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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 19.2 a section numbered 19.2-271.4, relating to critical incident stress management teams; privileged communications by certain public safety personnel.*

Patrons—Yost, Miller and Filler-Corn

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 19.2 a section numbered 19.2-271.4 as follows:

§ 19.2-271.4. *Privileged communications by certain public safety personnel.*

A. No person who is a member of a critical incident stress management team established pursuant to subdivision A 13 of § 32.1-111.3 shall disclose any information communicated to him by public safety personnel who are the subjects of such peer support services regarding a critical incident. Such information shall also be exempt from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).

B. Public safety personnel whose communications are privileged under subsection A may waive the privilege.

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