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HOUSE BILL NO. 1753

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 a section numbered 9.1-116.7, relating to Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Fund and Program.*

Patrons—Webert, Adams, D.M., Campbell, R.R., Cole, M.L., Fowler, Marshall, Reid, Runion, Walker, Wiley and Wilt; Senators: Stanley and Surovell

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 a section numbered 9.1-116.7 as follows:

§ 9.1-116.7. *Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Fund and Program.*

A. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Fund, hereinafter referred to as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for purposes of (i) awarding grants on a competitive basis through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Program established pursuant to subsection B or (ii) implementing and administering the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Program. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director of the Department.

B. The Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Accreditation Grant Program, hereinafter referred to as "the Program," is hereby established for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis from such funds as may be available from the Fund to law-enforcement agencies to pursue accreditation by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The Program shall be administered by the Department. In administering the Program, the Department shall establish and publish guidelines and criteria for grant awards, including guidelines and criteria governing agreements between the Department and grant recipients. The Department shall oversee each grant awarded through the Program and ensure thorough reporting on each such grant.

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