

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 2168  
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
3 (Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice  
4 on \_\_\_\_\_)  
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Williams)

6 A BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-905 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Judicial Inquiry and Review  
7 Commission; annual report; breach of Canons of Judicial Conduct; disciplinary action.

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

9 **1. That § 17.1-905 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

10 **§ 17.1-905. Annual report.**

11 On or before December 1 of each year, the Commission shall publish a report detailing the  
12 activities of the Commission for the prior year. The report shall include the number of complaints filed  
13 with the Commission; the number of complaints originating from attorneys, judges, court employees, or  
14 the general public; the number of complaints dismissed based on (i) failure to fall within the jurisdiction  
15 of the Commission, (ii) failure to state a violation of the Canons of Judicial Conduct, or (iii) failure of the  
16 Commission to reach a conclusion that the Canons were breached; the number of complaints for which  
17 the Commission concluded that the Canons of Judicial Conduct were breached; and the number of cases  
18 from which the staff or any member of the Commission recused himself due to an actual or possible  
19 conflict. The report shall also include (a) the name of any judge who the Commission concluded breached  
20 the Canons of Judicial Conduct and took disciplinary action against as a result of such conclusion and the  
21 date on which the Commission reached such conclusion after the previous annual report was published,  
22 (b) the specific Canons of Judicial Conduct breached by such judge, and (c) the disciplinary action taken  
23 against such judge by the Commission.

24 **2. That on or before December 1, 2023, the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission (the**  
25 **Commission) shall publish in its annual report (i) the name of any judge who the Commission**  
26 **concluded breached the Canons of Judicial Conduct on or after January 1, 2016, and took**

**27 disciplinary action against as a result of such conclusion; (ii) the specific Canons of Judicial Conduct**  
**28 breached by such judge; and (iii) the disciplinary action taken against such judge by the**  
**29 Commission.**

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