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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-3704 and 2.2-3705 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Freedom of Information Act; exclusions from chapter; certain portions of GIS systems.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-3704 and 2.2-3705 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: 11

12 § 2.2-3704. Public records to be open to inspection; procedure for requesting records and responding 13 to request; charges.

14 A. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all public records shall be open to inspection 15 and copying by any citizens of the Commonwealth during the regular office hours of the custodian of 16 such records. Access to such records shall not be denied to citizens of the Commonwealth, representatives of newspapers and magazines with circulation in the Commonwealth, and representatives 17 of radio and television stations broadcasting in or into the Commonwealth. The custodian may require 18 the requester to provide his name and legal address. The custodian of such records shall take all 19 20 necessary precautions for their preservation and safekeeping.

21 B. A request for public records shall identify the requested records with reasonable specificity. The 22 request need not make reference to this chapter in order to invoke the provisions of this chapter or to 23 impose the time limits for response by a public body. Any public body that is subject to this chapter and that is the custodian of the requested records shall promptly, but in all cases within five working 24 25 days of receiving a request, make one of the following responses: 26

1. The requested records will be provided to the requester.

27 2. The requested records will be entirely withheld because their release is prohibited by law or the 28 custodian has exercised his discretion to withhold the records in accordance with this chapter. Such 29 response shall (i) be in writing, (ii) identify with reasonable particularity the volume and subject matter of withheld records, and (iii) cite, as to each category of withheld records, the specific Code section that 30 authorizes the withholding of the records. 31

3. The requested records will be provided in part and withheld in part because the release of part of 32 33 the records is prohibited by law or the custodian has exercised his discretion to withhold a portion of 34 the records in accordance with this chapter. Such response shall (i) be in writing, (ii) identify with 35 reasonable particularity the subject matter of withheld portions, and (iii) cite, as to each category of 36 withheld records, the specific Code section that authorizes the withholding of the records. When a 37 portion of a requested record is withheld, the public body may delete or excise only that portion of the 38 record to which an exemption applies and shall release the remainder of the record.

39 4. It is not practically possible to provide the requested records or to determine whether they are 40 available within the five-work-day period. Such response shall be in writing and specify the conditions that make a response impossible. If the response is made within five working days, the public body 41 42 shall have an additional seven work days in which to provide one of the three preceding responses.

C. Any public body may petition the appropriate court for additional time to respond to a request for 43 records when the request is for an extraordinary volume of records and a response by the public body 44 within the time required by this chapter will prevent the public body from meeting its operational 45 46 responsibilities. Before proceeding with the petition, however, the public body shall make reasonable 47 efforts to reach an agreement with the requester concerning the production of the records requested.

D. Subject to the provisions of subsections G and J, no public body shall be required to create a new 48 49 record if the record does not already exist. However, a public body may abstract or summarize information under such terms and conditions as agreed between the requester and the public body. 50

51 E. Failure to respond to a request for records shall be deemed a denial of the request and shall 52 constitute a violation of this chapter.

53 F. A public body may make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, 54 duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records. No public body shall impose any 55 extraneous, intermediary or surplus fees or expenses to recoup the general costs associated with creating or maintaining records or transacting the general business of the public body. Any duplicating fee 56 charged by a public body shall not exceed the actual cost of duplication. The public body may also 57 58 make a reasonable charge for the cost incurred in supplying records produced from *those portions of* a

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59 geographic information system not otherwise excluded from this chapter pursuant to subdivision A 88 of

§ 2.2-3705 at the request of anyone other than the owner of the land that is the subject of the request.
However, such charges shall not exceed the actual cost to the public body in supplying such records,
except that the public body may charge, on a pro rata per acre basis, for the cost of creating
topographical maps developed by the public body, for such maps or portions thereof, which encompass
a contiguous area greater than 50 acres. All charges for the supplying of requested records shall be
estimated in advance at the request of the citizen.

G. Public records maintained by a public body in an electronic data processing system, computer database, or any other structured collection of data shall be made available to a requester at a reasonable cost, not to exceed the actual cost in accordance with subsection F. When electronic or other databases are combined or contain exempt and nonexempt records, the public body may provide access to the exempt records if not otherwise prohibited by law, but shall provide access to the nonexempt records as provided by this chapter.

