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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1264**

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4 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 6 of Title 9.1 a section numbered 9.1-602,
5 relating to Virginia Accountability Commission established.

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7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 6 of Title 9.1 a section numbered 9.1-602
as follows:**10 **§ 9.1-602. Virginia Accountability Commission.**11 A. The Virginia Accountability Commission (the Commission) is established in the executive branch as an
12 advisory commission.

13 B. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

14 1. Create a public record of the conduct of federal agents and any federal military-style operations
15 throughout the Commonwealth;

16 2. Examine the impact of that conduct on individuals and communities; and

17 3. Consider policy recommendations to prevent future harm to such individuals and communities.

18 C. As part of the Commission's duties, the Commission shall (i) determine the most effective manner in
19 which the Commission can gather publicly-available videos documenting the actions of federal officers,
20 including agents of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) components, such as Immigration and
21 Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection, and other federal agents working in coordination
22 with DHS; (ii) establish a procedure and channel to be utilized for the purpose of receiving complaints and
23 gathering additional information and documentation, to the extent possible, of the actions of federal law
24 enforcement and the impact of those actions, including through testimony; (iii) create a public record,
25 including through public hearings, to document the conduct of federal officers and its impact on residents of
26 the Commonwealth; (iv) analyze the documented conduct of federal officers and identify conduct requiring
27 the most urgent corrective action and remediation based on its impact on the community and the
28 egregiousness of the conduct; (v) make recommendations for law or policy changes to ensure greater
29 protection for residents of the Commonwealth from violations of their rights and to ensure community safety;
30 (vi) provide, not later than January 31, 2027, an initial status report outlining its findings and
31 recommendations to the Governor and, not later than April 30, 2027, any supplementary reports the
32 Commission deems appropriate; and (vii) refer, as appropriate, information or reports of potential violations
33 of law to the agencies or entities responsible for investigating or enforcing such violations.34 D. The Commission shall be composed of a chair, a vice-chair, and up to seven additional members, for a
35 total membership of up to nine Commission members. The Governor, the House of Delegates, and the Senate
36 shall each appoint three Commission members. The chair, vice-chair, and Commission members shall serve
37 without compensation.38 The term of each Commission member shall expire one year from the date of his appointment.
39 Commissioners may be reappointed or replaced at the pleasure of the appointing authority.40 E. The Office of Civil Rights with the Office of the Attorney General shall provide administrative and
41 professional staff support to the operations of the Commission. In addition to support from the Office of Civil
42 Rights, the Commission may, as it determines appropriate, work with subject matter experts, as well as non-
43 profit organizations, to ensure it has access to appropriate staffing and expertise to conduct its review and
44 analysis of the actions of federal law enforcement.

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