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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 2083**

Offered January 14, 2009 Prefiled January 13, 2009

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2821.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to state employees; leave for volunteer fire and rescue service.

Patron—Purkey

Referred to Committee on General Laws

## Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

## 1. That § 2.2-2821.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2821.2. Leave for volunteer fire and rescue service.

State employees shall be allowed up to sixteen 24 hours of paid leave in any calendar year, in addition to other paid leave, to serve with a volunteer fire department and rescue squad or auxiliary unit thereof that has been recognized in accordance with § 15.2-955 by an ordinance or resolution of the political subdivision where the volunteer fire department or rescue squad is located as being a part of the safety program of such political subdivision. The Department shall develop personnel policies providing for the use of such leave. For the purposes of this section, "state employee" means any person who is regularly employed full time on a salaried 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 the Commonwealth or any department, institution, or agency thereof.