72 Public bodies shall produce nonexempt records maintained in an electronic database in any tangible 73 medium identified by the requester, including, where the public body has the capability, the option of 74 posting the records on a website or delivering the records through an electronic mail address provided 75 by the requester, if that medium is used by the public body in the regular course of business. No public body shall be required to produce records from an electronic database in a format not regularly used by 76 77 the public body. However, the public body shall make reasonable efforts to provide records in any 78 format under such terms and conditions as agreed between the requester and public body, including the 79 payment of reasonable costs. The excision of exempt fields of information from a database or the 80 conversion of data from one available format to another shall not be deemed the creation, preparation or 81 compilation of a new public record.

A. In any case where a public body determines in advance that charges for producing the requested
records are likely to exceed \$200, the public body may, before continuing to process the request, require
the requester to agree to payment of a deposit not to exceed the amount of the advance determination.
The deposit shall be credited toward the final cost of supplying the requested records. The period within
which the public body shall respond under this section shall be tolled for the amount of time that
elapses between notice of the advance determination and the response of the requester.

88 I. Before processing a request for records, a public body may require the requester to pay any
 89 amounts owed to the public body for previous requests for records that remain unpaid 30 days or more
 90 after billing.

91 J. Every public body of state government shall compile, and annually update, an index of computer 92 databases that contains at a minimum those databases created by them on or after July 1, 1997. 93 "Computer database" means a structured collection of data or records residing in a computer. Such index 94 shall be a public record and shall include, at a minimum, the following information with respect to each 95 database listed therein: a list of data fields, a description of the format or record layout, the date last 96 updated, a list of any data fields to which public access is restricted, a description of each format in 97 which the database can be copied or reproduced using the public body's computer facilities, and a 98 schedule of fees for the production of copies in each available form. The form, context, language, and 99 guidelines for the indices and the databases to be indexed shall be developed by the Virginia Information Technologies Agency in consultation with the Librarian of Virginia and the State Archivist. 100 101 The public body shall not be required to disclose its software security, including passwords.

102 § 2.2-3705. Exclusions to application of chapter.

103 A. The following records are excluded from the provisions of this chapter but may be disclosed by 104 the custodian in his discretion, except where such disclosure is prohibited by law:

105 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
 107 Department, the Virginia Racing Commission, or the Department of Charitable Gaming.

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

110 3. Scholastic records containing information concerning identifiable individuals, except that such 111 access shall not be denied to the person who is the subject thereof, or the parent or legal guardian of the 112 student. However, no student shall have access to (i) financial records of a parent or guardian or (ii) 113 records of instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel and educational personnel ancillary 114 thereto, which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof and that are not accessible or revealed to 115 any other person except a substitute.

116 The parent or legal guardian of a student may prohibit, by written request, the release of any 117 individual information regarding that student until the student reaches the age of 18 years. For scholastic 118 records of students under the age of 18 years, the right of access may be asserted only by his legal 119 guardian or parent, including a noncustodial parent, unless such parent's parental rights have been 120 terminated or a court of competent jurisdiction has restricted or denied such access. For scholastic 121 records of students who are emancipated or attending a state-supported institution of higher education,122 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.

136 Where the person who is the subject of medical records is confined in a state or local correctional 137 facility, the administrator or chief medical officer of such facility may assert such confined person's right 138 of access to the medical records if the administrator or chief medical officer has reasonable cause to 139 believe that such confined person has an infectious disease or other medical condition from which other 140 persons so confined need to be protected. Medical records shall only be reviewed and shall not be 141 copied by such administrator or chief medical officer. The information in the medical records of a 142 person so confined shall continue to be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the administrator or 143 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.

160 As used in this subdivision:

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

164 "Working papers" means those records prepared by or for an above-named public official for his 165 personal or deliberative use.

166 7. Written advice of legal counsel to state, regional or local public bodies or the officers or 167 employees of such public bodies, and any other records protected by the attorney-client privilege.

168 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.

171 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.

174 10. Library records that can be used to identify both (i) any library patron who has borrowed 175 material from a library and (ii) the material such patron borrowed.

176 11. Any test or examination used, administered or prepared by any public body for purposes of
177 evaluation of (i) any student or any student's performance, (ii) any employee or employment seeker's
178 qualifications or aptitude for employment, retention, or promotion, or (iii) qualifications for any license
179 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.

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182 Nothing contained in this subdivision shall prohibit the release of test scores or results as provided by 183 law, or limit access to individual records as provided by law. However, the subject of such employment 184 tests shall be entitled to review and inspect all records relative to his performance on such employment 185 tests.

