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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 600**

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4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding  
5 a section numbered 15.2-983.01, relating to short-term rental properties; hotels; human trafficking  
6 awareness training.*

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8 Committee Referral Pending

9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**10 **1. That § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is  
11 amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-983.01 as follows:**12 **§ 9.1-102. Powers and duties of the Board and the Department.**13 The Department, under the direction of the Board, which shall be the policy-making body for carrying out  
14 the duties and powers hereunder, shall have the ~~power and duty to~~ following powers and duties:15 1. Adopt regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), for the  
16 administration of this chapter, including the authority to require the submission of reports and information by  
17 law-enforcement officers within the Commonwealth. Any proposed regulations concerning the privacy,  
18 confidentiality, and security of criminal justice information shall be submitted for review and comment to any  
19 board, commission, or committee or other body which may be established by the General Assembly to  
20 regulate the privacy, confidentiality, and security of information collected and maintained by the  
21 Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;22 2. Establish compulsory minimum training standards subsequent to employment as a law-enforcement  
23 officer in (i) permanent positions and (ii) temporary or probationary status and establish the time required for  
24 completion of such training. Such compulsory minimum training standards shall include crisis intervention  
25 training in accordance with clause (i) of § 9.1-188;26 3. Establish minimum training standards and qualifications for certification and recertification for law-  
27 enforcement officers serving as field training officers;28 4. Establish compulsory minimum curriculum requirements for in-service and advanced courses and  
29 programs for schools, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, ~~which~~ that are operated for the  
30 specific purpose of training law-enforcement officers;31 5. Establish (i) compulsory minimum training standards for law-enforcement officers who utilize radar or  
32 an electrical or microcomputer device to measure the speed of motor vehicles as provided in § 46.2-882 and  
33 establish the time required for completion of the training and (ii) compulsory minimum qualifications for  
34 certification and recertification of instructors who provide such training;

35 6. [Repealed];

36 7. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service and advanced training standards for those  
37 persons designated to provide courthouse and courtroom security pursuant to the provisions of § 53.1-120,  
38 and to establish the time required for completion of such training;39 8. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service, and advanced training standards for deputy  
40 sheriffs designated to serve process pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-293, and establish the time required  
41 for the completion of such training;42 9. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service, and advanced training standards, as well as the  
43 time required for completion of such training, for persons employed as deputy sheriffs and jail officers by  
44 local criminal justice agencies and correctional officers employed by the Department of Corrections under the  
45 provisions of Title 53.1. For deputy sheriffs and jail officers who are employees of local or regional  
46 correctional facilities and correctional officers employed by the Department of Corrections, such standards  
47 shall include training on the general care of pregnant women, the impact of restraints on pregnant inmates  
48 and fetuses, the impact of being placed in restrictive housing or solitary confinement on pregnant inmates,  
49 and the impact of body cavity searches on pregnant inmates;50 10. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for all dispatchers employed by or in any local or  
51 state government agency, whose duties include the dispatching of law-enforcement personnel. Such training  
52 standards shall apply only to dispatchers hired on or after July 1, 1988. Such training shall include training in  
53 the identification of, communication with, and facilitation of the safe return of individuals diagnosed with  
54 Alzheimer's disease and dementia, which shall include (i) techniques for respectful and effective  
55 communication with individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their caregivers; (ii) techniques  
56 for addressing the behavioral symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, including alternatives to

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59 physical restraint; (iii) protocols for identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of  
60 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia to adult protective services; (iv) protocols for contacting  
61 caregivers when an individual with Alzheimer's disease or dementia is found wandering or during an  
62 emergency or crisis situation; (v) a reference list of local resources available for individuals with Alzheimer's  
63 disease and dementia; and (vi) a reference list of local and national organizations that assist law-enforcement  
64 personnel with locating missing and wandering individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and  
65 returning them to their caregivers;

66 11. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for all auxiliary police officers employed by or in  
67 any local or state government agency. Such training shall be graduated and based on the type of duties to be  
68 performed by the auxiliary police officers. Such training standards shall not apply to auxiliary police officers  
69 exempt pursuant to § 15.2-1731;

70 12. Consult and cooperate with counties, municipalities, agencies of the Commonwealth, other state and  
71 federal governmental agencies, and institutions of higher education within or outside the Commonwealth,  
72 concerning the development of police training schools and programs or courses of instruction;

73 13. Approve institutions, curricula, and facilities, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, for  
74 school operation for the specific purpose of training law-enforcement officers; but this shall not prevent the  
75 holding of any such school whether approved or not;

