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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1261**

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4 *A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 9.1-101, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 9.1-102,*
 5 *and 9.1-1110 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter*
 6 *17 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-1723.3 and by adding a section numbered 23.1-815.2, relating to*
 7 *law-enforcement agencies; use of certain technologies and interrogation practices; forensic laboratory*
 8 *accreditation.*

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10 Committee Referral Pending

11 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**12 **1. That §§ 9.1-101, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 9.1-102, and 9.1-1110 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-1723.3 and by adding a section numbered 23.1-815.2 as follows:**13 **§ 9.1-101. (Effective until July 1, 2026) Definitions.**14 As used in this chapter or in Chapter 23 (§ 19.2-387 et seq.) of Title 19.2, unless the context requires a
 15 different meaning:16 "Administration of criminal justice" means performance of any activity directly involving the detection,
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 18 supervision, or rehabilitation of accused persons or criminal offenders or the collection, storage, and
 19 dissemination of criminal history record information.

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 29 juvenile record information which is controlled by Chapter 11 (§ 16.1-226 et seq.) of Title 16.1, criminal
 30 justice intelligence information, criminal justice investigative information, or correctional status information.31 "Criminal justice agency" means (i) a court or any other governmental agency or subunit thereof which as
 32 its principal function performs the administration of criminal justice and any other agency or subunit thereof
 33 which performs criminal justice activities, but only to the extent that it does so; (ii) for the purposes of
 34 Chapter 23 (§ 19.2-387 et seq.) of Title 19.2, any private corporation or agency which, within the context of
 35 its criminal justice activities, employs special conservators of the peace appointed under Chapter 2 (§ 19.2-12
 36 et seq.) of Title 19.2, provided that (a) such private corporation or agency requires its officers or special
 37 conservators to meet compulsory training standards established by the Criminal Justice Services Board and
 38 submits reports of compliance with the training standards and (b) the private corporation or agency complies
 39 with the provisions of Article 3 (§ 9.1-126 et seq.), but only to the extent that the private corporation or
 40 agency so designated as a criminal justice agency performs criminal justice activities; and (iii) the Office of
 41 the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under clause (i) and for the
 42 purpose of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators Act
 43 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.).44 "Criminal justice agency" includes any program certified by the Commission on VASAP pursuant to
 45 § 18.2-271.2.

46 "Criminal justice agency" includes the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

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48 "Criminal justice agency" includes the Virginia State Crime Commission.

49 "Criminal justice information system" means a system including the equipment, facilities, procedures,
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68 detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of the Commonwealth, and shall
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71 police officer who is a full-time sworn member of the enforcement division of the Department of Wildlife
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76 15.2-836.1; (ix) campus police officer appointed under Article 3 (§ 23.1-809 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title
77 23.1; (x) member of the investigations unit designated by the State Inspector General pursuant to § 2.2-311 to
78 investigate allegations of criminal behavior affecting the operations of a state or nonstate agency; (xi)
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80 subdivision 11 of § 53.1-10 or by the Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to subdivision A 7 of § 66-3;
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82 unit investigator by the Attorney General pursuant to subsection A of § 32.1-320.1. Part-time employees are
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249 "Sealing" means to prohibit public access to records relating to an arrest, charge, or conviction, including
 250 any ancillary matter ordered to be sealed, in the possession of (i) the Central Criminal Records Exchange; (ii)
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 252 Motor Vehicles unless dissemination is authorized for one or more of the purposes set forth in § 19.2-392.13
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 259 of the submitted information.

260 **§ 9.1-102. Powers and duties of the Board and the Department.**

261 The Department, under the direction of the Board, which shall be the policy-making body for carrying out
 262 the duties and powers hereunder, shall have the power and duty to:

263 1. Adopt regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), for the
 264 administration of this chapter including the authority to require the submission of reports and information by
 265 law-enforcement officers within the Commonwealth. Any proposed regulations concerning the privacy,
 266 confidentiality, and security of criminal justice information shall be submitted for review and comment to any
 267 board, commission, or committee or other body which may be established by the General Assembly to
 268 regulate the privacy, confidentiality, and security of information collected and maintained by the
 269 Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;

