55. Financial, medical, rehabilitative and other personal information concerning applicants for or recipients of loan funds submitted to or maintained by the Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority under Chapter 11 (§ 51.5-53 et seq.) of Title 51.5.

56. Confidential proprietary records that are voluntarily provided by a private entity pursuant to a proposal filed with a public entity or an affected local jurisdiction under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (§ 56-556 et seq.) or the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (§ 56-575.1 et seq.), pursuant to a promise of confidentiality from the responsible public entity or affected local jurisdiction, used by the responsible public entity or affected local jurisdiction for purposes related to the development of a qualifying transportation facility or qualifying project; and memoranda, working papers or other records related to proposals filed under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 or the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002, where, if such records were made public, the financial interest of the public or private entity involved with such proposal or the process of competition or bargaining would be adversely affected. In order for confidential proprietary information to be excluded from the provisions of this chapter, the private entity shall (i) invoke such exclusion upon submission of the data or other materials for which protection from disclosure is sought, (ii) identify the data or other materials for which protection is sought, and (iii) state the reasons why protection is necessary. For the purposes of this subdivision, the terms "affected local jurisdiction", "public entity" and "private entity" shall be defined as they are defined in the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 or in the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002. However, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the release of procurement records as required by § 56-573.1 or § 56-575.16. Procurement records shall not be interpreted to include proprietary, commercial or financial information, balance sheets, financial statements, or trade secrets that may be provided by the private entity as evidence of its qualifications.

57. Plans and information to prevent or respond to terrorist activity, the disclosure of which would jeopardize the safety of any person, including (i) critical infrastructure sector or structural components; (ii) vulnerability assessments, operational, procedural, transportation, and tactical planning or training manuals, and staff meeting minutes or other records; and (iii) engineering or architectural records, or records containing information derived from such records, to the extent such records reveal the location or operation of security equipment and systems, elevators, ventilation, fire protection, emergency, electrical, telecommunications or utility equipment and systems of any public building, structure or information storage facility. The same categories of records of any governmental or nongovernmental person or entity submitted to a public body for the purpose of antiterrorism response planning may be withheld from disclosure if such person or entity in writing (a) invokes the protections of this subdivision, (b) identifies with specificity the records or portions thereof for which protection is sought, and (c) states with reasonable particularity why the protection of such records from public disclosure is necessary to meet the objective of antiterrorism planning or protection. Such statement shall be a public record and shall be disclosed upon request. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the disclosure of records relating to the structural or environmental soundness of any building, nor shall it prevent the disclosure of information relating to any building in connection with an inquiry into the performance of that building after it has been subjected to fire, explosion, natural disaster or other catastrophic event.

58. All records of the University of Virginia or the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, that contain proprietary, business-related information pertaining to the operations of the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, including business development or marketing strategies and activities with existing or future joint venturers, partners, or other parties with whom the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, has formed, or forms, any arrangement for the delivery of health care, if disclosure of such information would be harmful to the competitive position of the Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be.

59. Patient level data collected by the Board of Health and not yet processed, verified, and released, pursuant to § 32.1-276.9, to the Board by the nonprofit organization with which the Commissioner of Health has contracted pursuant to § 32.1-276.4.

60. Records of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority pertaining to any of the following: an individual's qualifications for or continued membership on its medical or teaching staffs; proprietary information gathered by or in the possession of the Authority from third parties pursuant to a promise of confidentiality; contract cost estimates prepared for confidential use in awarding contracts for construction or the purchase of goods or services; data, records or information of a proprietary nature produced or collected by or for the Authority or members of its medical or teaching staffs; financial statements not publicly available that may be filed with the Authority from third parties;

the identity, accounts or account status of any customer of the Authority; consulting or other reports paid for by the Authority to assist the Authority in connection with its strategic planning and goals; and the determination of marketing and operational strategies where disclosure of such strategies would be harmful to the competitive position of the Authority; and data, records or information of a proprietary nature produced or collected by or for employees of the Authority, other than the Authority's financial or administrative records, in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on medical, scientific, technical or scholarly issues, whether sponsored by the Authority alone or in conjunction with a governmental body or a private concern, when such data, records or information have not been publicly released, published, copyrighted or patented.

61. Confidential proprietary information or trade secrets, not publicly available, provided by a private person or entity to the Virginia Resources Authority or to a fund administered in connection with financial assistance rendered or to be rendered by the Virginia Resources Authority where, if such information were made public, the financial interest of the private person or entity would be adversely affected, and, after June 30, 1997, where such information was provided pursuant to a promise of confidentiality.

