

# 2025 SESSION

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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 1355**

2 Offered January 13, 2025

3 Prefiled January 13, 2025

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 15 of Title 19.2 an article numbered 4.3,*  
5 *consisting of a section numbered 19.2-264.15, relating to discovery; electronic means; report.*

6 Patron—Srinivasan; Delegate: Williams

7 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 15 of Title 19.2 an article numbered 4.3,**  
10 **consisting of a section numbered 19.2-264.15, as follows:**

11 *Article 4.3.*

12 *Electronic Discovery.*

13 **§ 19.2-264.15. Discovery; electronic means.**

14 *All attorneys for the Commonwealth shall provide discovery materials for all courts to counsel of record*  
15 *for the accused by electronic means unless such materials are prohibited from being distributed by law or*  
16 *impossible to provide by electronic means.*

17 **2. That the Supreme Court of Virginia shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of §**  
18 **19.2-264.15 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, by July 1, 2027.**

19 **3. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2028.**

20 **4. That the Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board, or a designee, shall convene a work group**  
21 **consisting of representatives of the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys,**  
22 **Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council, Indigent Defense Commission, Virginia Trial Lawyers**  
23 **Association, Virginia State Police, and Department of Planning and Budget, staff of the House**  
24 **Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, and other**  
25 **stakeholders as appropriate to determine the costs associated with any changes in operations and**  
26 **technology infrastructure necessary to implement the provisions of this act. The Executive Secretary of**  
27 **the Compensation Board shall provide an interim report to the General Assembly by November 30,**  
28 **2025, and a final report to the General Assembly by August 1, 2026.**

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