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HOUSE BILL NO. 761

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on February 23, 2022)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Krizek)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-917 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 39 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-3908.1, relating to the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission and the Virginia State Bar; availability of complaint forms.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 17.1-917 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 39 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-3908.1 as follows:

§ 17.1-917. Assistance and information; complaint forms.

A. State and local public bodies and departments, officers and employees thereof, and officials and all personnel of the courts of the Commonwealth shall cooperate with and give reasonable assistance and information to the Commission and any authorized representative thereof, in connection with any investigations or proceedings within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

B. In all state courts within the Commonwealth a sign shall be posted in a location accessible to the public that notes the availability of and provides instructions to obtain a downloadable electronic version of any standardized form developed and utilized by the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission for the filing of a complaint from the official website of the judicial system of the Commonwealth.

§ 54.1-3908.1. Complaint forms.

In all state courts within the Commonwealth a sign shall be posted in a location accessible to the public that notes the availability of and provides instructions to access an online form or obtain a downloadable electronic version of a form developed and utilized by the Virginia State Bar for the filing of a complaint against a lawyer from the official website of the Virginia State Bar.