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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

*An Act to amend and reenact § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 sections numbered 9.1-116.2 and 9.1-116.3, relating to powers and duties of the Department of Criminal Justice Services; committees related to sexual and domestic violence.*

[S 1094]

Approved

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

**1. That § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 sections numbered 9.1-116.2 and 9.1-116.3 as follows:**

**§ 9.1-102. Powers and duties of the Board and the Department.**

The Department, under the direction of the Board, which shall be the policy-making body for carrying out the duties and powers hereunder, shall have the power and duty to:

1. Adopt regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), for the administration of this chapter including the authority to require the submission of reports and information by law-enforcement officers within the Commonwealth. Any proposed regulations concerning the privacy, confidentiality, and security of criminal justice information shall be submitted for review and comment to any board, commission, or committee or other body which may be established by the General Assembly to regulate the privacy, confidentiality, and security of information collected and maintained by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;

2. Establish compulsory minimum training standards subsequent to employment as a law-enforcement officer in (i) permanent positions, and (ii) temporary or probationary status, and establish the time required for completion of such training;

3. Establish minimum training standards and qualifications for certification and recertification for law-enforcement officers serving as field training officers;

4. Establish compulsory minimum curriculum requirements for in-service and advanced courses and programs for schools, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, which are operated for the specific purpose of training law-enforcement officers;

5. Establish (i) compulsory minimum training standards for law-enforcement officers who utilize radar or an electrical or microcomputer device to measure the speed of motor vehicles as provided in § 46.2-882 and establish the time required for completion of the training and (ii) compulsory minimum qualifications for certification and recertification of instructors who provide such training;

6. Establish compulsory training courses for law-enforcement officers in laws and procedures relating to entrapment, search and seizure, evidence, and techniques of report writing, which training shall be completed by law-enforcement officers who have not completed the compulsory training standards set out in subdivision 2, prior to assignment of any such officers to undercover investigation work. Failure to complete the training shall not, for that reason, constitute grounds to exclude otherwise properly admissible testimony or other evidence from such officer resulting from any undercover investigation;

7. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service and advanced training standards for those persons designated to provide courthouse and courtroom security pursuant to the provisions of § 53.1-120, and to establish the time required for completion of such training;

8. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service and advanced training standards for deputy sheriffs designated to serve process pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-293, and establish the time required for the completion of such training;

9. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service, and advanced training standards, as well as the time required for completion of such training, for persons employed as deputy sheriffs and jail officers by local criminal justice agencies, correctional officers employed by the Department of Corrections under the provisions of Title 53.1, and juvenile correctional officers employed at a juvenile correctional facility as the term is defined in § 66-25.3;

10. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for all dispatchers employed by or in any local or state government agency, whose duties include the dispatching of law-enforcement personnel. Such training standards shall apply only to dispatchers hired on or after July 1, 1988;

11. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for all auxiliary police officers employed by or in any local or state government agency. Such training shall be graduated and based on the type of duties to be performed by the auxiliary police officers. Such training standards shall not apply to

