

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2010 SESSION

CHAPTER 523

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1736 of the Code of Virginia, relating to mutual aid agreements.

[H 866]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-1736 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-1736. Mutual aid agreements among governing bodies of localities.

The governing bodies of localities, ~~and~~ institutions of higher learning having a police force appointed pursuant to § 23-233, *and institutions of higher education having a private police force*, as well as sheriffs, and the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation with commissioned conservation officers, or any combination thereof may, by proper resolutions, enter in and become a party to contracts or mutual aid agreements for the use of their joint forces, both regular and auxiliary, their equipment and materials to maintain peace and good order. However, no such institution of higher learning shall enter into such agreement with another institution of higher education in a noncontiguous locality without the consent of all localities within which such institutions are located. Any police or other law-enforcement officer, regular or auxiliary, while performing his duty under any such contract or agreement, shall have the same authority in such locality as he has within the locality where he was appointed.

In counties where no police department has been established, the sheriff may, in his discretion, enter into mutual aid agreements as provided by this section.