270 2. Establish compulsory minimum training standards subsequent to employment as a law-enforcement
 271 officer in (i) permanent positions and (ii) temporary or probationary status and establish the time required for
 272 completion of such training. Such compulsory minimum training standards shall include crisis intervention
 273 training in accordance with clause (i) of § 9.1-188;

274 3. Establish minimum training standards and qualifications for certification and recertification for law-
 275 enforcement officers serving as field training officers;

276 4. Establish compulsory minimum curriculum requirements for in-service and advanced courses and
 277 programs for schools, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, which are operated for the specific
 278 purpose of training law-enforcement officers;

279 5. Establish (i) compulsory minimum training standards for law-enforcement officers who utilize radar or
 280 an electrical or microcomputer device to measure the speed of motor vehicles as provided in § 46.2-882 and
 281 establish the time required for completion of the training and (ii) compulsory minimum qualifications for
 282 certification and recertification of instructors who provide such training;

283 6. [Repealed];

284 7. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service and advanced training standards for those
 285 persons designated to provide courthouse and courtroom security pursuant to the provisions of § 53.1-120,
 286 and to establish the time required for completion of such training;

287 8. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service and advanced training standards for deputy
 288 sheriffs designated to serve process pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-293, and establish the time required
 289 for the completion of such training;

290 9. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service, and advanced training standards, as well as the
 291 time required for completion of such training, for persons employed as deputy sheriffs and jail officers by
 292 local criminal justice agencies and correctional officers employed by the Department of Corrections under the
 293 provisions of Title 53.1. For deputy sheriffs and jail officers who are employees of local or regional
 294 correctional facilities and correctional officers employed by the Department of Corrections, such standards
 295 shall include training on the general care of pregnant women, the impact of restraints on pregnant inmates
 296 and fetuses, the impact of being placed in restrictive housing or solitary confinement on pregnant inmates,
 297 and the impact of body cavity searches on pregnant inmates;

298 10. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for all dispatchers employed by or in any local or
 299 state government agency, whose duties include the dispatching of law-enforcement personnel. Such training
 300 standards shall apply only to dispatchers hired on or after July 1, 1988. Such training shall include training in
 301 the identification of, communication with, and facilitation of the safe return of individuals diagnosed with
 302 Alzheimer's disease and dementia, which shall include (i) techniques for respectful and effective
 303 communication with individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their caregivers; (ii) techniques
 304 for addressing the behavioral symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, including alternatives to
 305 physical restraint; (iii) protocols for identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of
 306 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia to adult protective services; (iv) protocols for contacting

307 caregivers when an individual with Alzheimer's disease or dementia is found wandering or during an
308 emergency or crisis situation; (v) a reference list of local resources available for individuals with Alzheimer's
309 disease and dementia; and (vi) a reference list of local and national organizations that assist law-enforcement
310 personnel with locating missing and wandering individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and
311 returning them to their caregivers;

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

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

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

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

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

326 16. Conduct and stimulate research by public and private agencies which shall be designed to improve
327 police administration and law enforcement;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

350 25. Operate a statewide criminal justice research center, which shall maintain an integrated criminal
351 justice information system, produce reports, provide technical assistance to state and local criminal justice
352 data system users, and provide analysis and interpretation of criminal justice statistical information;

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

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

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

365 29. Review and evaluate programs, projects, and activities, and recommend, where necessary, revisions or
366 alterations to such programs, projects, and activities for the purpose of improving law enforcement and the
367 administration of criminal justice;

368 30. Coordinate the activities and projects of the state departments, agencies, and boards of the

369 Commonwealth and of the units of general local government, or combination thereof, including planning
 370 district commissions, relating to the preparation, adoption, administration, and implementation of
 371 comprehensive plans to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice;

372 31. Do all things necessary on behalf of the Commonwealth and its units of general local government, to
 373 determine and secure benefits available under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (P.L.
 374 90-351, 82 Stat. 197), as amended, and under any other federal acts and programs for strengthening and
 375 improving law enforcement, the administration of criminal justice, and delinquency prevention and control;

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

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

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 388 duties and execution of its powers under this chapter, including but not limited to, contracts with the United
 389 States, units of general local government or combinations thereof, in Virginia or other states, and with
 390 agencies and departments of the Commonwealth;