- 57 auxiliary police officers exempt pursuant to § 15.2-1731;
- 58 12. Consult and cooperate with counties, municipalities, agencies of the Commonwealth, other state  
59 and federal governmental agencies, and with universities, colleges, community colleges, and other  
60 institutions, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, concerning the development of police  
61 training schools and programs or courses of instruction;
- 62 13. Approve institutions, curricula and facilities, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth,  
63 for school operation for the specific purpose of training law-enforcement officers; but this shall not  
64 prevent the holding of any such school whether approved or not;
- 65 14. Establish and maintain police training programs through such agencies and institutions as the  
66 Board deems appropriate;
- 67 15. Establish compulsory minimum qualifications of certification and recertification for instructors in  
68 criminal justice training schools approved by the Department;
- 69 16. Conduct and stimulate research by public and private agencies which shall be designed to  
70 improve police administration and law enforcement;
- 71 17. Make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview pursuant to this chapter;
- 72 18. Coordinate its activities with those of any interstate system for the exchange of criminal history  
73 record information, nominate one or more of its members to serve upon the council or committee of any  
74 such system, and participate when and as deemed appropriate in any such system's activities and  
75 programs;
- 76 19. Conduct inquiries and investigations it deems appropriate to carry out its functions under this  
77 chapter and, in conducting such inquiries and investigations, may require any criminal justice agency to  
78 submit information, reports, and statistical data with respect to its policy and operation of information  
79 systems or with respect to its collection, storage, dissemination, and usage of criminal history record  
80 information and correctional status information, and such criminal justice agencies shall submit such  
81 information, reports, and data as are reasonably required;
- 82 20. Conduct audits as required by § 9.1-131;
- 83 21. Conduct a continuing study and review of questions of individual privacy and confidentiality of  
84 criminal history record information and correctional status information;
- 85 22. Advise criminal justice agencies and initiate educational programs for such agencies with respect  
86 to matters of privacy, confidentiality, and security as they pertain to criminal history record information  
87 and correctional status information;
- 88 23. Maintain a liaison with any board, commission, committee, or other body which may be  
89 established by law, executive order, or resolution to regulate the privacy and security of information  
90 collected by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;
- 91 24. Adopt regulations establishing guidelines and standards for the collection, storage, and  
92 dissemination of criminal history record information and correctional status information, and the privacy,  
93 confidentiality, and security thereof necessary to implement state and federal statutes, regulations, and  
94 court orders;
- 95 25. Operate a statewide criminal justice research center, which shall maintain an integrated criminal  
96 justice information system, produce reports, provide technical assistance to state and local criminal  
97 justice data system users, and provide analysis and interpretation of criminal justice statistical  
98 information;
- 99 26. Develop a comprehensive, statewide, long-range plan for strengthening and improving law  
100 enforcement and the administration of criminal justice throughout the Commonwealth, and periodically  
101 update that plan;
- 102 27. Cooperate with, and advise and assist, all agencies, departments, boards and institutions of the  
103 Commonwealth, and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, including planning  
104 district commissions, in planning, developing, and administering programs, projects, comprehensive  
105 plans, and other activities for improving law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice  
106 throughout the Commonwealth, including allocating and subgranting funds for these purposes;
- 107 28. Define, develop, organize, encourage, conduct, coordinate, and administer programs, projects and  
108 activities for the Commonwealth and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, in the  
109 Commonwealth, designed to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal  
110 justice at every level throughout the Commonwealth;
- 111 29. Review and evaluate programs, projects, and activities, and recommend, where necessary,  
112 revisions or alterations to such programs, projects, and activities for the purpose of improving law  
113 enforcement and the administration of criminal justice;
- 114 30. Coordinate the activities and projects of the state departments, agencies, and boards of the  
115 Commonwealth and of the units of general local government, or combination thereof, including planning  
116 district commissions, relating to the preparation, adoption, administration, and implementation of  
117 comprehensive plans to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal

118 justice;

119 31. Do all things necessary on behalf of the Commonwealth and its units of general local  
120 government, to determine and secure benefits available under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
121 Streets Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-351, 82 Stat. 197), as amended, and under any other federal acts and  
122 programs for strengthening and improving law enforcement, the administration of criminal justice, and  
123 delinquency prevention and control;

124 32. Receive, administer, and expend all funds and other assistance available to the Board and the  
125 Department for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
126 Streets Act of 1968, as amended;

127 33. Apply for and accept grants from the United States government or any other source in carrying  
128 out the purposes of this chapter and accept any and all donations both real and personal, and grants of  
129 money from any governmental unit or public agency, or from any institution, person, firm or  
130 corporation, and may receive, utilize and dispose of the same. Any arrangements pursuant to this section  
131 shall be detailed in the annual report of the Board. Such report shall include the identity of the donor,  
132 the nature of the transaction, and the conditions, if any. Any moneys received pursuant to this section  
133 shall be deposited in the state treasury to the account of the Department. To these ends, the Board shall  
134 have the power to comply with conditions and execute such agreements as may be necessary;

135 34. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of  
136 its duties and execution of its powers under this chapter, including but not limited to, contracts with the  
137 United States, units of general local government or combinations thereof, in Virginia or other states, and  
138 with agencies and departments of the Commonwealth;

