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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1068**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 14, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23.1-1303.1, relating to baccalaureate*
5 *public institutions of higher education; livestreaming, recording, and archiving of boards of visitors*
6 *meetings; closed sessions; guidelines.*

7 Patron—Hodges

8 Committee Referral Pending

9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**10 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23.1-1303.1 as follows:**11 *§ 23.1-1303.1. Livestreaming, recording, and archiving of boards of visitors meetings; closed sessions;*
12 *guidelines.*13 A. *Each baccalaureate public institution of higher education shall:*14 1. *Provide for the livestreaming of each meeting of its full board of visitors in a manner that is accessible*
15 *to the public in real time; and*16 2. *Ensure that recordings of such meetings (i) are made, archived, and made available to the public*
17 *within five business days following the conclusion of the meeting; (ii) remain accessible on the institution's*
18 *official website for no less than five years from the date of the meeting; and (iii) include closed captioning for*
19 *accessibility and are presented in a format compliant with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of*
20 *1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.).*21 B. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the requirements for closed sessions as set forth in*
22 *§§ 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712.*23 C. *The Council shall develop and provide to each baccalaureate public institution of higher education*
24 *guidelines to assist such institutions with complying with the provisions of this section, including*
25 *recommendations for technology standards and accessibility features.*26 D. *The board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education shall include a*
27 *report on the institution's compliance with the provisions of this section in its annual executive summary*
28 *submitted pursuant to subdivision B 13 of § 23.1-1303.*29 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.**

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