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SENATE BILL NO. 530

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-3115 of the Code of Virginia, relating to State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act; electronic disclosure by local government officers and employees.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-3115 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-3115. Disclosure by local government officers and employees.

A. In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, the members of every governing body and school board of each county and city and of towns with populations in excess of 3,500 and the executive director and members of each industrial development authority and economic development authority, as created by the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), shall file, as a condition to assuming office or employment, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3117 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before February 1.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, the members of the governing body of any authority established in any county or city, or part or combination thereof, and having the power to issue bonds or expend funds in excess of \$10,000 in any fiscal year, other than the executive director and members of each industrial development authority and economic development authority, as created by the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), shall file, as a condition to assuming office, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3118 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before February 1, unless the governing body of the jurisdiction that appoints the members requires that the members file the form set forth in § 2.2-3117.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, the members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission shall file, as a condition to assuming office, a disclosure of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3118 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before February 1.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, persons occupying such positions of trust appointed by governing bodies and persons occupying such positions of employment with governing bodies as may be designated to file by ordinance of the governing body shall file, as a condition to assuming office or employment, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3117 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before February 1.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, persons occupying such positions of trust appointed by school boards and persons occupying such positions of employment with school boards as may be designated to file by an adopted policy of the school board shall file, as a condition to assuming office or employment, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3117 and thereafter shall file such a statement annually on or before February 1.

B. In accordance with the requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, nonsalaried citizen members of local boards, commissions and councils as may be designated by the governing body shall file, as a condition to assuming office, a disclosure form of their personal interests and such other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to § 2.2-3118 and thereafter shall file such form annually on or before February 1.

C. No person shall be mandated to file any disclosure not otherwise required by this article.

D. The disclosure forms required by subsections A and B shall be made available by the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council at least 30 days prior to the filing deadline; and the clerks of the governing body and school board shall distribute the forms to designated individuals at least 20 days prior to the filing deadline. Forms shall be filed and maintained as public records for five years in the office of the clerk of the respective governing body or school board. Forms filed by members of governing bodies of authorities shall be filed and maintained as public records for five years in the office of the clerk of the governing body of the county or city. Disclosure forms shall be filed electronically with the Council in

59 *accordance with the standards approved by it pursuant to § 30-356. All forms shall be maintained as public*
60 *records for five years in the office of the Council. Such forms shall be made public no later than six weeks*
61 *after the filing deadline.*

62 E. Candidates for membership in the governing body or school board of any county, city or town with a
63 population of more than 3,500 persons shall file a disclosure statement of their personal interests as required
64 by § 24.2-502.

65 F. Any officer or employee of local government who has a personal interest in any transaction before the
66 governmental or advisory agency of which he is an officer or employee and who is disqualified from
67 participating in that transaction pursuant to subsection A of § 2.2-3112 or otherwise elects to disqualify
68 himself, shall forthwith make disclosure of the existence of his interest, including the full name and address
69 of the business and the address or parcel number for the real estate if the interest involves a business or real
70 estate, and his disclosure shall be reflected in the public records of the agency for five years in the office of
71 the administrative head of the officer's or employee's governmental or advisory agency.

72 G. In addition to any disclosure required by subsections A and B, in each county and city and in towns
73 with populations in excess of 3,500, members of planning commissions, boards of zoning appeals, real estate
74 assessors, and all county, city and town managers or executive officers shall make annual disclosures of all
75 their interests in real estate located in the county, city or town in which they are elected, appointed, or
76 employed. Such disclosure shall include any business in which such persons own an interest, or from which
77 income is received, if the primary purpose of the business is to own, develop or derive compensation through
78 the sale, exchange or development of real estate in the county, city or town. In accordance with the
79 requirements set forth in § 2.2-3118.2, such disclosure shall be filed as a condition to assuming office or
80 employment, and thereafter shall be filed annually with the clerk of the governing body of such county, city,
81 or town on or before February 1. Such disclosures shall be filed and maintained as public records for five
82 years. Such forms shall be made public no later than six weeks after the filing deadline. Forms for the filing
83 of such reports shall be made available by the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council to
84 the clerk of each governing body.

85 H. An officer or employee of local government who is required to declare his interest pursuant to
86 subdivision B 1 of § 2.2-3112 shall declare his interest by stating (i) the transaction involved, (ii) the nature
87 of the officer's or employee's personal interest affected by the transaction, (iii) that he is a member of a
88 business, profession, occupation, or group the members of which are affected by the transaction, and (iv) that
89 he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. The officer or
90 employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in written minutes for his agency or file a
91 signed written declaration with the clerk or administrative head of his governmental or advisory agency, as
92 appropriate, who shall, in either case, retain and make available for public inspection such declaration for a
93 period of five years from the date of recording or receipt. If reasonable time is not available to comply with
94 the provisions of this subsection prior to participation in the transaction, the officer or employee shall prepare
95 and file the required declaration by the end of the next business day. The officer or employee shall also orally
96 disclose the existence of the interest during each meeting of the governmental or advisory agency at which
97 the transaction is discussed and such disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

98 I. An officer or employee of local government who is required to declare his interest pursuant to
99 subdivision B 2 of § 2.2-3112, shall declare his interest by stating (i) the transaction involved, (ii) that a party
100 to the transaction is a client of his firm, (iii) that he does not personally represent or provide services to the
101 client, and (iv) that he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.
102 The officer or employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in written minutes for his
103 agency or file a signed written declaration with the clerk or administrative head of his governmental or
104 advisory agency, as appropriate, who shall, in either case, retain and make available for public inspection
105 such declaration for a period of five years from the date of recording or receipt. If reasonable time is not
106 available to comply with the provisions of this subsection prior to participation in the transaction, the officer
107 or employee shall prepare and file the required declaration by the end of the next business day.

108 J. The clerk of the governing body or school board that releases any form to the public pursuant to this
109 section shall redact from the form any residential address, personal telephone number, email address, or
110 signature contained on such form; however, any form filed pursuant to subsection G shall not have any
111 residential addresses redacted.

112 **2. That those persons required by § 2.2-3115 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act, to file a**
113 **disclosure form shall be able to file such form electronically with the Virginia Conflict of Interest and**
114 **Ethics Advisory Council beginning with the statement due on or before February 1, 2027. Electronic**
115 **filing shall be required (i) for localities with populations in excess of 250,000, beginning January 1,**
116 **2028; (ii) for localities with populations in excess of 100,000 but not more than 250,000, beginning**
117 **January 1, 2029; and (iii) for localities with populations not exceeding 100,000, beginning January 1,**
118 **2030.**