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## SENATE BILL NO. 1171

Senate Amendments in [ ] - January 20, 2021

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-3115 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act; disclosure requirements; industrial development authorities and economic development authorities.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Norment

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 2.2-3115 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 2.2-3115. Disclosure by local government officers and employees.**

A. In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, the members of every governing body and school board of each county and city and of towns with populations in excess of 3,500 and the executive director and members of each industrial development authority and economic development authority, as created by the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), *in a single locality with a population in excess of 25,000 or in a region serving more than one locality that, in the aggregate, has a population in excess of 25,000* shall file, as a condition to assuming office or employment, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3117 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before February 1.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, the members of the governing body of any authority established in any county or city, or part or combination thereof, and having the power to issue bonds or expend funds in excess of \$10,000 in any fiscal year, other than the executive director and members of each industrial development authority and economic development authority, as created by the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), ~~[ in a single locality with a population in excess of 25,000 or in a region serving more than one locality that, in the aggregate, has a population in excess of 25,000, ]~~ shall file, as a condition to assuming office, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3118 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before February 1, unless the governing body of the jurisdiction that appoints the members requires that the members file the form set forth in § 2.2-3117. ~~[ The executive director and members of each industrial development authority and economic development authority, as created by the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), in a single locality with a population of 25,000 or fewer or in a region serving more than one locality that, in the aggregate, has a population of 25,000 or fewer, shall not be required to file, as a condition to assuming office or annually thereafter, a disclosure statement of their personal interests pursuant to § 2.2-3117 or 2.2-3118, but shall at all times comply with the provisions of § 2.2-3112. ]~~

In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, the members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission shall file, as a condition to assuming office, a disclosure of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3118 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before February 1.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, persons occupying such positions of trust appointed by governing bodies and persons occupying such positions of employment with governing bodies as may be designated to file by ordinance of the governing body shall file, as a condition to assuming office or employment, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3117 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before February 1.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, persons occupying such positions of trust appointed by school boards and persons occupying such positions of employment with school boards as may be designated to file by an adopted policy of the school board shall file, as a condition to assuming office or employment, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3117 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before February 1.

B. In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, nonsalaried citizen members of local boards, commissions and councils as may be designated by the governing body shall file, as a condition to assuming office, a disclosure form of their personal interests and such other information as

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60 is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3118 and thereafter shall file such  
61 form annually on or before February 1.

62 C. No person shall be mandated to file any disclosure not otherwise required by this article.

63 D. The disclosure forms required by subsections A and B shall be made available by the Virginia  
64 Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council at least 30 days prior to the filing deadline, and the  
65 clerks of the governing body and school board shall distribute the forms to designated individuals at  
66 least 20 days prior to the filing deadline. Forms shall be filed and maintained as public records for five  
67 years in the office of the clerk of the respective governing body or school board. Forms filed by  
68 members of governing bodies of authorities shall be filed and maintained as public records for five years  
69 in the office of the clerk of the governing body of the county or city. Such forms shall be made public  
70 no later than six weeks after the filing deadline.

71 E. Candidates for membership in the governing body or school board of any county, city or town  
72 with a population of more than 3,500 persons shall file a disclosure statement of their personal interests  
73 as required by § 24.2-502.

74 F. Any officer or employee of local government who has a personal interest in any transaction before  
75 the governmental or advisory agency of which he is an officer or employee and who is disqualified  
76 from participating in that transaction pursuant to subsection A of § 2.2-3112 or otherwise elects to  
77 disqualify himself, shall forthwith make disclosure of the existence of his interest, including the full  
78 name and address of the business and the address or parcel number for the real estate if the interest  
79 involves a business or real estate, and his disclosure shall be reflected in the public records of the  
80 agency for five years in the office of the administrative head of the officer's or employee's governmental  
81 or advisory agency.

82 G. In addition to any disclosure required by subsections A and B, in each county and city and in  
83 towns with populations in excess of 3,500, members of planning commissions, boards of zoning appeals,  
84 real estate assessors, and all county, city and town managers or executive officers shall make annual  
85 disclosures of all their interests in real estate located in the county, city or town in which they are  
86 elected, appointed, or employed. Such disclosure shall include any business in which such persons own  
87 an interest, or from which income is received, if the primary purpose of the business is to own, develop  
88 or derive compensation through the sale, exchange or development of real estate in the county, city or  
89 town. In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, such disclosure shall be filed as a  
90 condition to assuming office or employment, and thereafter shall be filed annually with the clerk of the  
91 governing body of such county, city, or town on or before February 1. Such disclosures shall be filed  
92 and maintained as public records for five years. Such forms shall be made public no later than six  
93 weeks after the filing deadline. Forms for the filing of such reports shall be made available by the  
94 Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council to the clerk of each governing body.

95 H. An officer or employee of local government who is required to declare his interest pursuant to  
96 subdivision B 1 of § 2.2-3112 shall declare his interest by stating (i) the transaction involved, (ii) the  
97 nature of the officer's or employee's personal interest affected by the transaction, (iii) that he is a  
98 member of a business, profession, occupation, or group the members of which are affected by the  
99 transaction, and (iv) that he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public  
100 interest. The officer or employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in written  
101 minutes for his agency or file a signed written declaration with the clerk or administrative head of his  
102 governmental or advisory agency, as appropriate, who shall, in either case, retain and make available for  
103 public inspection such declaration for a period of five years from the date of recording or receipt. If  
104 reasonable time is not available to comply with the provisions of this subsection prior to participation in  
105 the transaction, the officer or employee shall prepare and file the required declaration by the end of the  
106 next business day. The officer or employee shall also orally disclose the existence of the interest during  
107 each meeting of the governmental or advisory agency at which the transaction is discussed and such  
108 disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

109 I. An officer or employee of local government who is required to declare his interest pursuant to  
110 subdivision B 2 of § 2.2-3112, shall declare his interest by stating (i) the transaction involved, (ii) that a  
111 party to the transaction is a client of his firm, (iii) that he does not personally represent or provide  
112 services to the client, and (iv) that he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in  
113 the public interest. The officer or employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in  
114 written minutes for his agency or file a signed written declaration with the clerk or administrative head  
115 of his governmental or advisory agency, as appropriate, who shall, in either case, retain and make  
116 available for public inspection such declaration for a period of five years from the date of recording or  
117 receipt. If reasonable time is not available to comply with the provisions of this subsection prior to  
118 participation in the transaction, the officer or employee shall prepare and file the required declaration by  
119 the end of the next business day.

120 J. The clerk of the governing body or school board that releases any form to the public pursuant to  
121 this section shall redact from the form any residential address, personal telephone number, email address,

**122** or signature contained on such form; however, any form filed pursuant to subsection G shall not have  
**123** any residential addresses redacted.

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