76 14. Establish and maintain police training programs through such agencies and institutions as the Board  
77 deems appropriate;

78 15. Establish compulsory minimum qualifications of certification and recertification for instructors in  
79 criminal justice training academies approved by the Department;

80 16. Conduct and stimulate research by public and private agencies ~~which shall be~~ *that is* designed to  
81 improve police administration and law enforcement;

82 17. Make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview pursuant to this chapter;

83 18. Coordinate its activities with those of any interstate system for the exchange of criminal history record  
84 information, nominate one or more of its members to serve upon the council or committee of any such  
85 system, and participate when and as deemed appropriate in any such system's activities and programs;

86 19. Conduct inquiries and investigations it deems appropriate to carry out its functions under this chapter  
87 and, in conducting such inquiries and investigations, may require any criminal justice agency to submit  
88 information, reports, and statistical data with respect to its policy and operation of information systems or  
89 with respect to its collection, storage, dissemination, and usage of criminal history record information and  
90 correctional status information, and such criminal justice agencies shall submit such information, reports, and  
91 data as are reasonably required;

92 20. Conduct audits as required by § 9.1-131;

93 21. Conduct a continuing study and review of questions of individual privacy and confidentiality of  
94 criminal history record information and correctional status information;

95 22. Advise criminal justice agencies and initiate educational programs for such agencies with respect to  
96 matters of privacy, confidentiality, and security as they pertain to criminal history record information and  
97 correctional status information;

98 23. Maintain a liaison with any board, commission, committee, or other body which may be established  
99 by law, executive order, or resolution to regulate the privacy and security of information collected by the  
100 Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;

101 24. Adopt regulations establishing guidelines and standards for the collection, storage, and dissemination  
102 of criminal history record information and correctional status information, and the privacy, confidentiality,  
103 and security thereof necessary to implement state and federal statutes, regulations, and court orders;

104 25. Operate a statewide criminal justice research center; ~~which~~ *that* shall maintain an integrated criminal  
105 justice information system, produce reports, provide technical assistance to state and local criminal justice  
106 data system users, and provide analysis and interpretation of criminal justice statistical information;

107 26. Develop a comprehensive, statewide, long-range plan for strengthening and improving law  
108 enforcement and the administration of criminal justice throughout the Commonwealth, and periodically  
109 update that plan;

110 27. Cooperate with, and advise and assist, all agencies, departments, boards and institutions of the  
111 Commonwealth, and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, including planning district  
112 commissions, in planning, developing, and administering programs, projects, comprehensive plans, and other  
113 activities for improving law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice throughout the  
114 Commonwealth, including allocating and subgranting funds for these purposes;

115 28. Define, develop, organize, encourage, conduct, coordinate, and administer programs, projects, and  
116 activities for the Commonwealth and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, in the  
117 Commonwealth, designed to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal  
118 justice at every level throughout the Commonwealth;

119 29. Review and evaluate programs, projects, and activities, and recommend, where necessary, revisions or  
120 alterations to such programs, projects, and activities for the purpose of improving law enforcement and the

121 administration of criminal justice;

122 30. Coordinate the activities and projects of the state departments, agencies, and boards of the  
 123 Commonwealth and of the units of general local government, or combination thereof, including planning  
 124 district commissions, relating to the preparation, adoption, administration, and implementation of  
 125 comprehensive plans to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice;

126 31. Do all things necessary on behalf of the Commonwealth and its units of general local government, to  
 127 determine and secure benefits available under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (P.L.  
 128 90-351, 82 Stat. 197), as amended, and under any other federal acts and programs for strengthening and  
 129 improving law enforcement, the administration of criminal justice, and delinquency prevention and control;

130 32. Receive, administer, and expend all funds and other assistance available to the Board and the  
 131 Department for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act  
 132 of 1968, as amended;

133 33. Apply for and accept grants from the United States government or any other source in carrying out the  
 134 purposes of this chapter and accept any and all donations both real and personal, and grants of money from  
 135 any governmental unit or public agency, or from any institution, person, firm, or corporation, and may  
 136 receive, utilize, and dispose of the same. Any arrangements pursuant to this section shall be detailed in the  
 137 annual report of the Board. Such report shall include the identity of the donor, the nature of the transaction,  
 138 and the conditions, if any. Any moneys received pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state  
 139 treasury to the account of the Department. To these ends, the Board shall have the power to comply with  
 140 conditions and execute such agreements as may be necessary;

