

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Criminal Justice Services to convene a work group to develop policy and*
3 *legislative recommendations to establish the Virginia Gun Violence Prevention Center.*

4 [H 969]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Secretary of Public Safety shall convene a work group to develop policy and legislative*
8 *recommendations to establish the Virginia Gun Violence Prevention Center. The work group shall consist of*
9 *relevant stakeholders, including (i) two current members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the*
10 *Speaker of the House of Delegates; (ii) one current member of the Senate to be appointed by the Chair of*
11 *the Senate Committee on Rules; (iii) three representatives to be appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety*
12 *and Homeland Security with experience in gun violence prevention and community safety; (iv) four*
13 *representatives to be appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources with experience working*
14 *in the Department of Health and in social services, mental health, and youth services; (v) one representative*
15 *to be appointed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth; (vi) one representative to be appointed by the*
16 *Secretary of Education with experience in K-12 schools; (vii) one representative to be appointed by the*
17 *Secretary of Labor with experience in workforce development; (viii) one representative from the Office of*
18 *the Attorney General with a role in community engagement; (ix) one representative from the University of*
19 *Virginia; (x) one representative from Virginia State University; (xi) one representative to be appointed by*
20 *the Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules that is an attorney for the Commonwealth; (xii) one*
21 *representative to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates that is a defense attorney licensed*
22 *to practice law in the Commonwealth; (xiii) two members of tax-exempt gun violence prevention advocacy*
23 *organizations to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and (xiv) one member of a tax-*
24 *exempt gun violence prevention advocacy organization to be appointed by the Chair of the Senate*
25 *Committee on Rules.*

26 *The work group shall be allowed to (a) meet both in-person and virtually, (b) have small group breakouts*
27 *for the purpose of advancing work in a timely and efficient manner, and (c) collaborate with experts and*
28 *other representatives as needed.*

29 *The work group shall report its findings and specific legislative and policy recommendations to the*
30 *Speaker of the House, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules, the Chair of the House Committee on*
31 *Public Safety, and the Chair of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice by December 15, 2026.*

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