

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 80

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-3132 and 2.2-3704.3, as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia, relating to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and Virginia Freedom of Information Act; training requirements; executive directors and members of industrial development authorities and economic development authorities.

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Approved March 2, 2020

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-3132 and 2.2-3704.3, as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-3132. Training on prohibited conduct and conflicts of interest.

A. The Council shall provide training sessions for local elected officials *and the executive directors and members of industrial development authorities and economic development authorities, as created by the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.)*, on the provisions of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.2-3100 et seq.). The Council may provide such training sessions by online means.

B. Each local elected official *and the executive director and members of each industrial development authority and economic development authority, as created by the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act*, shall complete the training session described in subsection A within two months after assuming the local elected office and thereafter at least once during each consecutive period of two calendar years while he holds such office, commencing with the date on which he last completed a training session. No penalty shall be imposed on a local elected official *or an executive director or member of an industrial development authority or an economic development authority* for failing to complete a training session.

C. The clerk of the respective governing body or school board shall maintain records indicating local elected officials *and executive directors and members of industrial development authorities and economic development authorities* subject to the training requirement and the dates of their completion of a training session pursuant to subsection B. Such records shall be maintained as public records for five years in the office of the clerk of the respective governing body or school board.

§ 2.2-3704.3. (Effective July 1, 2020) Training for local officials.

A. The Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council (the Council) or the local government attorney shall provide online training sessions for local elected officials *and the executive directors and members of industrial development authorities and economic development authorities, as created by the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.)*, on the provisions of this chapter.

B. Each local elected official *and the executive director and members of each industrial development authority and economic development authority, as created by the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act*, shall complete a training session described in subsection A within two months after assuming the local elected office and thereafter at least once during each consecutive period of two calendar years commencing with the date on which he last completed a training session, for as long as he holds such office. No penalty shall be imposed on a local elected official *or an executive director or member of an industrial development authority or an economic development authority* for failing to complete a training session.

C. The clerk of each governing body or school board shall maintain records indicating the names of elected officials *and executive directors and members of industrial development authorities and economic development authorities* subject to the training requirements in subsection B and the dates on which each such official completed training sessions satisfying such requirements. Such records shall be maintained for five years in the office of the clerk of the respective governing body or school board.

2. That any executive director or member of an industrial development authority or an economic development authority holding office on July 1, 2020, shall complete the training required by §§ 2.2-3132 and 2.2-3704.3, as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act, no later than December 31, 2020.