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**HOUSE BILL NO. 550**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-110, 2.2-608, and 30-34.15 of the Code of Virginia, relating to submission of agency reports in electronic format.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

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

**1. That §§ 2.2-110, 2.2-608, and 30-34.15 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.2-110. Officers of Commonwealth and its institutions to make reports to Governor.

The officers of the executive branch of state government and superintendents and boards of state institutions, shall make to the Governor ~~written~~ reports at the times prescribed by law or at any time the Governor may require on any subject relating to their offices and institutions. The reports shall be in a ~~form~~ *written or electronic format* and contain such information as the Governor may require. The reports shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and under his supervision, summarized and recorded in books kept for the purpose.

§ 2.2-608. Furnishing reports; Governor authorized to require reports.

A. Agencies, institutions, collegial bodies, and other governmental entities that are specifically required by the Code of Virginia to report annually or biennially to the Governor and General Assembly shall post such annual or biennial reports on the respective entity's website on or before October 1 of each year, unless otherwise specified. No hard copies of annual and biennial reports shall be printed except in instances where copies are requested by a member of the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of § 30-34.4:1. The Governor may require any agency to furnish an annual or biennial report *in a written or electronic format*.

B. Each state entity required to submit a report to multiple legislative branch entities pursuant to subsection C may develop a single consolidated report *in a written or electronic format* containing the required information. Such report shall be (i) formatted to comply with any specific reporting requirement, and (ii) provided in a manner designed to clearly delineate each legislative branch entity for which specific information is provided.

C. Any agency, institution, collegial body, or other governmental entity outside of the legislative branch of government required to submit a report to the General Assembly or any committee, subcommittee, commission, agency, or other body within the legislative branch or to the chairman or agency head of such entity shall distribute a hard copy of such report to each member of the General Assembly who requests a copy in accordance with the provisions of § 30-34.4:1. A consolidated report developed pursuant to subsection B shall satisfy any reporting requirement under this subsection. The cost of printing and distributing reports shall be borne by the reporting entity or its supporting agency.

§ 30-34.15. Submission of reports and executive summaries to the legislative branch.

A. Any report required or requested by law or resolution to be submitted to the General Assembly shall be submitted to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems *in a written or electronic format* as provided in the procedures for the processing of legislative documents. Such submission shall satisfy the requirement for communication to the General Assembly.

B. Any report required or requested by law or resolution to be submitted to any committee, subcommittee, commission, agency, or other body within the legislative branch or to the chairman or agency head of such entity shall also be submitted to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems *in a written or electronic format* as provided in the procedures for the processing of legislative documents and reports.

C. The reports submitted to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems shall include an executive summary. The Division shall post the executive summary and the report on the website of the General Assembly and develop a notification process to inform interested persons of such postings. Any requirement for a separate executive summary may be satisfied by the submission of a report *in a written or electronic format* with an executive summary.

D. The Director of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems and the publishing authority may enter into agreements to provide equivalent access to the report or the information contained in the report and such access shall satisfy the submission requirement of this section.

E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the release of information otherwise held

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