62. Confidential proprietary records that are provided by a franchisee under § 15.2-2108 to its franchising authority pursuant to a promise of confidentiality from the franchising authority that relates to the franchisee's potential provision of new services, adoption of new technologies or implementation of improvements, where such new services, technologies or improvements have not been implemented by the franchisee on a nonexperimental scale in the franchise area, and where, if such records were made public, the competitive advantage or financial interests of the franchisee would be adversely affected. In order for confidential proprietary information to be excluded from the provisions of this chapter, the franchisee shall (i) invoke such exclusion upon submission of the data or other materials for which protection from disclosure is sought, (ii) identify the data or other materials for which protection is sought, and (iii) state the reason why protection is necessary.

63. Records of the Intervention Program Committee within the Department of Health Professions, to the extent such records may identify any practitioner who may be, or who is actually, impaired to the extent disclosure is prohibited by § 54.1-2517.

64. Records submitted as a grant application, or accompanying a grant application, to the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 3.1 (§ 51.5-12.1 et seq.) of Title 51.5, to the extent such records contain (i) medical or mental records, or other data identifying individual patients or (ii) proprietary business or research-related information produced or collected by the applicant in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on medical, rehabilitative, scientific, technical or scholarly issues, when such information has not been publicly released, published, copyrighted or patented, if the disclosure of such information would be harmful to the competitive position of the applicant.

65. Information that would disclose the security aspects of a system safety program plan adopted pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 659 by the Commonwealth's designated Rail Fixed Guideway Systems Safety Oversight agency; and information in the possession of such agency, the release of which would jeopardize the success of an ongoing investigation of a rail accident or other incident threatening railway safety.

66. Documents and other information of a proprietary nature furnished by a supplier of charitable gaming supplies to the Department of Charitable Gaming pursuant to subsection E of § 18.2-340.34.

67. Personal information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, provided to the Board of the Virginia College Savings Plan or its employees by or on behalf of individuals who have requested information about, applied for, or entered into prepaid tuition contracts or savings trust account agreements pursuant to Chapter 4.9 (§ 23-38.75 et seq.) of Title 23. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit disclosure or publication of information in a statistical or other form that does not identify individuals or provide personal information. Individuals shall be provided access to their own personal information.

68. Any record copied, recorded or received by the Commissioner of Health in the course of an examination, investigation or review of a managed care health insurance plan licensee pursuant to §§ 32.1-137.4 and 32.1-137.5, including books, records, files, accounts, papers, documents, and any or all computer or other recordings.

69. Engineering and architectural drawings, operational, procedural, tactical planning or training manuals, or staff meeting minutes or other records, the disclosure of which would reveal surveillance techniques, personnel deployments, alarm or security systems or technologies, or operational and transportation plans or protocols, to the extent such disclosure would jeopardize the security of any governmental facility, building or structure or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure.

70. Records and reports related to Virginia apple producer sales provided to the Virginia State Apple Board pursuant to §§ 3.1-622 and 3.1-624.

551 71. Records of the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Water Control Board, State Air
552 Pollution Control Board or the Virginia Waste Management Board relating to (i) active federal
553 environmental enforcement actions that are considered confidential under federal law and (ii)
554 enforcement strategies, including proposed sanctions for enforcement actions. Upon request, such records
555 shall be disclosed after a proposed sanction resulting from the investigation has been proposed to the
556 director of the agency. This subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit the disclosure of records
557 related to inspection reports, notices of violation, and documents detailing the nature of any
558 environmental contamination that may have occurred or similar documents.

559 72. As it pertains to any person, records related to the operation of toll facilities that identify an
560 individual, vehicle, or travel itinerary including, but not limited to, vehicle identification data, vehicle
561 enforcement system information; video or photographic images; Social Security or other identification
562 numbers appearing on driver's licenses; credit card or bank account data; home addresses; phone
563 numbers; or records of the date or time of toll facility use.

564 73. Records of the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy consisting of documentary evidence
565 received or maintained by the Office or its agents in connection with specific complaints or
566 investigations, and records of communications between employees and agents of the Office and its
567 clients or prospective clients concerning specific complaints, investigations or cases. Upon the
568 conclusion of an investigation of a complaint, this exclusion shall no longer apply, but the Office may
569 not at any time release the identity of any complainant or person with mental illness, mental retardation,
570 developmental disabilities or other disability, unless (i) such complainant or person or his legal
571 representative consents in writing to such identification or (ii) such identification is required by court
572 order.

573 74. Information furnished in confidence to the Department of Employment Dispute Resolution with
574 respect to an investigation, consultation, or mediation under Chapter 10 (§ 2.2-1000 et seq.) of this title,
575 and memoranda, correspondence and other records resulting from any such investigation, consultation or
576 mediation. However, nothing in this section shall prohibit the distribution of information taken from
577 inactive reports in a form that does not reveal the identity of the parties involved or other persons
578 supplying information.

579 75. Trade secrets, as defined in the Uniform Trade Secrets Act (§ 59.1-336 et seq.) of Title 59.1,
580 submitted by CMRS providers as defined in § 56-484.12 to the Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery
581 Subcommittee created pursuant to § 56-484.15, relating to the provision of wireless E-911 service.

