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A BILL to direct the Attorney General of Virginia, in consultation with the Secretary of Technology, to develop guidelines to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act's implications on state agencies.

Patrons—Newman, Martin and Ticer; Delegates: Christian, May, Nixon and Plum

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Whereas, the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (§ 59.1-479 et seq.) provides that electronic records and signatures are legally enforceable, but if other provisions of the Code of Virginia require specific non-electronic methods of delivery, then the other provisions govern; and

Whereas, each agency undertaking actions to implement electronic transactions must resolve differences between agency-specific provisions of the Code of Virginia and the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Attorney General of Virginia, in consultation with the Secretary of Technology, shall develop and provide guidelines to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (§ 59.1-479 et seq.) and its implications on the state agencies' electronic transactions implementations. Upon receiving such guidelines, each agency shall examine provisions of the Code of Virginia specific to that agency and identify if any changes are necessary to facilitate the agency's implementation of electronic transactions and report such findings to the Secretary of Technology.