

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to allow the City of Lynchburg to establish an airport police department at the Lynchburg*
3 *Regional Airport.*

4 [H 2035]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *The City of Lynchburg may by ordinance establish an airport police department at the*
8 *Lynchburg Regional Airport. The authority of the airport police department shall be limited to real*
9 *property owned, leased, or controlled by the Airport. Such authority shall not supersede the authority,*
10 *duties, or jurisdiction vested by law with the local police department or sheriff's office, including as*
11 *provided in §§ 15.2-1609 and 15.2-1704 of the Code of Virginia. The airport police department and*
12 *airport police officers shall be subject to and comply with the Constitution of the United States; the*
13 *Constitution of Virginia; the laws governing municipal police departments, including the provisions of*
14 *§§ 9.1-600, 15.2-1705 through 15.2-1708, 15.2-1719, 15.2-1721, and 15.2-1722 of the Code of Virginia;*
15 *and any regulations adopted by the Criminal Justice Services Board that the Department of Criminal*
16 *Justice Services designates as applicable to private police departments. Any person employed as an*
17 *airport police officer pursuant to this act shall meet all requirements, including the minimum*
18 *compulsory training requirements, for law-enforcement officers pursuant to Chapter 1 (§ 9.1-100 et seq.)*
19 *of Title 9.1 of the Code of Virginia. An airport police officer is not entitled to benefits under the Line of*
20 *Duty Act (§ 9.1-400 et seq.) or under the Virginia Retirement System, is not a "qualified*
21 *law-enforcement officer" or "qualified retired law-enforcement officer" within the meaning of the federal*
22 *Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. § 926B et seq., and shall not be deemed an employee of*
23 *the Commonwealth. The airport police department may use the word "police" to describe its sworn*
24 *officers and may join a regional criminal justice academy created pursuant to Article 5 (§ 15.2-1747 et*
25 *seq.) of Chapter 17 of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia.*

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