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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1588

House Amendments in [ ] — January 31, 1995

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.1-765.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the urban county executive form of government, the auditor of the board and the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.*

Patrons—Plum, Almand, Callahan, Dillard, Harris, Hull, Keating, Mayer, Puller, Scott and Van  
Landingham; Senators: Barry and Gartlan

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 15.1-765.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 15.1-765.2. Committee for legislative audit and review; staff; records of investigations.

The governing body of any county which has adopted the urban county executive form of government may establish a committee for the audit and review of county agencies and county-funded functions. The committee shall be composed of not more than eleven members who shall be appointed by the governing body for a term of two years. The committee shall have the power to make performance reviews of operations of county agencies or county-funded programs to ascertain that sums appropriated are expended for the purposes for which such appropriations were made and to evaluate the effectiveness of those agencies and programs. The committee shall make such special studies and reports as it deems appropriate and as may be requested by the governing body. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 15.1-50.4, the governing body may appoint one or more of its members to serve on this committee.

The governing body shall be authorized to provide staff assistance to this committee which shall be independent of the administrative staff of the county. Any such staff shall be hired on the basis of merit and shall be paid in conformity with existing pay scales. The director of the staff to the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the board of supervisors, and if removed, such removal shall not be subject to review by any other employee, agency, board or commission of the county or under the grievance procedure adopted pursuant to § 15.1-7.1. *The director of any such staff shall be known as the auditor of the board. Investigative notes, correspondence, documentation and information provided to or produced by or for the committee or the auditor [ and provided to the board ] with respect to an investigation initiated by any means shall be excluded from the disclosure provisions of § 2.1-342. However, nothing in this section shall prohibit disclosure of information by the committee or the auditor to the board from the records of completed investigations in a form that does not reveal the identity of complainants, persons supplying information or other individuals involved in the investigation.*

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