

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2023 SESSION

CHAPTER 700

An Act to amend and reenact § 17.1-905 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission; annual report; breach of Canons of Judicial Conduct; disciplinary action.

[H 2168]

Approved March 27, 2023

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 17.1-905 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 17.1-905. Annual report.

On or before December 1 of each year, the Commission shall publish a report detailing the activities of the Commission for the prior year. The report shall include the number of complaints filed with the Commission; the number of complaints originating from attorneys, judges, court employees, or the general public; the number of complaints dismissed based on (i) failure to fall within the jurisdiction of the Commission, (ii) failure to state a violation of the Canons of Judicial Conduct, or (iii) failure of the Commission to reach a conclusion that the Canons were breached; the number of complaints for which the Commission concluded that the Canons of Judicial Conduct were breached; and the number of cases from which the staff or any member of the Commission recused himself due to an actual or possible conflict. *The report shall also include (a) the name of any judge who the Commission concluded breached the Canons of Judicial Conduct and took disciplinary action against as a result of such conclusion, if the date on which the Commission reached such conclusion was after the previous annual report was published; (b) the specific Canons of Judicial Conduct breached by such judge; and (c) the disciplinary action taken against such judge by the Commission.*

2. That the provisions of this act shall apply only to disciplinary actions taken on or after July 1, 2023.