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**HOUSE BILL NO. 998**

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*A BILL 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 17 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-1723.1, relating to local law-enforcement agencies; body-worn camera system.*

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-1723.1 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. [Repealed];

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 auxiliary police officers exempt pursuant to § 15.2-1731;

12. Consult and cooperate with counties, municipalities, agencies of the Commonwealth, other state and federal governmental agencies, and with universities, colleges, community colleges, and other institutions, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, concerning the development of police

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59 training schools and programs or courses of instruction;

60 13. Approve institutions, curricula and facilities, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth,  
61 for school operation for the specific purpose of training law-enforcement officers; but this shall not  
62 prevent the holding of any such school whether approved or not;

63 14. Establish and maintain police training programs through such agencies and institutions as the  
64 Board deems appropriate;

65 15. Establish compulsory minimum qualifications of certification and recertification for instructors in  
66 criminal justice training schools approved by the Department;

67 16. Conduct and stimulate research by public and private agencies which shall be designed to  
68 improve police administration and law enforcement;

69 17. Make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview pursuant to this chapter;

70 18. Coordinate its activities with those of any interstate system for the exchange of criminal history  
71 record information, nominate one or more of its members to serve upon the council or committee of any  
72 such system, and participate when and as deemed appropriate in any such system's activities and  
73 programs;

74 19. Conduct inquiries and investigations it deems appropriate to carry out its functions under this  
75 chapter and, in conducting such inquiries and investigations, may require any criminal justice agency to  
76 submit information, reports, and statistical data with respect to its policy and operation of information  
77 systems or with respect to its collection, storage, dissemination, and usage of criminal history record  
78 information and correctional status information, and such criminal justice agencies shall submit such  
79 information, reports, and data as are reasonably required;

80 20. Conduct audits as required by § 9.1-131;

81 21. Conduct a continuing study and review of questions of individual privacy and confidentiality of  
82 criminal history record information and correctional status information;

83 22. Advise criminal justice agencies and initiate educational programs for such agencies with respect  
84 to matters of privacy, confidentiality, and security as they pertain to criminal history record information  
85 and correctional status information;

86 23. Maintain a liaison with any board, commission, committee, or other body which may be  
87 established by law, executive order, or resolution to regulate the privacy and security of information  
88 collected by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;

89 24. Adopt regulations establishing guidelines and standards for the collection, storage, and  
90 dissemination of criminal history record information and correctional status information, and the privacy,  
91 confidentiality, and security thereof necessary to implement state and federal statutes, regulations, and  
92 court orders;

93 25. Operate a statewide criminal justice research center, which shall maintain an integrated criminal  
94 justice information system, produce reports, provide technical assistance to state and local criminal  
95 justice data system users, and provide analysis and interpretation of criminal justice statistical  
96 information;

97 26. Develop a comprehensive, statewide, long-range plan for strengthening and improving law  
98 enforcement and the administration of criminal justice throughout the Commonwealth, and periodically  
99 update that plan;

100 27. Cooperate with, and advise and assist, all agencies, departments, boards and institutions of the  
101 Commonwealth, and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, including planning  
102 district commissions, in planning, developing, and administering programs, projects, comprehensive  
103 plans, and other activities for improving law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice  
104 throughout the Commonwealth, including allocating and subgranting funds for these purposes;

105 28. Define, develop, organize, encourage, conduct, coordinate, and administer programs, projects and  
106 activities for the Commonwealth and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, in the  
107 Commonwealth, designed to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal  
108 justice at every level throughout the Commonwealth;

109 29. Review and evaluate programs, projects, and activities, and recommend, where necessary,  
110 revisions or alterations to such programs, projects, and activities for the purpose of improving law  
111 enforcement and the administration of criminal justice;

112 30. Coordinate the activities and projects of the state departments, agencies, and boards of the  
113 Commonwealth and of the units of general local government, or combination thereof, including planning  
114 district commissions, relating to the preparation, adoption, administration, and implementation of  
115 comprehensive plans to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal  
116 justice;