139 35. Adopt and administer reasonable regulations for the planning and implementation of programs  
140 and activities and for the allocation, expenditure and subgranting of funds available to the  
141 Commonwealth and to units of general local government, and for carrying out the purposes of this  
142 chapter and the powers and duties set forth herein;

143 36. Certify and decertify law-enforcement officers in accordance with §§ 15.2-1706 and 15.2-1707;

144 37. Establish training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement personnel in the  
145 handling of family abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking cases, including standards for  
146 determining the predominant physical aggressor in accordance with § 19.2-81.3. The Department shall  
147 provide technical support and assistance to law-enforcement agencies in carrying out the requirements  
148 set forth in § 9.1-1301 and shall by December 1, 2009, submit a report on the status of implementation  
149 of these requirements to the chairmen of the House and Senate Courts of Justice Committees;

150 38. Establish training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement personnel in  
151 communicating with and facilitating the safe return of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease;

152 39. Establish compulsory training standards for basic training and the recertification of  
153 law-enforcement officers to ensure sensitivity to and awareness of cultural diversity and the potential for  
154 biased policing;

155 40. Review and evaluate community-policing programs in the Commonwealth, and recommend where  
156 necessary statewide operating procedures, guidelines, and standards which strengthen and improve such  
157 programs, including sensitivity to and awareness of cultural diversity and the potential for biased  
158 policing;

159 41. Publish and disseminate a model policy or guideline that may be used by state and local agencies  
160 to ensure that law-enforcement personnel are sensitive to and aware of cultural diversity and the  
161 potential for biased policing;

162 42. Establish a Virginia Law-Enforcement Accreditation Center. The Center may, in cooperation with  
163 Virginia law-enforcement agencies, provide technical assistance and administrative support, including  
164 staffing, for the establishment of voluntary state law-enforcement accreditation standards. The Center  
165 may provide accreditation assistance and training, resource material, and research into methods and  
166 procedures that will assist the Virginia law-enforcement community efforts to obtain Virginia  
167 accreditation status;

168 43. Promote community policing philosophy and practice throughout the Commonwealth by  
169 providing community policing training and technical assistance statewide to all law-enforcement  
170 agencies, community groups, public and private organizations and citizens; developing and distributing  
171 innovative policing curricula and training tools on general community policing philosophy and practice  
172 and contemporary critical issues facing Virginia communities; serving as a consultant to Virginia  
173 organizations with specific community policing needs; facilitating continued development and  
174 implementation of community policing programs statewide through discussion forums for community  
175 policing leaders, development of law-enforcement instructors; promoting a statewide community policing  
176 initiative; and serving as a statewide information source on the subject of community policing including,  
177 but not limited to periodic newsletters, a website and an accessible lending library;

178 44. Establish, in consultation with the Department of Education and the Virginia State Crime

179 Commission, compulsory minimum standards for employment and job-entry and in-service training  
 180 curricula and certification requirements for school security officers, which training and certification shall  
 181 be administered by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety pursuant to § 9.1-184. Such  
 182 training standards shall include, but shall not be limited to, the role and responsibility of school security  
 183 officers, relevant state and federal laws, school and personal liability issues, security awareness in the  
 184 school environment, mediation and conflict resolution, disaster and emergency response, and student  
 185 behavioral dynamics. The Department shall establish an advisory committee consisting of local school  
 186 board representatives, principals, superintendents, and school security personnel to assist in the  
 187 development of these standards and certification requirements;

188 45. Establish training standards and publish a model policy and protocols for local and regional  
 189 sexual assault response teams;

190 46. License and regulate property bail bondsmen and surety bail bondsmen in accordance with  
 191 Article 11 (§ 9.1-185 et seq.);

192 47. License and regulate bail enforcement agents in accordance with Article 12 (§ 9.1-186 et seq.);

193 48. In conjunction with the Virginia State Police and the State Compensation Board, advise criminal  
 194 justice agencies regarding the investigation, registration, and dissemination of information requirements  
 195 as they pertain to the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act (§ 9.1-900 et seq.);