186 When, in the reasonable opinion of such public body, any such test or examination no longer has any 187 potential for future use, and the security of future tests or examinations will not be jeopardized, the test 188 or examination shall be made available to the public. However, minimum competency tests administered 189 to public school children shall be made available to the public contemporaneously with statewide release 190 of the scores of those taking such tests, but in no event shall such tests be made available to the public 191 later than six months after the administration of such tests.

192 12. Applications for admission to examinations or for licensure and scoring records maintained by 193 the Department of Health Professions or any board in that department on individual licensees or 194 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 195 196 Health Professions or in the offices of any health regulatory board, whichever may possess the material.

197 13. Records of active investigations being conducted by the Department of Health Professions or by 198 any health regulatory board in the Commonwealth.

199 14. Records recorded in or compiled exclusively for use in closed meetings lawfully held pursuant to 200 § 2.2-3711. However, no record that is otherwise open to inspection under this chapter shall be deemed 201 exempt by virtue of the fact that it has been reviewed or discussed in a closed meeting. 202

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

203 16. Proprietary information gathered by or for the Virginia Port Authority as provided in 204 § 62.1-132.4 or § 62.1-134.1.

17. Contract cost estimates prepared for the confidential use of the Department of Transportation in 205 206 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. 207

208 18. Vendor proprietary information software that may be in the official records of a public body. For 209 the purpose of this subdivision, "vendor proprietary software" means computer programs acquired from a 210 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 211 212 financings.

213 20. Data, records or information of a proprietary nature produced or collected by or for faculty or 214 staff of public institutions of higher education, other than the institutions' financial or administrative 215 records, in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on medical, scientific, technical or scholarly 216 issues, whether sponsored by the institution alone or in conjunction with a governmental body or a 217 private concern, where such data, records or information has not been publicly released, published, copyrighted or patented. 218

219 21. Lists of registered owners of bonds issued by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, 220 whether the lists are maintained by the political subdivision itself or by a single fiduciary designated by 221 the political subdivision.

222 22. Confidential proprietary records, voluntarily provided by private business pursuant to a promise 223 of confidentiality from the Department of Business Assistance, the Virginia Economic Development 224 Partnership, the Virginia Tourism Authority, or local or regional industrial or economic development 225 authorities or organizations, used by the Department, the Partnership, the Authority, or such entities for 226 business, trade and tourism development; and memoranda, working papers or other records related to 227 businesses that are considering locating or expanding in Virginia, prepared by the Partnership, where 228 competition or bargaining is involved and where, if such records are made public, the financial interest 229 of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

230 23. Information that was filed as confidential under the Toxic Substances Information Act 231 (§ 32.1-239 et seq.), as such Act existed prior to July 1, 1992.

232 24. Confidential records, including victim identity, provided to or obtained by staff in a rape crisis 233 center or a program for battered spouses.

234 25. Computer software developed by or for a state agency, state-supported institution of higher 235 education or political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

236 26. Investigator notes, and other correspondence and information, furnished in confidence with 237 respect to an active investigation of individual employment discrimination complaints made to the 238 Department of Human Resource Management or to such personnel of any local public body, including 239 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 240 that does not reveal the identity of charging parties, persons supplying the information or other 241 242 individuals involved in the investigation.

243 27. Fisheries data that would permit identification of any person or vessel, except when required by

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244 court order as specified in § 28.2-204.

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

247 29. Records and writings furnished by a member of the General Assembly to a meeting of a standing
248 committee, special committee or subcommittee of his house established solely for the purpose of
249 reviewing members' annual disclosure statements and supporting materials filed under § 30-110 or of
250 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.

254 31. Investigative notes and other correspondence and information furnished in confidence with 255 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 256 accordance with the authority specified in § 2.2-2638, or adopted pursuant to § 15.2-965, or adopted 257 258 prior to July 1, 1987, in accordance with applicable law, relating to local human rights or human 259 relations commissions. However, nothing in this section shall prohibit the distribution of information 260 taken from inactive reports in a form that does not reveal the identity of the parties involved or other 261 persons supplying information.

262 32. Investigative notes; proprietary information not published, copyrighted or patented; information 263 obtained from employee personnel records; personally identifiable information regarding residents, 264 clients or other recipients of services; and other correspondence and information furnished in confidence 265 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. 266 However, nothing in this section shall prohibit disclosure of information from the records of completed 267 268 investigations in a form that does not reveal the identity of complainants, persons supplying information, 269 or other individuals involved in the investigation.