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

delinquency prevention and control;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44. Establish, in consultation with the Department of Education and the Virginia State Crime Commission, compulsory minimum standards for employment and job-entry and in-service training curricula and certification requirements for school security officers, which training and certification shall be administered by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety pursuant to § 9.1-184. Such training standards shall include, but shall not be limited to, the role and responsibility of school security officers, relevant state and federal laws, school and personal liability issues, security awareness in the

182 school environment, mediation and conflict resolution, disaster and emergency response, and student  
183 behavioral dynamics. The Department shall establish an advisory committee consisting of local school  
184 board representatives, principals, superintendents, and school security personnel to assist in the  
185 development of these standards and certification requirements;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

211 52. (Effective until July 1, 2018) Establish, publish, and disseminate a model policy or guideline for  
212 law-enforcement personnel for questioning individuals suspected of driving while intoxicated concerning  
213 the physical location of that individual's last consumption of an alcoholic beverage and for  
214 communicating that information to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board;

215 52. (Effective July 1, 2018) Establish, publish, and disseminate a model policy or guideline for  
216 law-enforcement personnel for questioning individuals suspected of driving while intoxicated concerning  
217 the physical location of that individual's last consumption of an alcoholic beverage and for  
218 communicating that information to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority;

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

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

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

232 56. Register tow truck drivers in accordance with § 46.2-116 and carry out the provisions of  
233 § 46.2-117;

234 57. Establish training standards and publish a model policy for missing children, missing adults, and  
235 search and rescue protocol;

236 58. Administer the activities of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional  
237 Standards Committee by providing technical assistance and administrative support, including staffing, for  
238 the Committee; and

239 59. *Establish a model policy for the operation of body-worn camera systems and establish*  
240 *procedures for the reimbursement of counties and cities that purchase a body-worn camera system in*  
241 *accordance with the requirements of § 15.2-1723.1.*

242 60. Perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient for the effective performance of its  
243 duties.

244 § 15.2-1723.1. **Body-worn camera system.**

245 A. For purposes of this section, "body-worn camera system" means an electronic system for creating,  
246 generating, sending, receiving, storing, displaying, and processing audiovisual recordings, including  
247 cameras or other devices capable of creating such recordings, that may be worn about the person.

248 B. No locality having jurisdiction over criminal law enforcement or regulatory violations shall  
249 purchase or deploy a body-worn camera system unless such department, agency, or instrumentality has  
250 adopted and established a written policy for the operation of a body-worn camera system that conforms  
251 to the model policy established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Prior to the adoption of  
252 a written policy for the operation of a body-worn camera system, the locality shall make the policy  
253 available for public comment and review.

254 C. Any policy for the operation of a body-worn camera system adopted in accordance with  
255 subsection B shall:

256 1. Provide that individuals recorded by a body-worn camera have the right to view and make copies  
257 of any audiovisual recording in which they are depicted;

258 2. Require that any audiovisual recordings made by a body-worn camera system be destroyed within  
259 60 days unless such recording (i) is relevant to an open and active criminal investigation, (ii) depicts  
260 the use of force by the person wearing the body-worn camera, (iii) depicts conduct by the person  
261 wearing the body-worn camera that is the subject of a formal or informal complaint, or (iv) has been  
262 requested by the person depicted or a law-enforcement officer; and

263 3. Require that the department, agency, or instrumentality deploying the body-worn camera system  
264 review audiovisual recordings created by the system on a periodic basis to determine whether persons  
265 wearing body-worn cameras are acting inappropriately or exhibiting bias.

266 D. On or after July 1, 2016, the Commonwealth shall reimburse any county or city one-half of the  
267 costs of any body-worn camera system. The Department of Criminal Justice Services shall implement  
268 procedures for the reimbursement of counties and cities. No such reimbursement shall be dispersed  
269 unless the locality has adopted and established a written policy for the operation of a body-worn  
270 camera system that has been approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.