196 49. Establish minimum standards for (i) employment, (ii) job-entry and in-service training curricula,  
 197 and (iii) certification requirements for campus security officers. Such training standards shall include, but  
 198 not be limited to, the role and responsibility of campus security officers, relevant state and federal laws,  
 199 school and personal liability issues, security awareness in the campus environment, and disaster and  
 200 emergency response. The Department shall provide technical support and assistance to campus police  
 201 departments and campus security departments on the establishment and implementation of policies and  
 202 procedures, including but not limited to: the management of such departments, investigatory procedures,  
 203 judicial referrals, the establishment and management of databases for campus safety and security  
 204 information sharing, and development of uniform record keeping for disciplinary records and statistics,  
 205 such as campus crime logs, judicial referrals and Clery Act statistics. The Department shall establish an  
 206 advisory committee consisting of college administrators, college police chiefs, college security  
 207 department chiefs, and local law-enforcement officials to assist in the development of the standards and  
 208 certification requirements and training pursuant to this subdivision;

209 50. Establish compulsory training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement  
 210 personnel regarding death notification;

211 51. Assess and report, in accordance with § 9.1-190, the crisis intervention team programs established  
 212 pursuant to § 9.1-187;

213 52. Establish, publish, and disseminate a model policy or guideline for law-enforcement personnel for  
 214 questioning individuals suspected of driving while intoxicated concerning the physical location of that  
 215 individual's last consumption of an alcoholic beverage and for communicating that information to the  
 216 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board;

217 53. Establish training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement personnel assigned  
 218 to vehicle patrol duties that embody current best practices for pursuits and for responding to emergency  
 219 calls;

220 54. Establish training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement personnel involved  
 221 in criminal investigations that embody current best practices for conducting photographic and live  
 222 lineups;

223 55. In conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, advise law-enforcement agencies and  
 224 attorneys for the Commonwealth regarding the identification, investigation, and prosecution of human  
 225 trafficking offenses using the common law and existing criminal statutes in the Code of Virginia. The  
 226 Department shall publish and disseminate a model policy or guideline for law-enforcement personnel  
 227 involved in criminal investigations or assigned to vehicle or street patrol duties to ensure that  
 228 law-enforcement personnel are sensitive to and aware of human trafficking offenses and the  
 229 identification of victims of human trafficking offenses;

230 56. Register tow truck drivers in accordance with § 46.2-116 and carry out the provisions of  
 231 § 46.2-117; and

232 57. Administer the activities of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional  
 233 Standards Committee by providing technical assistance and administrative support, including staffing,  
 234 for the Committee; and

235 58. Perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient for the effective performance of its  
 236 duties.

237 **§ 9.1-116.2. Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence; membership; terms;**  
 238 **compensation and expenses; duties.**

239 A. The Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence (the Advisory Committee) is established

240 as an advisory committee in the executive branch of state government. The Advisory Committee shall  
 241 have the responsibility for advising and assisting the Board, the Department, all agencies, departments,  
 242 boards, and institutions of the Commonwealth, and units of local government, or combinations thereof,  
 243 on matters related to the prevention and reduction of sexual and domestic violence in the  
 244 Commonwealth, and to promote the efficient administration of grant funds to state and local programs  
 245 that work in these areas.

246 The Advisory Committee shall have a total of 15 members consisting of the following, or their  
 247 designees: the Commissioner of Social Services; the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice  
 248 Services; the Commissioner of Health; the Director of the Department of Housing and Community  
 249 Development; the Executive Director of the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition; one member  
 250 of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; one member of the House of Delegates  
 251 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; the Chairman of the Virginia State Crime Commission;  
 252 and the Attorney General. The membership shall also consist of six nonlegislative citizen members  
 253 appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of a crime victims' organization or a  
 254 victim of sexual or domestic violence, one of whom shall be a member of the board of the Virginia  
 255 Victim Assistance Network, and four of whom shall be directors of local sexual and domestic violence  
 256 programs, of whom one shall be a director of a program that concentrates solely on domestic violence,  
 257 one shall be a director of a program that concentrates solely on sexual violence, and two shall be  
 258 directors of programs that work in both sexual and domestic violence. The appointments of the four  
 259 directors shall be representative of regional and geographic locations of the Commonwealth.