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 393 units of general local government, and for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and the powers and duties
 394 set forth herein;

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

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

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

403 b. The identification of, communication with, and facilitation of the safe return of individuals diagnosed
 404 with Alzheimer's disease and dementia, which shall include (i) techniques for respectful and effective
 405 communication with individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their caregivers; (ii) techniques
 406 for addressing the behavioral symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, including alternatives to
 407 physical restraint; (iii) protocols for identifying and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of
 408 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia to adult protective services; (iv) protocols for contacting
 409 caregivers when an individual with Alzheimer's disease or dementia is found wandering or during an
 410 emergency or crisis situation; (v) a reference list of local resources available for individuals with Alzheimer's
 411 disease and dementia; and (vi) a reference list of local and national organizations that assist law-enforcement
 412 personnel with locating missing and wandering individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and
 413 returning them to their caregivers;

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

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

419 e. Communication of death notifications;

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

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

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

427 i. Sensitivity to and awareness of human trafficking offenses and the identification of victims of human
 428 trafficking offenses for personnel involved in criminal investigations or assigned to vehicle or street patrol
 429 duties;

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

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

432 1. The handling and use of tear gas or other gases and kinetic impact munitions, as defined in § 19.2-83.3,
433 that embody current best practices for using such items as a crowd control measure or during an arrest or
434 detention of another person; and

435 m. The use of naloxone or other opioid antagonists to prevent opioid overdose deaths, in coordination
436 with statewide naloxone training programs developed by the Department of Behavioral Health and
437 Developmental Services and the Virginia Department of Health;

438 38. Establish compulsory training standards for basic training and the recertification of law-enforcement
439 officers to ensure (i) sensitivity to and awareness of systemic and individual racism, cultural diversity, and
440 the potential for racially biased policing and bias-based profiling as defined in § 52-30.1, which shall include
441 recognizing implicit biases in interacting with persons who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or
442 developmental or cognitive disability; (ii) training in de-escalation techniques; and (iii) training in the lawful
443 use of force, including the use of deadly force, as defined in § 19.2-83.3, only when necessary to protect the
444 law-enforcement officer or another person;

445 39. Review and evaluate community-policing programs in the Commonwealth, and recommend where
446 necessary statewide operating procedures, guidelines, and standards that strengthen and improve such
447 programs, including sensitivity to and awareness of systemic and individual racism, cultural diversity, and the
448 potential for racially biased policing and bias-based profiling as defined in § 52-30.1, which shall include
449 recognizing implicit biases in interacting with persons who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or
450 developmental or cognitive disability;

451 40. Establish a Virginia Law-Enforcement Accreditation Center. The Center may, in cooperation with
452 Virginia law-enforcement agencies, provide technical assistance and administrative support, including
453 staffing, for the establishment of voluntary state law-enforcement accreditation standards. The Center may
454 provide accreditation assistance and training, resource material, and research into methods and procedures
455 that will assist the Virginia law-enforcement community efforts to obtain Virginia accreditation status;

456 41. Promote community policing philosophy and practice throughout the Commonwealth by providing
457 community policing training and technical assistance statewide to all law-enforcement agencies, community
458 groups, public and private organizations and citizens; developing and distributing innovative policing
459 curricula and training tools on general community policing philosophy and practice and contemporary critical
460 issues facing Virginia communities; serving as a consultant to Virginia organizations with specific
461 community policing needs; facilitating continued development and implementation of community policing
462 programs statewide through discussion forums for community policing leaders, development of law-
463 enforcement instructors; promoting a statewide community policing initiative; and serving as a statewide
464 information source on the subject of community policing including, but not limited to periodic newsletters, a
465 website and an accessible lending library;