141 34. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its  
 142 duties and execution of its powers under this chapter, including ~~but not limited to~~, contracts with the United  
 143 States, units of general local government or combinations thereof, in Virginia or other states, and with  
 144 agencies and departments of the Commonwealth;

145 35. Adopt and administer reasonable regulations for the planning and implementation of programs and  
 146 activities and for the allocation, expenditure, and subgranting of funds available to the Commonwealth and to  
 147 units of general local government, and for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and the powers and duties  
 148 set forth herein;

149 36. Certify and decertify law-enforcement officers in accordance with §§ 15.2-1706 and 15.2-1707 and  
 150 provide for a decertification review process in accordance with § 15.2-1708;

151 37. Establish training standards and publish and periodically update model policies for law-enforcement  
 152 personnel in the following subjects:

153 a. The handling of family abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases, including standards  
 154 for determining the predominant physical aggressor in accordance with § 19.2-81.3. The Department shall  
 155 provide technical support and assistance to law-enforcement agencies in carrying out the requirements set  
 156 forth in subsection A of § 9.1-1301;

157 b. The identification of, communication with, and facilitation of the safe return of individuals diagnosed  
 158 with Alzheimer's disease and dementia, which shall include (i) techniques for respectful and effective  
 159 communication with individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their caregivers; (ii) techniques  
 160 for addressing the behavioral symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, including alternatives to  
 161 physical restraint; (iii) protocols for identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of  
 162 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia to adult protective services; (iv) protocols for contacting  
 163 caregivers when an individual with Alzheimer's disease or dementia is found wandering or during an  
 164 emergency or crisis situation; (v) a reference list of local resources available for individuals with Alzheimer's  
 165 disease and dementia; and (vi) a reference list of local and national organizations that assist law-enforcement  
 166 personnel with locating missing and wandering individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and  
 167 returning them to their caregivers;

168 c. Sensitivity to and awareness of systemic and individual racism, cultural diversity, and the potential for  
 169 racially biased policing and bias-based profiling as defined in § 52-30.1, which shall include recognizing  
 170 implicit biases in interacting with persons who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or  
 171 developmental or cognitive disability;

172 d. Protocols for local and regional sexual assault and human trafficking response teams;

173 e. Communication of death notifications;

174 f. The questioning of individuals suspected of driving while intoxicated concerning the physical location  
 175 of such individual's last consumption of an alcoholic beverage and the communication of such information to  
 176 the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority;

177 g. Vehicle patrol duties that embody current best practices for pursuits and for responding to emergency  
 178 calls;

179 h. Criminal investigations that embody current best practices for conducting photographic and live  
 180 lineups;

181 i. Sensitivity to and awareness of human trafficking offenses and the identification of victims of human  
 182 trafficking offenses for personnel involved in criminal investigations or assigned to vehicle or street patrol

183    duties;

184    j. The recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking;

185    k. Missing children, missing adults, and search and rescue protocol;

186    l. The handling and use of tear gas or other gases and kinetic impact munitions, as defined in § 19.2-83.3,

187    that embody current best practices for using such items as a crowd control measure or during an arrest or

188    detention of another person; and

189    m. The use of naloxone or other opioid antagonists to prevent opioid overdose deaths, in coordination

190    with statewide naloxone training programs developed by the Department of Behavioral Health and

191    Developmental Services and the Virginia Department of Health;

192    38. Establish compulsory training standards for basic training and the recertification of law-enforcement

193    officers to ensure (i) sensitivity to and awareness of systemic and individual racism, cultural diversity, and

194    the potential for racially biased policing and bias-based profiling as defined in § 52-30.1, which shall include

195    recognizing implicit biases in interacting with persons who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or

196    developmental or cognitive disability; (ii) training in de-escalation techniques; and (iii) training in the lawful

197    use of force, including the use of deadly force, as defined in § 19.2-83.3, only when necessary to protect the

198    law-enforcement officer or another person;

199    39. Review and evaluate community-policing programs in the Commonwealth, and recommend where

200    necessary statewide operating procedures, guidelines, and standards that strengthen and improve such

201    programs, including sensitivity to and awareness of systemic and individual racism, cultural diversity, and the

202    potential for racially biased policing and bias-based profiling as defined in § 52-30.1, which shall include

203    recognizing implicit biases in interacting with persons who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or

204    developmental or cognitive disability;

205    40. Establish a Virginia Law-Enforcement Accreditation Center. The Center may, in cooperation with