260 Legislative members and the agency directors shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.  
 261 All other members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall serve a term of four years.  
 262 However, no member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or employment by reason of  
 263 which he was initially eligible for appointment.

264 The Advisory Committee shall elect its chairman and vice-chairman from among its members.

265 B. No member of the Advisory Committee appointed by the Governor shall be eligible to serve for  
 266 more than two consecutive full terms. A term of three or more years within a four-year period shall be  
 267 deemed a full term. Any vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the  
 268 original appointment, but for the unexpired term.

269 C. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Advisory  
 270 Committee shall hold no less than four regular meetings a year. Subject to the requirements of this  
 271 subsection, the chairman shall fix the times and places of meetings, either on his own motion or upon  
 272 written request of any five members of the Advisory Committee.

273 D. The Advisory Committee may adopt bylaws for its operation.

274 E. Members of the Advisory Committee shall not receive compensation, but shall be reimbursed for  
 275 all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in  
 276 § 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of the expenses shall be provided from federal funds received for such  
 277 purposes by the Department.

278 F. The Advisory Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

279 1. Provide guidance on appropriate standards for the accreditation of sexual and domestic violence  
 280 programs;

281 2. Review statewide plans, conduct studies, and make recommendations on needs and priorities for  
 282 the development and improvement of local services to victims of sexual and domestic violence in the  
 283 Commonwealth;

284 3. Advise on all matters related to federal funds received by the Commonwealth for crime prevention  
 285 and crime victim assistance related to sexual and domestic violence and recommend such actions on  
 286 behalf of the Commonwealth as may seem desirable to secure benefits of these federal programs;

287 4. Promote coordination among state agencies and local service providers to improve the  
 288 Commonwealth's identification of and response to sexual and domestic violence, including the effective  
 289 implementation of trauma-informed services, evidence-based homicide reduction strategies, and  
 290 evidence-based prevention strategies;

291 5. Develop a comprehensive plan for data collection on sexual and domestic violence;

292 6. Review statewide reports and conduct studies to identify service demands and gaps and make  
 293 funding recommendations that ensure adequate funding and improve the administration of both state and  
 294 federal funds to local sexual and domestic violence programs; and

295 7. Make recommendations on improving efficiencies in the administration of grants of both state and  
 296 federal funds to local sexual and domestic violence programs.

297 G. The Department shall provide staff support to the Advisory Committee. Upon request, each  
 298 administrative entity or collegial body within the executive branch of the state government shall  
 299 cooperate with the Advisory Committee as it carries out its responsibilities.

300 **§ 9.1-116.3. Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee.**

301 *The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee (the*  
302 *Committee) shall establish voluntary accreditation standards and procedures by which local sexual and*  
303 *domestic violence programs can be systematically measured and evaluated with a peer-reviewed process.*  
304 *The Committee may adopt bylaws for its operation, membership terms, fees, and other items as*  
305 *necessary. Fees for accreditation shall be used to support any administrative costs of the Department.*  
306 *Upon request of the Committee, the Department and the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition*  
307 *may provide accreditation assistance and training and resource material that will assist the local*  
308 *programs in obtaining or retaining accreditation.*

309 *The Committee shall consist of the following: six directors of local sexual and domestic violence*  
310 *programs appointed by the Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence, six directors of local*  
311 *sexual and domestic violence programs appointed by the Virginia sexual and domestic violence*  
312 *coalition, one nonvoting member appointed by the Department, and one nonvoting member appointed by*  
313 *the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition. The appointments made by the Advisory Committee*  
314 *on Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition shall both*  
315 *adhere to the following requirements: appointments shall be representative of regional and geographic*  
316 *locations and types of local sexual and domestic violence programs and shall include a director of a*  
317 *program concentrating solely on sexual violence, a director of a program concentrating solely on*  
318 *domestic violence, and four directors of programs concentrating on both sexual and domestic violence.*  
319 *A chairman and vice-chairman, who shall be voting members, shall be elected annually, and each*  
320 *position shall alternate between a director who is appointed by the Advisory Committee and a director*  
321 *who is appointed by the coalition; if the chairman is a director appointed by the Advisory Committee,*  
322 *the vice-chairman shall be a person appointed by the coalition, and vice versa.*