466 42. Establish, in consultation with the Department of Education and the Virginia State Crime
467 Commission, compulsory minimum standards for employment and job-entry and in-service training curricula
468 and certification requirements for school security officers, including school security officers described in
469 clause (b) of § 22.1-280.2:1, which training and certification shall be administered by the Virginia Center for
470 School and Campus Safety (VCSCS) pursuant to § 9.1-184. Such training standards shall be specific to the
471 role and responsibility of school security officers and shall include (i) relevant state and federal laws; (ii)
472 school and personal liability issues; (iii) security awareness in the school environment; (iv) mediation and
473 conflict resolution, including de-escalation techniques such as a physical alternative to restraint; (v) disaster
474 and emergency response; (vi) awareness of systemic and individual racism, cultural diversity, and implicit
475 bias; (vii) working with students with disabilities, mental health needs, substance use disorders, and past
476 traumatic experiences; and (viii) student behavioral dynamics, including child and adolescent development
477 and brain research. The Department shall establish an advisory committee consisting of local school board
478 representatives, principals, superintendents, and school security personnel to assist in the development of the
479 standards and certification requirements in this subdivision. The Department shall require any school security
480 officer who carries a firearm in the performance of his duties to provide proof that he has completed a
481 training course provided by a federal, state, or local law-enforcement agency that includes training in active
482 shooter emergency response, emergency evacuation procedure, and threat assessment;

483 43. License and regulate property bail bondsmen and surety bail bondsmen in accordance with Article 11
484 (§ 9.1-185 et seq.);

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

486 45. In conjunction with the Virginia State Police and the State Compensation Board, advise criminal
487 justice agencies regarding the investigation, registration, and dissemination of information requirements as
488 they pertain to the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act (§ 9.1-900 et seq.);

489 46. Establish minimum standards for (i) employment, (ii) job-entry and in-service training curricula, and
490 (iii) certification requirements for campus security officers. Such training standards shall include, but not be
491 limited to, the role and responsibility of campus security officers, relevant state and federal laws, school and
492 personal liability issues, security awareness in the campus environment, and disaster and emergency

493 response. The Department shall provide technical support and assistance to campus police departments and
 494 campus security departments on the establishment and implementation of policies and procedures, including
 495 but not limited to: the management of such departments, investigatory procedures, judicial referrals, the
 496 establishment and management of databases for campus safety and security information sharing, and
 497 development of uniform record keeping for disciplinary records and statistics, such as campus crime logs,
 498 judicial referrals and Clery Act statistics. The Department shall establish an advisory committee consisting of
 499 college administrators, college police chiefs, college security department chiefs, and local law-enforcement
 500 officials to assist in the development of the standards and certification requirements and training pursuant to
 501 this subdivision;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

534 56. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for detector canine handlers employed by the
 535 Department of Corrections, standards for the training and retention of detector canines used by the
 536 Department of Corrections, and a central database on the performance and effectiveness of such detector
 537 canines that requires the Department of Corrections to submit comprehensive information on each canine
 538 handler and detector canine, including the number and types of calls and searches, substances searched for
 539 and whether or not detected, and the number of false positives, false negatives, true positives, and true
 540 negatives;

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

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

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

551 60. Develop a model curriculum and lesson plans for the compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service,
 552 and advanced training standards to be employed by criminal justice training academies approved by the
 553 Department when conducting training;

554 61. Adopt statewide professional standards of conduct applicable to all certified law-enforcement officers

555 and certified jail officers and appropriate due process procedures for decertification based on serious
556 misconduct in violation of those standards and provide for a decertification review process in accordance
557 with § 15.2-1708;

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

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

563 64. Advise and assist the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and support local
564 law-enforcement cooperation, with the development and implementation of the Marcus alert system, as
565 defined in § 37.2-311.1, including the establishment of local protocols for law-enforcement participation in
566 the Marcus alert system pursuant to § 9.1-193 and for reporting requirements pursuant to §§ 9.1-193 and
567 37.2-311.1;

568 65. Develop an online course to train hotel proprietors and their employees to recognize and report
569 instances of suspected human trafficking;

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

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

575 68. Establish compulsory minimum and in-service training standards for law-enforcement officers on
576 communicating with individuals with an intellectual disability or a developmental disability as defined in
577 § 37.2-100, such as autism spectrum disorder as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and
578 Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association, which shall include (i) an
579 overview and behavioral recognition of autism spectrum disorder, (ii) best practices for crisis prevention and
580 de-escalation techniques, (iii) an objective review of any relevant tools and technology available to assist in
581 communication, and (iv) education on law-enforcement agency and community resources for the autism
582 community on future crisis prevention. Such training standards shall be established in consultation with at
583 least one individual with autism spectrum disorder, one family member of an individual with autism spectrum
584 disorder, one specialist who works with individuals with autism spectrum disorder, one representative from
585 the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and one representative from a state or
586 local law-enforcement agency;

