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SENATE BILL NO. 862

Offered January 20, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.1-159.7:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to regional criminal justice training academies.

Patrons—Marsh and Maxwell; Delegates: Ingram, Jones, D.C., Melvin, Nixon, Spruill and Watkins

Referred to the Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 15.1-159.7:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 15.1-159.7:1. Creation of academies.

A. The governing bodies of two or more counties, cities, towns or other political subdivisions or other public bodies hereinafter collectively referred to as "governmental units," may by ordinance or resolution enter into an agreement which creates a regional criminal justice training academy under an appropriate name and title containing the words "criminal justice training academy" which shall be a public body politic and corporate. Any regional criminal justice training academy created under this article shall also be subject to the requirements of § 9-170.

B. The agreement shall set forth (i) the name of the academy, (ii) the governmental subdivision in which its principal office shall be situated, (iii) the effective date of the organization of the academy and the duration of the agreement, (iv) the composition of the board of directors of the academy which may include representation of each county, city, town, political subdivision or governmental entity party to the agreement, the members of which shall be the governing body of the academy, (v) the method for selection and the terms of office of the board of directors, (vi) the voting rights of the directors which need not be equal, (vii) the procedure for amendment of the agreement and for addition of other governmental units which are not parties to the original agreement, (viii) the procedure for withdrawal from the academy by governmental units electing to do so, and (ix) such other matters as the governmental units creating the academy deem appropriate. Sheriffs and members of the governing bodies of the governmental units as well as other public officials or employees may be members of the board of directors.

C. The chairman of the academy board shall serve as a member and as the chairman of an executive committee. The composition of the remaining membership of the executive committee, the term of office of its members and any alternate members, procedures for the conduct of its meetings, and any limitations upon the general authority of the executive committee shall be established in the bylaws of the academy. The bylaws shall also establish any other special standing committees, advisory, technical or otherwise, as the board of directors shall deem desirable for the transaction of its affairs.

D. An academy created by a county, city, town or other public body that provides law-enforcement training through an interjurisdictional agreement in accordance with § 15.1-21, to other localities or the Commonwealth shall be considered a regional "criminal justice training academy" created under this article.

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