

2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 226**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 8, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-709.3, relating to county manager*
5 *plan of government; independent policing auditor.*

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8 Committee Referral Pending

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

11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-709.3 as follows:**

12 **§ 15.2-709.3. Independent policing auditor.**

13 *A. The board may appoint an independent policing auditor to support any law-enforcement civilian*
14 *oversight body created by the board pursuant to § 9.1-601. The independent policing auditor shall have all*
15 *the powers of the law-enforcement civilian oversight body, to the extent such powers are delegated to the*
16 *independent policing auditor by the oversight body.*

17 *B. The board may provide staff assistance to the independent policing auditor that may be independent of*
18 *the administrative staff of the county. The independent policing auditor and any such staff shall be hired on*
19 *the basis of merit and shall be paid in conformity with existing pay scales. The independent policing auditor*
20 *shall serve at the pleasure of the board.*

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