

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 52-8.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia State Police;*
3 *reporting hate crimes.*

4 [H 276]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 52-8.5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 52-8.5. Reporting hate crimes.**9 A. The Superintendent shall establish and maintain within the Department of State Police a central
10 repository for the collection and analysis of information regarding hate crimes and groups and
11 individuals carrying out such acts.12 B. State, county, and municipal law-enforcement agencies shall report to the Department all hate
13 crimes occurring in their jurisdictions in a form, time, and manner prescribed by the Superintendent.
14 Such reports shall not be open to public inspection except insofar as the Superintendent shall permit.15 C. ~~For purposes of this section, "hate crime"~~ *As used in this section:*16 *"Disability" means a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a*
17 *person's major life activities.*18 *"Hate crime" means (i) a criminal act committed against a person or his property with the specific*
19 *intent of instilling fear or intimidation in the individual against whom the act is perpetrated because of*
20 *race, religion, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or ethnic or national origin or that*
21 *is committed for the purpose of restraining that person from exercising his rights under the Constitution*
22 *or laws of this the Commonwealth or of the United States;; (ii) any illegal act directed against any*
23 *persons or their property because of those persons' race, religion, gender, disability, gender identity,*
24 *sexual orientation, or ethnic or national origin;; and (iii) all other incidents, as determined by*
25 *law-enforcement authorities, intended to intimidate or harass any individual or group because of race,*
26 *religion, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or ethnic or national origin.*

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