

Senator R. Edward Houck, Chair Delegate H. Morgan Griffith, Vice Chair Maria J.K. Everett, Esq., Executive Director Alan Gernhardt, Esq., Staff Attorney foiacouncil@dls.virginia.gov

General Assembly Building ~ 910 Capitol Street, Second Floor ~ Richmond, Virginia 23219 804-225-3056 ~ (Toll Free) 1-866-448-4100 ~ (Fax) 804-371-0169 ~ http://dls.state.va.us/foiacouncil.htm

Rights and Remedies Subcommittee of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council

Monday, October 4, 2010 10:00 a.m. -- Speaker's Conference Room Sixth Floor -- General Assembly Building

SUGGESTED AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order; and Introduction of Members.
- 2. HB449 (Ware, R.L.); injunctive relief for public bodies to restrain a requester from harassment or other abuse of the rights or privileges granted under FOIA.
 - Experience of Kansas and Kentucky¹--You will recall that the Subcommittee expressed interest in the approaches of these two states and directed staff to ascertain how effective and/or utilized

¹ In summary, Kansas law provides that access may be refused if:

o unreasonable burden to produce or

o custodian has reason to believe that repeated requests intended to disrupt essential functions.

[•] Refusal must be sustained by preponderance of the evidence.

Kentucky law provides that access may be refused if:

o unreasonable burden to produce or

o custodian has reason to believe that repeated requests intended to disrupt essential functions.

o Refusal must be sustained by clear and convincing evidence.

these provisions are in addressing the use of FOIA to harass a public body.

- 3. Public Comment.
- 4. Discussion.
- 5. Other Business.
- 6. Set future meeting dates for Rights and Remedies Subcommittee. (*Reminder: Pursuant to HJR 9 (2010), meetings may only be scheduled* on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of the first and third full weeks of the month.)
- 7. Adjournment.

Subcommittee Members

Senator R. Edward Houck, ChairFrosty LandonMary Yancey SpencerEd JonesRoger WileyEric GregoryGeorge WhitehurstStaff: Maria Everett, Alan Gernhardt

#

The FOIA Council's web site is: <u>http://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov</u>. To assist us in providing Internet dissemination of materials, presenters are requested to submit written comments and handouts in electronic format by (i) e-mail to staff prior to meetings or (ii) diskette furnished to staff at meetings. Presenters are also requested to bring 20 copies of their remarks or handouts to meetings. These copies will be provided to FOIA Council members and the public. E-mail: <u>foiacouncil@dls.virginia.gov</u>.