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

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

596 71. Establish a training curriculum for law-enforcement agencies, law-enforcement officers, and special
597 conservators of the peace on the discretion such officers can exercise regarding arrests as provided in Chapter
598 7 (§ 19.2-71 et seq.) of Title 19.2. Such training shall include (i) instruction on the scope and nature of
599 law-enforcement officer discretion in arrest decisions, with particular emphasis on encounters with
600 individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, including individuals currently subject to an emergency
601 custody order pursuant to § 37.2-808, a temporary detention order pursuant to § 37.2-809, or an involuntary
602 admission order pursuant to § 37.2-817, and (ii) instruction on the immediate and long-term effects of arrests
603 on individuals in need of mental health services due to a mental health crisis, including impacts on treatment
604 outcomes as identified in substantially accepted peer-reviewed research literature;

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

609 73. Establish a comprehensive framework for the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) and
610 machine learning systems by law-enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth, which shall include:

611 a. Developing policies and procedures for the use of generative AI and machine learning systems in law-
612 enforcement activities. These policies and procedures shall include guidelines on the use of generative AI and
613 machine learning systems in (i) preparing and completing legal instruments and public records; (ii)
614 generating or acquiring evidence that may be referenced in legal instruments or proceedings or in custodial
615 or noncustodial interrogations; and (iii) processing information obtained through audio, visual, or digital
616 surveillance or any combination thereof;

617 *b. Establishing and publishing a model policy for the use of generative AI and machine learning systems
618 to serve as a guideline for law-enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth; and*

619 *c. Establishing compulsory minimum training standards for basic training and recertification of law-
620 enforcement officers in the use of generative AI and machine learning systems;*

621 *74. Establish a comprehensive framework for the use of audiovisual surveillance technologies, including
622 license plate reader systems, by law-enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth. For the purposes of
623 this subdivision, "audiovisual surveillance technologies" means systems or devices that facilitate the capture,
624 recording, analysis, or transformation of information across the auditory or electromagnetic spectrums and
625 that are employed or utilized for the purposes of surveilling persons, property, or geographic areas. The
626 comprehensive framework shall include:*

627 *a. Developing policies and procedures that ensure such audiovisual surveillance technology usage, data
628 security, and data retention are in compliance with existing laws and regulations;*

629 *b. Establishing and publishing a model policy for the use of audiovisual surveillance technologies to serve
630 as a guideline for law-enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth. Law-enforcement agencies may adopt
631 additional policies beyond such model policy but shall not adopt policies that contradict such model policy;
632 and*

633 *c. Establishing compulsory minimum training standards for basic training and recertification of law-
634 enforcement officers operating or accessing audiovisual surveillance technologies, which shall include
635 training on relevant state and federal laws, operational guidelines, privacy and civil liberties considerations,
636 and proper data handling and retention;*

637 *75. Establish a comprehensive framework for the custodial and noncustodial interrogation of adults and
638 juveniles by law-enforcement officers within the Commonwealth, which shall include:*

639 *a. Developing model policies and procedures for interrogation practices, which shall include guidance on
640 when the use of the following is considered lawful: (i) false promises of leniency, (ii) misleading statements
641 regarding evidence or statements of witnesses or co-conspirators, and (iii) inauthentic replica documents or
642 computer-generated audiovisual evidence;*

643 *b. Establishing and publishing a model policy for conducting such interrogations to serve as a guideline
644 for law-enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth; and*

645 *c. Establishing compulsory minimum training standards for basic training and recertification of law-
646 enforcement officers on conducting such interrogations; and*

647 *76. Perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient for the effective performance of its duties.*

§ 9.1-1110. Functions of Forensic Science Board.

