

VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, March 29, 2004 2:00 p.m. House Room D General Assembly Building

SUGGESTED AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order; introduction of members.
- Recap of FOIA and Related Access Bills from 2004 Session of General Assembly.
- 3. Legislation Referred to FOIA Council for Study:
 - Identification of referred bills and issues raised:
 - **SB** 182; **FOIA** and **GIS** systems. Excludes from the mandatory disclosure requirements of FOIA maps contained in a geographic information system that are developed from a combination of high resolution technologies, including digital orthophotography, digital terrain models or related ancillary proprietary data produced by any local governing body or by the Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN) division of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency.
 - *HB 487*; *FOIA*; *record exemption*; *owner/operators of private aircraft*. Provides an exemption for records of licensed public use airports containing information concerning (i) the identity of the owners or operators of aircraft based at the

airport, including the owner's or operator's name, home address and telephone number and (ii) the tail numbers and other identifying information relating to the aircraft based at the airport from the mandatory disclosure requirements of FOIA.

- HB 761; Virginia State Bar; availability of membership lists. Clarifies that the provisions of FOIA do not apply to requests for copies of the Virginia State Bar membership lists. The bill does provide, however, that copies shall be made available, upon request, to Virginia organizations that regularly conduct continuing legal education programs in the Commonwealth and that such lists shall be provided at a reasonable cost. Currently, copies of this list are provided to legal aid societies and the Virginia Law Foundation as well as continuing legal education providers on a cost recovery basis.
- Study plan options.
- Development of study plan.
- 4. Other Business.
 - Review of HB 1357; application of FOIA to General Assembly.
 - Involvement of FOIA Council as required by HB 1357.
 - Development of study plan.
 - Review of other requests/issues for FOIA Council's consideration.
 - Proposed incorporation of new FOIA record exemptions into the reorganization of § 2.2-3705.
- 5. Of Note:
 - Creation of a joint legislative subcommittee to conduct a two-year study of the Virginia Public Records Act (HJR 6, 2004).
 - Latest stats on services rendered by FOIA Council.
 - FOIA Council's 2003 Annual Report published as House Document No. 11
 - Planning begins for Annual Statewide FOIA Workshops.
- 6. Public Comment.
- 7. Set future meetings.
- 8. Adjournment.

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