270 33. Personal information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, (i) filed with the Virginia Housing Development 271 Authority concerning individuals who have applied for or received loans or other housing assistance or 272 who have applied for occupancy of or have occupied housing financed, owned or otherwise assisted by 273 the Virginia Housing Development Authority; (ii) concerning persons participating in or persons on the 274 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 275 276 waiting list for housing assistance programs funded by local governments or by any such authority; or 277 (iv) filed with any local redevelopment and housing authority created pursuant to § 36-4 or any other 278 local government agency concerning persons who have applied for occupancy or who have occupied 279 affordable dwelling units established pursuant to § 15.2-2304 or § 15.2-2305. However, access to one's 280 own information shall not be denied.

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

284 35. Appraisals and cost estimates of real property subject to a proposed purchase, sale or lease, prior285 to the completion of such purchase, sale or lease.

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

292 37. Records, memoranda, working papers, graphics, video or audio tapes, production models, data 293 and information of a proprietary nature produced by or for or collected by or for the State Lottery Department relating to matters of a specific lottery game design, development, production, operation, 294 ticket price, prize structure, manner of selecting the winning ticket, manner of payment of prizes to 295 296 holders of winning tickets, frequency of drawings or selections of winning tickets, odds of winning, 297 advertising, or marketing, where such official records have not been publicly released, published, 298 copyrighted or patented. Whether released, published or copyrighted, all game-related information shall 299 be subject to public disclosure under this chapter upon the first day of sales for the specific lottery game 300 to which it pertains.

301 38. Records of studies and investigations by the State Lottery Department of (i) lottery agents, (ii)
302 lottery vendors, (iii) lottery crimes under §§ 58.1-4014 through 58.1-4018, (iv) defects in the law or
303 regulations that cause abuses in the administration and operation of the lottery and any evasions of such
304 provisions, or (v) the use of the lottery as a subterfuge for organized crime and illegal gambling where

305 such official records have not been publicly released, published or copyrighted. All studies and 306 investigations referred to under clauses (iii), (iv) and (v) shall be open to inspection and copying upon 307 completion of the study or investigation.

308 39. Those portions of engineering and construction drawings and plans submitted for the sole purpose 309 of complying with the Building Code in obtaining a building permit that would identify specific trade 310 secrets or other information the disclosure of which would be harmful to the competitive position of the 311 owner or lessee. However, such information shall be exempt only until the building is completed. Information relating to the safety or environmental soundness of any building shall not be exempt from 312 313 disclosure.

314 Those portions of engineering and construction drawings and plans that reveal critical structural components, security equipment and systems, ventilation systems, fire protection equipment, mandatory 315 316 building emergency equipment or systems, elevators, electrical systems, telecommunications equipment 317 and systems, and other utility equipment and systems submitted for the purpose of complying with the 318 Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.) or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et 319 seq.), the disclosure of which would jeopardize the safety or security of any public or private 320 commercial office, multi-family residential or retail building or its occupants in the event of terrorism or 321 other threat to public safety, to the extent that the owner or lessee of such property, equipment or 322 system in writing (i) invokes the protections of this paragraph; (ii) identifies the drawings, plans, or 323 other materials to be protected; and (iii) states the reasons why protection is necessary.

324 Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent the disclosure of information relating to any building in 325 connection with an inquiry into the performance of that building after it has been subjected to fire, 326 explosion, natural disaster or other catastrophic event.

327 40. Records concerning reserves established in specific claims administered by the Department of the 328 Treasury through its Division of Risk Management as provided in Article 5 (§ 2.2-1832 et seq.) of 329 Chapter 18 of this title, or by any county, city, or town; and investigative notes, correspondence and 330 information furnished in confidence with respect to an investigation of a claim or a potential claim 331 against a public body's insurance policy or self-insurance plan. However, nothing in this subdivision 332 shall prohibit the disclosure of information taken from inactive reports upon expiration of the period of 333 limitations for the filing of a civil suit.

