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HOUSE BILL NO. 1205

Offered January 18, 2022

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 30-34.14 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Division of Legislative Automated Systems; duties; cybersecurity department.*

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Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 30-34.14 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 30-34.14. Duties of Division.

The Division shall have the following duties:

1. ~~Operate~~ *To operate* an automated data processing center and perform computing and programming services for the House of Delegates, the Senate of Virginia, and the Division of Legislative Services.

2. *To create and manage a cybersecurity department to monitor the technological systems of the General Assembly of Virginia and the agencies that directly serve the General Assembly for cybersecurity threats and to respond to and mitigate the effects of such threats. Any employee assigned to such department shall keep all records, findings, and information related to his job confidential and is subject to a \$10,000 fine for any breach of confidentiality under this subdivision.*

3. To provide technical assistance to the General Assembly of Virginia, and to the agencies ~~which~~ *that* directly serve the General Assembly of Virginia.

~~3- 4.~~ To represent the interests of the General Assembly in activities involving, obtaining and maintaining data processing services, electronic components, and other related items.

4. ~~Prepare~~ *To prepare* and publish annually, as soon as practicable after January 1, a listing of designated spokespersons or information officers for each department, agency, board, or commission of state government, as shall be designated by the head thereof. Such officers or designated alternates shall (i) serve as legislative liaison between any such department, agency, board, or commission and the General Assembly, (ii) act as the official spokesperson representing such department, agency, board, or commission, and (iii) be at all times available to assist members of the General Assembly in seeking solutions to problems of citizens of the Commonwealth.

~~5- 6.~~ To perform other duties as directed by the Committees on Rules of the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia acting jointly.

Every document or file maintained or stored on equipment of the Division shall be considered the property of the person for whom the document or file is maintained or stored. Neither the Director nor any employee of the Division shall reveal any of this property to any person outside of the Division, except with the consent of the owner of the property.

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