206    Virginia law-enforcement agencies, provide technical assistance and administrative support, including

207    staffing, for the establishment of voluntary state law-enforcement accreditation standards. The Center may

208    provide accreditation assistance and training, resource material, and research into methods and procedures

209    that will assist the Virginia law-enforcement community efforts to obtain Virginia accreditation status;

210    41. Promote community policing philosophy and practice throughout the Commonwealth by providing

211    community policing training and technical assistance statewide to all law-enforcement agencies, community

212    groups, public and private organizations, and citizens; developing and distributing innovative policing

213    curricula and training tools on general community policing philosophy and practice and contemporary critical

214    issues facing Virginia communities; serving as a consultant to Virginia organizations with specific

215    community policing needs; facilitating continued development and implementation of community policing

216    programs statewide through discussion forums for community policing leaders, development of

217    law-enforcement instructors; promoting a statewide community policing initiative; and serving as a statewide

218    information source on the subject of community policing, including; ~~but not limited to~~ periodic newsletters, a

219    website, and an accessible lending library;

220    42. Establish, in consultation with the Department of Education and the Virginia State Crime

221    Commission, compulsory minimum standards for employment and job-entry and in-service training curricula

222    and certification requirements for school security officers, including school security officers described in

223    clause (b) of § 22.1-280.2:1, which training and certification shall be administered by the Virginia Center for

224    School and Campus Safety (VCSCS) pursuant to § 9.1-184. Such training standards shall be specific to the

225    role and responsibility of school security officers and shall include (i) relevant state and federal laws; (ii)

226    school and personal liability issues; (iii) security awareness in the school environment; (iv) mediation and

227    conflict resolution, including de-escalation techniques such as a physical alternative to restraint; (v) disaster

228    and emergency response; (vi) awareness of systemic and individual racism, cultural diversity, and implicit

229    bias; (vii) working with students with disabilities, mental health needs, substance use disorders, and past

230    traumatic experiences; and (viii) student behavioral dynamics, including child and adolescent development

231    and brain research. The Department shall establish an advisory committee consisting of local school board

232    representatives, principals, superintendents, and school security personnel to assist in the development of the

233    standards and certification requirements in this subdivision. The Department shall require any school security

234    officer who carries a firearm in the performance of his duties to provide proof that he has completed a

235    training course provided by a federal, state, or local law-enforcement agency that includes training in active

236    shooter emergency response, emergency evacuation procedure, and threat assessment;

237    43. License and regulate property bail bondsmen and surety bail bondsmen in accordance with Article 11

238    (§ 9.1-185 et seq.);

239    44. License and regulate bail enforcement agents in accordance with Article 12 (§ 9.1-186 et seq.);

240    45. In conjunction with the Virginia State Police and the State Compensation Board, advise criminal

241    justice agencies regarding the investigation, registration, and dissemination of information requirements as

242    they pertain to the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act (§ 9.1-900 et seq.);

243    46. Establish minimum standards for (i) employment, (ii) job-entry and in-service training curricula, and

244    (iii) certification requirements for campus security officers. Such training standards shall include; ~~but not be~~

245 limited to, the role and responsibility of campus security officers, relevant state and federal laws, school and  
 246 personal liability issues, security awareness in the campus environment, and disaster and emergency  
 247 response. The Department shall provide technical support and assistance to campus police departments and  
 248 campus security departments on the establishment and implementation of policies and procedures, including  
 249 but not limited to, the management of such departments, investigatory procedures, judicial referrals, the  
 250 establishment and management of databases for campus safety and security information sharing, and  
 251 development of uniform record keeping for disciplinary records and statistics, such as campus crime logs,  
 252 judicial referrals and Clery Act statistics. The Department shall establish an advisory committee consisting of  
 253 college administrators, college police chiefs, college security department chiefs, and local law-enforcement  
 254 officials to assist in the development of the standards and certification requirements and training pursuant to  
 255 this subdivision;

256 47. Assess and report, in accordance with § 9.1-190, the crisis intervention team programs established  
 257 pursuant to § 9.1-187;

258 48. In conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, advise law-enforcement agencies and  
 259 attorneys for the Commonwealth regarding the identification, investigation, and prosecution of human  
 260 trafficking offenses using the common law and existing criminal statutes in the Code of Virginia;

261 49. Register tow truck drivers in accordance with § 46.2-116 and carry out the provisions of § 46.2-117;

262 50. Administer the activities of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional  
 263 Standards Committee by providing technical assistance and administrative support, including staffing, for the  
 264 Committee;