41. Information and records collected for the designation and verification of trauma centers and other 334 335 specialty care centers within the Statewide Emergency Medical Services System and Services pursuant to 336 Article 2.1 (§ 32.1-111.1 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 32.1. 337

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

338 43. Investigative notes, correspondence and information furnished in confidence, and records 339 otherwise exempted by this chapter or any Virginia statute, provided to or produced by or for the (i) 340 Auditor of Public Accounts; (ii) Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission; (iii) Department of the 341 State Internal Auditor with respect to an investigation initiated through the State Employee Fraud, Waste 342 and Abuse Hotline; or (iv) committee or the auditor with respect to an investigation or audit conducted 343 pursuant to § 15.2-825. Records of completed investigations shall be disclosed in a form that does not 344 reveal the identity of the complainants or persons supplying information to investigators. Unless 345 disclosure is prohibited by this section, the records disclosed shall include, but not be limited to, the 346 agency involved, the identity of the person who is the subject of the complaint, the nature of the 347 complaint, and the actions taken to resolve the complaint. If an investigation does not lead to corrective 348 action, the identity of the person who is the subject of the complaint may be released only with the 349 consent of the subject person.

350 44. Data formerly required to be submitted to the Commissioner of Health relating to the 351 establishment of new or the expansion of existing clinical health services, acquisition of major medical 352 equipment, or certain projects requiring capital expenditures pursuant to former § 32.1-102.3:4.

353 45. Documentation or other information that describes the design, function, operation or access 354 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. 355

356 46. Confidential financial statements, balance sheets, trade secrets, and revenue and cost projections 357 provided to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, provided such information is exempt 358 under the federal Freedom of Information Act or the federal Interstate Commerce Act or other laws 359 administered by the Surface Transportation Board or the Federal Railroad Administration with respect to 360 data provided in confidence to the Surface Transportation Board and the Federal Railroad 361 Administration.

47. Records of the Virginia Retirement System, acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, or of a local 362 retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, or of the Rector and Visitors of the University of 363 364 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 365 governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that: (i) such records contain confidential 366

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analyses prepared for the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, prepared by the retirement 367 368 system or provided to the retirement system under a promise of confidentiality, of the future value of 369 such ownership interest or the future financial performance of the entity, and (ii) disclosure of such 370 confidential analyses would have an adverse effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held 371 or disposed of by the retirement system or the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia. 372 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent the disclosure of records relating to the identity 373 of any investment held, the amount invested, or the present value of such investment.

374 48. Confidential proprietary records related to inventory and sales, voluntarily provided by private 375 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. 376

377 49. Confidential proprietary information furnished to the Board of Medical Assistance Services or the 378 Medicaid Prior Authorization Advisory Committee pursuant to Article 4 (§ 32.1-331.12 et seq.) of 379 Chapter 10 of Title 32.1.

380 50. Proprietary, commercial or financial information, balance sheets, trade secrets, and revenue and 381 cost projections provided by a private transportation business to the Virginia Department of 382 Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the purpose of conducting 383 transportation studies needed to obtain grants or other financial assistance under the Transportation 384 Equity Act for the 21st Century (P.L. 105-178) for transportation projects, provided such information is 385 exempt under the federal Freedom of Information Act or the federal Interstate Commerce Act or other 386 laws administered by the Surface Transportation Board or the Federal Railroad Administration with 387 respect to data provided in confidence to the Surface Transportation Board and the Federal Railroad 388 Administration. However, the exemption provided by this subdivision shall not apply to any wholly 389 owned subsidiary of a public body.

390 51. Names and addresses of subscribers to Virginia Wildlife magazine, published by the Department 391 of Game and Inland Fisheries, provided the individual subscriber has requested in writing that the 392 Department not release such information. 393

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

394 53. Confidential information designated as provided in subsection D of § 2.2-4342 as trade secrets or 395 proprietary information by any person who has submitted to a public body an application for 396 prequalification to bid on public construction projects in accordance with subsection B of § 2.2-4317.

397 54. All information and records acquired during a review of any child death by the State Child 398 Fatality Review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, during a review of any child death by a local 399 or regional child fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.2, and all information and 400 records acquired during a review of any death by a family violence fatality review team established 401 pursuant to § 32.1-283.3.

402 55. Financial, medical, rehabilitative and other personal information concerning applicants for or 403 recipients of loan funds submitted to or maintained by the Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority 404 under Chapter 11 (\S 51.5-53 et seq.) of Title 51.5.

