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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1523**

2 Offered January 26, 2026

3 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 32.1 a section numbered*  
4 *32.1-15.2, relating to certified violence prevention professionals; certification.*

5 Patron—McGuire

6 Unanimous consent to introduce

7 Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

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9 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:10 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 32.1 a section**  
11 **numbered 32.1-15.2 as follows:**12 **§ 32.1-15.2. Certified violence prevention professionals.**13 A. As used in this section, "certified violence prevention professional" means a violence prevention  
14 professional who has met the requirements of subsection B.15 B. No person shall use or assume the title "certified violence prevention professional" unless he is a  
16 violence prevention professional who (i) has received training and education as a violence prevention  
17 professional from an entity approved by a body approved by the Board and (ii) is certified as a certified  
18 violence prevention professional by a body approved by the Board.19 C. No entity shall hold itself out as providing training and education for certified violence prevention  
20 professionals required by subsection B unless its curriculum and training program has been approved by a  
21 body approved by the Board.22 D. The Board shall adopt regulations setting forth requirements for (i) use of the title "certified violence  
23 prevention professional" and (ii) education and training programs necessary to meet the requirements for  
24 certification as a certified violence prevention professional.

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