582 76. Records of the State Lottery Department pertaining to (i) the social security number, tax
583 identification number, state sales tax number, home address and telephone number, personal and lottery
584 banking account and transit numbers of a retailer, and financial information regarding the nonlottery
585 operations of specific retail locations, and (ii) individual lottery winners, except that a winner's name,
586 hometown, and amount won shall be disclosed.

587 77. Records, information and statistical registries required to be kept confidential pursuant to
588 §§ 63.2-102 and 63.2-104.

589 78. Personal information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, including electronic mail addresses, furnished to a
590 public body for the purpose of receiving electronic mail from the public body, provided that the
591 electronic mail recipient has requested that the public body not disclose such information. However,
592 access shall not be denied to the person who is the subject of the record.

593 79. (For effective date, see note) All data, records, and reports relating to the prescribing and
594 dispensing of covered substances to recipients and any abstracts from such data, records, and reports that
595 are in the possession of the Prescription Monitoring Program pursuant to Chapter 25.2 (§ 54.1-2519 et
596 seq.) of Title 54.1 and any material relating to the operation or security of the Program.

597 80. Communications and materials required to be kept confidential pursuant to § 2.2-4119 of the
598 Virginia Administrative Dispute Resolution Act.

599 81. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of complainants furnished in confidence with
600 respect to an investigation of individual zoning enforcement complaints made to a local governing body.

601 82. Records relating to the negotiation and award of a specific contract where competition or
602 bargaining is involved and where the release of such records would adversely affect the bargaining
603 position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Such records shall not be withheld after the public
604 body has made a decision to award or not to award the contract. In the case of procurement transactions
605 conducted pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.), the provisions of this
606 subdivision shall not apply, and any release of records relating to such transactions shall be governed by
607 the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

608 83. Records submitted as a grant application, or accompanying a grant application, to the
609 Commonwealth Health Research Board pursuant to Chapter 22 (§ 23-277 et seq.) of Title 23 to the
610 extent such records contain proprietary business or research-related information produced or collected by
611 the applicant in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on medical, rehabilitative, scientific,
612 technical or scholarly issues, when such information has not been publicly released, published,

copyrighted or patented, if the disclosure of such information would be harmful to the competitive position of the applicant.

84. Records of the Board for Branch Pilots relating to the chemical or drug testing of a person regulated by the Board, where such person has tested negative or has not been the subject of a disciplinary action by the Board for a positive test result.

85. Security plans and specific vulnerability assessment components of school safety audits, as provided in § 22.1-279.8.

Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the disclosure of records relating to the effectiveness of security plans after (i) any school building or property has been subjected to fire, explosion, natural disaster or other catastrophic event, or (ii) any person on school property has suffered or been threatened with any personal injury.

86. Records, investigative notes, correspondence, and information pertaining to the planning, scheduling and performance of examinations of holder records pursuant to the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act (§ 55-210.1 et seq.) prepared by or for the State Treasurer, his agents, employees or persons employed to perform an audit or examination of holder records.

87. Records of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program required to be kept confidential pursuant to § 38.2-5002.2.

B. Neither any provision of this chapter nor any provision of Chapter 38 (§ 2.2-3800 et seq.) of this title shall be construed as denying public access to (i) contracts between a public body and its officers or employees, other than contracts settling public employee employment disputes held confidential as personnel records under subdivision A 4; (ii) records of the position, job classification, official salary or rate of pay of, and records of the allowances or reimbursements for expenses paid to any officer, official or employee of a public body; or (iii) the compensation or benefits paid by any corporation organized by the Virginia Retirement System or its officers or employees. The provisions of this subsection, however, shall not require public access to records of the official salaries or rates of pay of public employees whose annual rate of pay is \$10,000 or less.

C. No provision of this chapter or Chapter 21 (§ 30-178 et seq.) of Title 30 shall be construed to afford any rights to any person incarcerated in a state, local or federal correctional facility, whether or not such facility is (i) located in the Commonwealth or (ii) operated pursuant to the Corrections Private Management Act (§ 53.1-261 et seq.). However, this subsection shall not be construed to prevent an incarcerated person from exercising his constitutionally protected rights, including, but not limited to, his rights to call for evidence in his favor in a criminal prosecution.

D. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as denying public access to the nonexempt portions of a report of a consultant hired by or at the request of a local public body or the mayor or chief executive or administrative officer of such public body if (i) the contents of such report have been distributed or disclosed to members of the local public body or (ii) the local public body has scheduled any action on a matter that is the subject of the consultant's report.

2. That this acts shall be known and may be cited as the "Inspector General Act of 2004."

3. That the provisions of this act amending and reenacting § 2.2-3705 and adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 3.1, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-304 through 2.2-310, shall become effective on July 1, 2005.