56. Confidential proprietary records that are voluntarily provided by a private entity pursuant to a 405 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 406 407 408 Infrastructure Act of 2002 (§ 56-575.1 et seq.), pursuant to a promise of confidentiality from the 409 responsible public entity or affected local jurisdiction, used by the responsible public entity or affected 410 local jurisdiction for purposes related to the development of a qualifying transportation facility or 411 qualifying project; and memoranda, working papers or other records related to proposals filed under the 412 Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 or the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure 413 Act of 2002, where, if such records were made public, the financial interest of the public or private 414 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 415 416 chapter, the private entity shall (i) invoke such exclusion upon submission of the data or other materials 417 for which protection from disclosure is sought, (ii) identify the data or other materials for which 418 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 419 420 as they are defined in the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 or in the Public-Private Education 421 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 422 423 records shall not be interpreted to include proprietary, commercial or financial information, balance 424 sheets, financial statements, or trade secrets that may be provided by the private entity as evidence of its 425 qualifications.

426 57. Plans and information to prevent or respond to terrorist activity, the disclosure of which would 427 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 428 429 manuals, and staff meeting minutes or other records; and (iii) engineering or architectural records, or 430 records containing information derived from such records, to the extent such records reveal the location 431 or operation of security equipment and systems, elevators, ventilation, fire protection, emergency, 432 electrical, telecommunications or utility equipment and systems of any public building, structure or 433 information storage facility. The same categories of records of any governmental or nongovernmental 434 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 435 436 subdivision, (b) identifies with specificity the records or portions thereof for which protection is sought, 437 and (c) states with reasonable particularity why the protection of such records from public disclosure is 438 necessary to meet the objective of antiterrorism planning or protection. Such statement shall be a public 439 record and shall be disclosed upon request. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the 440 disclosure of records relating to the structural or environmental soundness of any building, nor shall it 441 prevent the disclosure of information relating to any building in connection with an inquiry into the 442 performance of that building after it has been subjected to fire, explosion, natural disaster or other 443 catastrophic event.

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444 58. All records of the University of Virginia or the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern 445 Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, that contain proprietary, business-related information 446 pertaining to the operations of the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical 447 School, as the case may be, including business development or marketing strategies and activities with 448 existing or future joint venturers, partners, or other parties with whom the University of Virginia 449 Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, has formed, or forms, any 450 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. 451

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

455 60. Records of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority pertaining to any of 456 the following: an individual's qualifications for or continued membership on its medical or teaching 457 staffs; proprietary information gathered by or in the possession of the Authority from third parties 458 pursuant to a promise of confidentiality; contract cost estimates prepared for confidential use in 459 awarding contracts for construction or the purchase of goods or services; data, records or information of 460 a proprietary nature produced or collected by or for the Authority or members of its medical or teaching 461 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 462 463 paid for by the Authority to assist the Authority in connection with its strategic planning and goals; and 464 the determination of marketing and operational strategies where disclosure of such strategies would be 465 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 466 or administrative records, in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on medical, scientific, 467 **468** technical or scholarly issues, whether sponsored by the Authority alone or in conjunction with a 469 governmental body or a private concern, when such data, records or information have not been publicly 470 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.

477 62. Confidential proprietary records that are provided by a franchisee under § 15.2-2108 to its 478 franchising authority pursuant to a promise of confidentiality from the franchising authority that relates 479 to the franchisee's potential provision of new services, adoption of new technologies or implementation 480 of improvements, where such new services, technologies or improvements have not been implemented 481 by the franchisee on a nonexperimental scale in the franchise area, and where, if such records were 482 made public, the competitive advantage or financial interests of the franchisee would be adversely 483 affected. In order for confidential proprietary information to be excluded from the provisions of this 484 chapter, the franchisee shall (i) invoke such exclusion upon submission of the data or other materials for 485 which protection from disclosure is sought, (ii) identify the data or other materials for which protection 486 is sought, and (iii) state the reason why protection is necessary.

487 63. Records of the Intervention Program Committee within the Department of Health Professions, to488 the extent such records may identify any practitioner who may be, or who is actually, impaired to the489 extent disclosure is prohibited by § 54.1-2517.

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490 64. Records submitted as a grant application, or accompanying a grant application, to the 491 Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 3.1 (§ 51.5-12.1 et seq.) of 492 Title 51.5, to the extent such records contain (i) medical or mental records, or other data identifying 493 individual patients or (ii) proprietary business or research-related information produced or collected by 494 the applicant in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on medical, rehabilitative, scientific, 495 technical or scholarly issues, when such information has not been publicly released, published, 496 copyrighted or patented, if the disclosure of such information would be harmful to the competitive 497 position of the applicant.