265 51. In accordance with § 9.1-102.1, design and approve the issuance of photo-identification cards to  
 266 private security services registrants registered pursuant to Article 4 (§ 9.1-138 et seq.);

267 52. In consultation with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Virginia Association  
 268 of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, develop multidisciplinary curricula on trauma-informed sexual  
 269 assault investigation;

270 53. In consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, develop a  
 271 model addiction recovery program that may be administered by sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, jail officers,  
 272 administrators, or superintendents in any local or regional jail. Such program shall be based on any existing  
 273 addiction recovery programs that are being administered by any local or regional jails in the Commonwealth.  
 274 Participation in the model addiction recovery program shall be voluntary, and such program may address  
 275 aspects of the recovery process, including medical and clinical recovery, peer-to-peer support, availability of  
 276 mental health resources, family dynamics, and aftercare aspects of the recovery process;

277 54. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for certification and recertification of law-  
 278 enforcement officers serving as school resource officers. Such training shall be specific to the role and  
 279 responsibility of a law-enforcement officer working with students in a school environment and shall include  
 280 (i) relevant state and federal laws; (ii) school and personal liability issues; (iii) security awareness in the  
 281 school environment; (iv) mediation and conflict resolution, including de-escalation techniques; (v) disaster  
 282 and emergency response; (vi) awareness of systemic and individual racism, cultural diversity, and implicit  
 283 bias; (vii) working with students with disabilities, mental health needs, substance use disorders, or past  
 284 traumatic experiences; and (viii) student behavioral dynamics, including current child and adolescent  
 285 development and brain research;

286 55. Establish a model policy for the operation of body-worn camera systems as defined in § 15.2-1723.1  
 287 that also addresses the storage and maintenance of body-worn camera system records;

288 56. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for detector canine handlers employed by the  
 289 Department of Corrections, standards for the training and retention of detector canines used by the  
 290 Department of Corrections, and a central database on the performance and effectiveness of such detector  
 291 canines that requires the Department of Corrections to submit comprehensive information on each canine  
 292 handler and detector canine, including the number and types of calls and searches, substances searched for  
 293 and whether or not detected, and the number of false positives, false negatives, true positives, and true  
 294 negatives;

295 57. Establish compulsory training standards for basic training of law-enforcement officers for recognizing  
 296 and managing stress, self-care techniques, and resiliency;

297 58. Establish guidelines and standards for psychological examinations conducted pursuant to subsection C  
 298 of § 15.2-1705;

299 59. Establish compulsory in-service training standards, to include including frequency of retraining, for  
 300 law-enforcement officers in the following subjects: (i) relevant state and federal laws; (ii) awareness of  
 301 cultural diversity and the potential for bias-based profiling as defined in § 52-30.1; (iii) de-escalation  
 302 techniques; (iv) working with individuals with disabilities, mental health needs, or substance use disorders;  
 303 and (v) the lawful use of force, including the use of deadly force, as defined in § 19.2-83.3, only when  
 304 necessary to protect the law-enforcement officer or another person;

305 60. Develop a model curriculum and lesson plans for the compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service,  
 306 and advanced training standards to be employed by criminal justice training academies approved by the

307     Department when conducting training;

308         61. Adopt statewide professional standards of conduct applicable to all certified law-enforcement officers  
309 and certified jail officers and appropriate due process procedures for decertification based on serious  
310 misconduct in violation of those standards and provide for a decertification review process in accordance  
311 with § 15.2-1708;

312         62. Establish and administer a waiver process, in accordance with §§ 2.2-5515 and 15.2-1721.1, for  
313 law-enforcement agencies to use certain military property. Any waivers granted by the Criminal Justice  
314 Services Board shall be published by the Department on the Department's website;

315         63. Establish compulsory training standards for basic training and the recertification of law-enforcement  
316 officers to include crisis intervention training in accordance with clause (ii) of § 9.1-188;

317         64. Advise and assist the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and support local  
318 law-enforcement cooperation, with the development and implementation of the Marcus alert system, as  
319 defined in § 37.2-311.1, including the establishment of local protocols for law-enforcement participation in  
320 the Marcus alert system pursuant to § 9.1-193 and for reporting requirements pursuant to §§ 9.1-193 and  
321 37.2-311.1;

322         65. Develop an online course, *or approve or disapprove of the use of any alternative online or in-person*  
323 *training course*, to train hotel proprietors, *short-term rental operators*, and their employees to recognize and  
324 report instances of suspected human trafficking *as required by §§ 15.2-983.01 and 35.1-15.1*;

