

SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO. _____

1 A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-3704.3, as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia, relating
2 to the Freedom of Information Advisory Act; training requirements.

3 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

4 **1. That § 2.2-3704.3, as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted**
5 **as follows:**

6 **§ 2.2-3704.3. (Effective July 1, 2020) Training for local officials.**

7 A. The Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council (the Council) or the local government
8 attorney shall provide in-person or online training sessions for local elected officials on the provisions of
9 this chapter.

10 B. Each local elected official shall complete a training session described in subsection A within
11 two months after assuming the local elected office and thereafter at least once during each consecutive
12 period of two calendar years commencing with the date on which he last completed a training session, for
13 as long as he holds such office. No penalty shall be imposed on a local elected official for failing to
14 complete a training session.

15 C. The clerk of each governing body or school board shall maintain records indicating the names
16 of elected officials subject to the training requirements in subsection B and the dates on which each such
17 official completed training sessions satisfying such requirements. Such records shall be maintained for
18 five years in the office of the clerk of the respective governing body or school board.

19 D. For purposes of this section, "local elected officials" shall be construed to include constitutional
20 officers.

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