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

503 66. Documents and other information of a proprietary nature furnished by a supplier of charitable504 gaming supplies to the Department of Charitable Gaming pursuant to subsection E of § 18.2-340.34.

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

68. Âny 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.

515 69. Engineering and architectural drawings, operational, procedural, tactical planning or training 516 manuals, or staff meeting minutes or other records, the disclosure of which would reveal surveillance 517 techniques, personnel deployments, alarm or security systems or technologies, or operational and 518 transportation plans or protocols, to the extent such disclosure would jeopardize the security of any 519 governmental facility, building or structure or the safety of persons using such facility, building or 520 structure.

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

523 71. Records of the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Water Control Board, State Air 524 Pollution Control Board or the Virginia Waste Management Board relating to (i) active federal 525 environmental enforcement actions that are considered confidential under federal law and (ii) 526 enforcement strategies, including proposed sanctions for enforcement actions. Upon request, such records 527 shall be disclosed after a proposed sanction resulting from the investigation has been proposed to the 528 director of the agency. This subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit the disclosure of records 529 related to inspection reports, notices of violation, and documents detailing the nature of any 530 environmental contamination that may have occurred or similar documents.

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

536 73. Records of the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy consisting of documentary evidence 537 received or maintained by the Office or its agents in connection with specific complaints or 538 investigations, and records of communications between employees and agents of the Office and its 539 clients or prospective clients concerning specific complaints, investigations or cases. Upon the 540 conclusion of an investigation of a complaint, this exclusion shall no longer apply, but the Office may 541 not at any time release the identity of any complainant or person with mental illness, mental retardation, 542 developmental disabilities or other disability, unless (i) such complainant or person or his legal 543 representative consents in writing to such identification or (ii) such identification is required by court 544 order.

74. Information furnished in confidence to the Department of Employment Dispute Resolution with
respect to an investigation, consultation, or mediation under Chapter 10 (§ 2.2-1000 et seq.) of this title,
and memoranda, correspondence and other records resulting from any such investigation, consultation or
mediation. 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.

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

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

559 77. Records, information and statistical registries required to be kept confidential pursuant to \$\$ 63.2-102 and 63.2-104.

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

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

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

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

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

580 83. Records submitted as a grant application, or accompanying a grant application, to the 581 Commonwealth Health Research Board pursuant to Chapter 22 (§ 23-277 et seq.) of Title 23 to the 582 extent such records contain proprietary business or research-related information produced or collected by 583 the applicant in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on medical, rehabilitative, scientific, 584 technical or scholarly issues, when such information has not been publicly released, published, 585 copyrighted or patented, if the disclosure of such information would be harmful to the competitive 586 position of the applicant.

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

590 85. Security plans and specific vulnerability assessment components of school safety audits, as 591 provided in § 22.1-279.8.

592 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the disclosure of records relating to the
593 effectiveness of security plans after (i) any school building or property has been subjected to fire,
594 explosion, natural disaster or other catastrophic event, or (ii) any person on school property has suffered
595 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.

600 87. Records of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program required to be 601 kept confidential pursuant to § 38.2-5002.2.

88. Those maps contained in a geographic information system that are developed from a combination
of high resolution technologies, including digital orthophotography, digital terrain models or related
ancillary proprietary data produced by any local governing body or by the Virginia Geographic
Information Network division of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency in accordance with
§ 2.2-2027. However, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the disclosure of base
line mapping or topography, including flat-line computer drawings contained in a geographic
information system from which the maps excluded by this subdivision may be developed.

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

613 rate of pay of, and records of the allowances or reimbursements for expenses paid to any officer, official

614 or employee of a public body; or (iii) the compensation or benefits paid by any corporation organized
615 by the Virginia Retirement System or its officers or employees. The provisions of this subsection,
616 however, shall not require public access to records of the official salaries or rates of pay of public
617 employees whose annual rate of pay is \$10,000 or less.

618 C. No provision of this chapter or Chapter 21 (§ 30-178 et seq.) of Title 30 shall be construed to 619 afford any rights to any person incarcerated in a state, local or federal correctional facility, whether or 620 not such facility is (i) located in the Commonwealth or (ii) operated pursuant to the Corrections Private 621 Management Act (§ 53.1-261 et seq.). However, this subsection shall not be construed to prevent an 622 incarcerated person from exercising his constitutionally protected rights, including, but not limited to, his 623 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.