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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 204**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

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4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-212 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Law Officers'*  
5 *Retirement System; emergency dispatchers.*

6 Patron—Cherry

7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That § 51.1-212 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**10 **§ 51.1-212. Definitions.**

11 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

12 "Employee" means any (i) member *or full-time salaried dispatcher* of the Capitol Police Force as  
13 described in § 30-34.2:1, (ii) campus police officer appointed under the provisions of Article 3 (§ 23.1-809 et  
14 seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1, (iii) conservation police officer in the Department of Wildlife Resources  
15 appointed under the provisions of Chapter 2 (§ 29.1-200 et seq.) of Title 29.1, (iv) special agent of the  
16 Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority appointed under the provisions of Chapter 1 (§ 4.1-100 et  
17 seq.) of Title 4.1, (v) law-enforcement officer employed by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission as  
18 described in § 9.1-101, (vi) correctional officer as the term is defined in § 53.1-1, and including correctional  
19 officers employed at a juvenile correction facility as the term is defined in § 66-25.3, (vii) parole officer  
20 appointed pursuant to § 53.1-143, (viii) commercial vehicle enforcement officer *or full-time salaried*  
21 *dispatcher* employed by the Department of State Police, (ix) full-time firefighter employed by the  
22 Department of Military Affairs, ~~and~~ (x) conservation officer of the Department of Conservation and  
23 Recreation appointed under the provisions of Article 4 (§ 10.1-115 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 10.1, ~~and~~ (xi)  
24 *full-time salaried dispatcher for a public safety answering point, as defined in § 56-484.12, who is employed*  
25 *by an agency described in clauses (ii) through (vii) or clause (ix) of this definition.*26 "Member" means any person included in the membership of the Retirement System as provided in this  
27 chapter.

28 "Normal retirement date" means a member's sixtieth birthday.

29 "Retirement System" means the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System.

30 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.**31 **3. That the provisions of this act providing enhanced retirement benefits to positions as full-time**  
32 **salaried dispatchers for a public safety answering point, the Department of State Police, or the Capitol**  
33 **Police Force shall apply only to service earned as a full-time salaried dispatcher for a public safety**  
34 **answering point, the Department of State Police, or the Capitol Police Force on or after July 1, 2027.**

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