

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 533

An Act to direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to convene stakeholders for the purpose of developing proposals for changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code to address active shooters or hostile threats.

[S 333]

Approved March 31, 2020

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Department of Housing and Community Development is directed to convene stakeholders representing entities that enforce the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) (§ 36-97 et seq.) and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) (§ 27-94 et seq.), other law-enforcement organizations, and representatives of local governments throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia to develop proposals for changes to the USBC and SFPC for submission to the Board of Housing and Community Development. Such proposals shall have the goal of assisting in the provision of safety and security measures for the Commonwealth's public buildings for active shooter or hostile threats while maintaining compliance with basic accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12131 et seq.). The review of the stakeholders shall include the examination of (i) door locking devices, (ii) barricade devices, and (iii) other safety measures on doors and windows for the purpose of preventing both ingress and egress in the event of a threat to the physical security of persons in such buildings.*