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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2526**

House Amendments in [ ] - February 9, 2009

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-100 of the Code of Virginia, relating to judicial performance evaluation program.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Janis

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That § 17.1-100 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 17.1-100. Judicial performance evaluation program.

The ~~Supreme Court, by rule,~~ *Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory of the Center for Public Policy at Virginia Commonwealth University* shall [ ~~establish and~~ ] maintain a judicial performance evaluation program that will provide a self-improvement mechanism for judges and a source of information for *consideration by members of the General Assembly during* the reelection process. By September 1 of each year, the ~~Supreme Court, or its designee,~~ *Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory of the Center for Public Policy at Virginia Commonwealth University* shall transmit a report of the evaluation in the final year of the term of each justice and judge whose term expires during the next session of the General Assembly to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice *for dissemination and use by members of the General Assembly.* ~~The reporting requirement of this section shall become effective when funds are appropriated for this program and the first justice or judge is evaluated.~~

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