325         66. Develop an online course to train unarmed security officers, armed security officers, couriers, security  
326 canine handlers, and alarm respondents to recognize and report instances of suspected human trafficking to  
327 meet the compulsory minimum, entry-level, and in-service training standards as required by § 9.1-141;

328         67. Establish standards and procedures for when the Board may grant a petition for reinstatement of  
329 certification of a decertified officer pursuant to subsection E of § 15.2-1708;

330         68. Establish compulsory minimum and in-service training standards for law-enforcement officers on  
331 communicating with individuals with an intellectual disability or a developmental disability as defined in  
332 § 37.2-100, such as autism spectrum disorder as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and  
333 Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association, which shall include (i) an  
334 overview and behavioral recognition of autism spectrum disorder, (ii) best practices for crisis prevention and  
335 de-escalation techniques, (iii) an objective review of any relevant tools and technology available to assist in  
336 communication, and (iv) education on law-enforcement agency and community resources for the autism  
337 community on future crisis prevention. Such training standards shall be established in consultation with at  
338 least one individual with autism spectrum disorder, one family member of an individual with autism spectrum  
339 disorder, one specialist who works with individuals with autism spectrum disorder, one representative from  
340 the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and one representative from a state or  
341 local law-enforcement agency;

342         69. Develop an online course for the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to offer to retail  
343 licensees and their employees to train such licensees and employees to recognize and report instances of  
344 suspected human trafficking;

345         70. Establish a model policy for best practices for law-enforcement officers responding to or investigating  
346 an overdose, when prescriber information has been obtained during the course of such response or  
347 investigation, to notify the prescriber of any controlled substance found to be in the possession of or believed  
348 to have been ingested by the victim that such prescription of a controlled substance was involved in an  
349 overdose. Such model policy shall include that a notification to a prescriber of a controlled substance shall  
350 not be required if such notification would jeopardize an active law-enforcement investigation;

351         71. Establish a training curriculum for law-enforcement agencies, law-enforcement officers, and special  
352 conservators of the peace on the discretion such officers can exercise regarding arrests as provided in Chapter  
353 7 (§ 19.2-71 et seq.) of Title 19.2. Such training shall include (i) instruction on the scope and nature of  
354 law-enforcement officer discretion in arrest decisions, with particular emphasis on encounters with  
355 individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, including individuals currently subject to an emergency  
356 custody order pursuant to § 37.2-808, a temporary detention order pursuant to § 37.2-809, or an involuntary  
357 admission order pursuant to § 37.2-817, and (ii) instruction on the immediate and long-term effects of arrests  
358 on individuals in need of mental health services due to a mental health crisis, including impacts on treatment  
359 outcomes as identified in substantially accepted peer-reviewed research literature;

360         72. Establish a model policy for the provision of security at nonprofit institutions that serve individuals  
361 and communities at risk of hate crimes as defined in § 52-8.5 within the Commonwealth, incorporating  
362 relevant information about various traditions, services, or activities that any law-enforcement officer,  
363 unarmed security officer, or armed security officer providing such security may encounter; and

364         73. Perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient for the effective performance of its duties.

365         **§ 15.2-983.01. Required human trafficking training for short-term rental operators.**

366         A. *As used in this section:*

367         "Employee" means any person employed by an operator who has frequent or regular interactions with  
368 guests.

369     *"Operator" means the same as that term is defined in § 15.2-983.*  
370     *"Short-term rental" means the same as that term is defined in § 15.2-983.*  
371     *B. Every short-term rental operator shall complete an approved training course on recognizing and*  
372     *reporting instances of suspected human trafficking by January 1, 2028, and every two years thereafter. The*  
373     *Department of Criminal Justice Services shall provide such training course online at no cost to such operator*  
374     *pursuant to subdivision 65 of § 9.1-102 or shall approve or disapprove of the use of any alternative online or*  
375     *in-person training course within 60 days of the submission of such training course for approval. The*  
376     *Department of Criminal Justice Services shall maintain a publicly available library of approved online or in-*  
377     *person training courses.*

378     *C. Every operator shall require its employees to complete the training course required by this section.*  
379     *Each such employee shall complete the training course required by this section within six months of being*  
380     *employed by an operator or by January 1, 2028, whichever occurs first, and every two years thereafter.*

381     *D. Any local jurisdiction that has adopted a short-term rental registry ordinance pursuant to § 15.2-983*  
382     *shall include in such ordinance that any training required by this section shall be completed as part of such*  
383     *registration.*

384     **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.**