

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop proposals for*
3 *changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code*
4 *(SFPC) with the goal of assisting in the provision of safety and security measures for public or*
5 *private elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education for active shooter*
6 *or hostile threats.*

7 [S 1755]

8 Approved

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

10 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Housing and Community Development is directed to convene*
11 *stakeholders representing entities that enforce the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) (§ 36-97 et*
12 *seq. of the Code of Virginia) and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) (§ 27-94 et seq. of the*
13 *Code of Virginia) and other law-enforcement organizations to develop proposals for changes to the*
14 *USBC and SFPC for submission to the Board of Housing and Community Development. Such proposals*
15 *shall have the goal of assisting in the provision of safety and security measures for the Commonwealth's*
16 *public or private elementary and secondary schools and public or private institutions of higher*
17 *education for active shooter or hostile threats. The review of the stakeholders shall include the*
18 *examination of (i) locking devices, (ii) barricade devices, and (iii) other safety measures that may be*
19 *utilized in an active shooter or hostile threat situation that occurs in any classroom or other area where*
20 *students are located for a finite period of time.*

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