649 *A. The Board shall have the power and duty to:*

650 *1. Adopt regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), for the
651 administration of (i) this chapter or (ii) §§ 15.2-1723.3, 18.2-268.6, 18.2-268.9, 19.2-188.1, and 19.2-310.5,
652 and 23.1-815.2 and for any provisions of the Code as they relate to the responsibilities of the Department.
653 Any proposed regulations concerning the privacy, confidentiality, and security of criminal justice information
654 or DNA identification shall be submitted for review and comment to any board, commission, or committee or
655 other body that may be established by the General Assembly to regulate the privacy, confidentiality, and
656 security of information collected and maintained by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;*

657 *2. Develop and establish program and fiscal standards and goals governing the operations of the
658 Department;*

659 *3. Ensure the development of long-range programs and plans for the incorporation of new technologies as
660 they become available;*

661 *4. Review and comment on all budgets and requests for appropriations for the Department prior to their
662 submission to the Governor and on all applications for federal funds;*

663 *5. Monitor the activities of the Department and its effectiveness in implementing the standards and goals
664 of the Board;*

665 *6. Advise the Governor, Director, and General Assembly on matters relating to the Department and
666 forensic science in general;*

667 *7. Review, amend, and approve recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Committee;*

668 *8. Monitor the receipt, administration, and expenditure of all funds and other assistance available for
669 carrying out the purposes of this chapter;*

670 *9. Approve Department applications for grants from the United States government or any other source in
671 carrying out the purposes of this chapter and approve of acceptance of any and all donations both real and
672 personal, and grants of money from any governmental unit or public agency, or from any institution, person,
673 firm or corporation, and may receive, utilize and dispose of the same. With regard to any grants of money
674 from a governmental or public agency, the Board may delegate or assign the duties under this subdivision to
675 the chairman of the Board who may, with the concurrence of the vice-chairman and in consultation with the
676 Director, make such determinations. Any grants or donations received pursuant to this section shall be
677 detailed in the annual report of the Board. The report shall include the identity of the donor, the nature of the
678 transaction, and the conditions, if any. Any moneys received pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the*

679 state treasury to the account of the Department;

680 10. Monitor all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of the duties of the
681 Department and execution of its powers under this chapter, including but not limited to, contracts with the
682 United States, units of general local government or combinations thereof, in Virginia or other states, and with
683 agencies and departments of the Commonwealth; and

684 11. Recommend actions to foster and promote coordination and cooperation between the Department and
685 the user programs that are served.

686 B. By November 1 of each year, the Board shall review and make recommendations to the Chairmen of
687 the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, and the
688 Virginia State Crime Commission concerning:

689 1. New major programs and plans for the activities of the Department and elimination of programs no
690 longer needed;

691 2. Policy and priorities in response to agency needs;
692 3. General fiscal year operational budget and any major changes in appropriated funds;
693 4. Actions to foster and promote coordination and cooperation between the Department and the user
694 programs ~~which~~ that are served;

695 5. Rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this chapter; and
696 6. Any recommendations submitted to the Board or the Director by the Scientific Advisory Committee.

697 **§ 15.2-1723.3. Crime laboratories operated by local law-enforcement agencies; accreditation.**

698 A. For purposes of this section:

699 "Forensic laboratory" means a laboratory or other entity that conducts a forensic laboratory analysis.

700 "Forensic laboratory analysis" means a medical, chemical, toxicological, ballistic, or other expert
701 examination or test performed on physical evidence, including DNA evidence, for the purpose of determining
702 the connection of the evidence to a criminal action. "Forensic laboratory analysis" does not include (i) an
703 autopsy conducted by a medical examiner or other forensic pathologist who is a licensed physician; (ii) a
704 latent print examination; (iii) a breath test in accordance with § 18.2-268.9, 29.1-738.2, or 46.2-341.26:9;
705 (iv) an examination or test of digital or electronic evidence; (v) a presumptive chemical test or any
706 presumptive mobile instrument used to detect the presence of drugs or alcohol; or (vi) an examination
707 conducted with equipment approved by a federal agency in a manner not inconsistent with any requirements,
708 if developed, by such agency, such as those specific to National Integrated Ballistic Information Network
709 Sites.

710 B. No local law-enforcement agency shall operate a forensic laboratory unless such forensic laboratory is
711 accredited by an accrediting body that requires conformance to forensic-specific requirements and that is a
712 signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement with
713 a scope of accreditation that covers the testing being performed.

