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HOUSE BILL NO. 2155

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance
on February 16, 2011)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cline)

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-3131 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the publication of payment or disbursement information by local governments.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 58.1-3131 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 58.1-3131. Warrant book; release of information.

The treasurer shall provide and keep a well-bound book, in which he shall make an entry of all warrants legally drawn upon him by the governing body and presented for payment, stating correctly the amount, number, in whose favor drawn and the date such warrant was issued. All such warrants shall be paid, in the order presented, out of the fund drawn upon.

No information contained in the list of warrants shall be released for any purpose except (i) *that the local governing body of the county, city, or town may at regular intervals publish the aggregate amount of warrants paid during the preceding interval, classified by expenditure item or disbursement, or (ii) as a means of establishing the status of a claim previously reported as having been paid when a person legally entitled to the funds presents evidence that a previously submitted claim has not been paid. In no case, however, shall the governing body of any county, city, or town publish any information that is prohibited from release under federal or state law, including but not limited to confidential records held pursuant to § 58.1-3. Nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted as prohibiting the release of information on local warrants for refunds of taxes so long as such information is classified or aggregated so as to prevent the identification of payees of tax refunds.*

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