

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-37.17:1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia*
3 *by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 4.1 of Title 2.1 a section numbered 2.1-37.8:1, relating to*
4 *confidentiality of proceedings of the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission; annual report;*
5 *transmission of information to General Assembly members.*

6 [S 1061]

7 Approved

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

9 **1. That § 2.1-37.17:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of**
10 **Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 4.1 of Title 2.1 a section numbered**
11 **2.1-37.8:1 as follows:**

12 *§ 2.1-37.8:1. Annual report.*

13 *On or before December 1 of each year, the Commission shall publish a report detailing the activities*
14 *of the Commission for the prior year. The report shall include the number of complaints filed with the*
15 *Commission; the number of complaints originating from attorneys, judges, court employees, or the*
16 *general public; the number of complaints dismissed based on (i) failure to fall within the jurisdiction of*
17 *the Commission, (ii) failure to state a violation of the Canons of Judicial Conduct, or (iii) failure of the*
18 *Commission to reach a conclusion that the Canons were breached; the number of complaints for which*
19 *the Commission concluded that the Canons of Judicial Conduct were breached; and the number of cases*
20 *from which the staff or any member of the Commission recused himself due to an actual or possible*
21 *conflict.*

22 *§ 2.1-37.17:1. Transmission of certain information to Virginia State Bar and House and Senate*
23 *Committees for Courts of Justice.*

24 *The Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission is authorized shall transmit to:*

25 *1. The appropriate District Committee of the Virginia State Bar; any complaint or evidence with*
26 *reference thereto that may come to its attention with reference to the alleged misconduct of a part-time*
27 *judge or substitute judge of a court not of record which relates to his private practice of law;*

28 *2. The House Committee for Courts of Justice and the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice upon*
29 *the request of the chairman of either committee, any evidence that it has in its possession with reference*
30 *to the alleged misconduct of any judge whose election is to be considered at the next session of the*
31 *General Assembly.*

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