714 C. No local law-enforcement agency shall purchase any equipment or any instrument that is intended to
715 be used in forensic laboratory analysis unless such equipment or instrument has been approved by the
716 Department of Forensic Science or the Forensic Science Board, including such equipment or instrument that
717 has been published in the Virginia Register of Regulations in the list of approved devices.

718 D. No local law-enforcement agency shall purchase any breath test device that is to be used in
719 accordance with § 18.2-268.9, 29.1-738.2, or 46.2-341.26:9 or any presumptive chemical test or any
720 presumptive mobile instrument to detect the presence of drugs or alcohol unless such tests have been
721 approved by the Department of Forensic Science or the Forensic Science Board, including such tests that
722 have been published in the Virginia Register of Regulations in the list of approved devices.

723 E. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Commonwealth from introducing relevant and admissible
724 evidence, including expert testimony.

725 **§ 23.1-815.2. Crime laboratories operated by campus police departments; accreditation.**

726 A. For purposes of this section:

727 "Forensic laboratory" means a laboratory or other entity that conducts a forensic laboratory analysis.

728 "Forensic laboratory analysis" means a medical, chemical, toxicological, ballistic, or other expert
729 examination or test performed on physical evidence, including DNA evidence, for the purpose of determining
730 the connection of the evidence to a criminal action. "Forensic laboratory analysis" does not include (i) an
731 autopsy conducted by a medical examiner or other forensic pathologist who is a licensed physician; (ii) a
732 latent print examination; (iii) a breath test in accordance with § 18.2-268.9, 29.1-738.2, or 46.2-341.26:9;
733 (iv) an examination or test of digital or electronic evidence; (v) a presumptive chemical test or any
734 presumptive mobile instrument used to detect the presence of drugs or alcohol; or (vi) an examination
735 conducted with equipment approved by a federal agency in a manner not inconsistent with any requirements,
736 if developed, by such agency, such as those specific to National Integrated Ballistic Information Network
737 Sites.

738 B. No campus police department at a public institution of higher education shall operate a forensic
739 laboratory unless such forensic laboratory is accredited by an accrediting body that requires conformance to
740 forensic-specific requirements and that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation

741 *Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement with a scope of accreditation that covers the testing being*
742 *performed.*

743 *C. No campus police department at a public institution of higher education shall purchase any equipment*
744 *or any instrument that is intended to be used in forensic laboratory analysis unless such equipment or*
745 *instrument has been approved by the Department of Forensic Science or the Forensic Science Board,*
746 *including such equipment or instrument that has been published in the Virginia Register of Regulations in the*
747 *list of approved devices.*

748 *D. No campus police department at a public institution of higher education shall purchase any breath test*
749 *device that is to be used in accordance with § 18.2-268.9, 29.1-738.2, or 46.2-341.26:9 or any presumptive*
750 *chemical test or any presumptive mobile instrument to detect the presence of drugs or alcohol unless such*
751 *tests have been approved by the Department of Forensic Science or the Forensic Science Board, including*
752 *such tests that have been published in the Virginia Register of Regulations in the list of approved devices.*

753 *E. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Commonwealth from introducing relevant and admissible*
754 *evidence, including expert testimony.*

755 **2. That the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall establish and publish model policies for the**
756 **use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning systems, audiovisual surveillance**
757 **technologies, and conducting interrogations as required by the provisions of this act by January 1,**
758 **2027, and all law-enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth shall adopt policies consistent with such**
759 **model policies by July 1, 2027.**

760 **3. That any person employed as a law-enforcement officer prior to July 1, 2026, shall complete the**
761 **training in the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning systems and**
762 **conducting interrogations required by this act by January 1, 2030.**

763 **4. That any law-enforcement officer who is authorized to operate or access audiovisual surveillance**
764 **technologies shall complete the training related to audiovisual surveillance technologies required by the**
765 **provisions of this act by July 1, 2030.**

766 **5. That the provisions of § 9.1-1110, as amended by this act, and §§ 15.2-1723.3 and 23.1-815.2, as**
767 **created by this act, shall become effective on January 1, 2030.**