

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Military Affairs to assess the feasibility of and develop recommendations*
3 *related to establishing a Sexual Offense Prevention and Response Officer position within the Sexual*
4 *Offense Prevention and Response Program to perform victim advocacy services; report.*

5 [H 34]
6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1.** *§ 1 That the Department of Military Affairs (the Department) is directed to assess the feasibility of and*
9 *develop recommendations related to establishing a Sexual Offense Prevention and Response Officer (the*
10 *Officer) position within the Sexual Offense Prevention and Response Program (the Program) to perform*
11 *victim advocacy services, including helping victims of certain criminal sexual assault offenses make*
12 *restricted or unrestricted reports. In conducting such assessment and developing such recommendations, the*
13 *Department shall review its existing Sexual Offense Prevention and Response Coordinator position and*
14 *associated staff. The Adjutant General shall submit a report of such assessment and any recommendations*
15 *to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Chairs of the*
16 *House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice no later than November 1, 2026, that shall include*
17 *information on the Program's role in performing victim services such as helping victims of certain criminal*
18 *sexual assault offenses make restricted or unrestricted reports, including (i) a description of services*
19 *provided by the Coordinator's office, (ii) personnel levels and functions, and (iii) any operational costs.*