

HOUSE BILL NO. 2546

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on _____)

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(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Robinson)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-3711 and 2.2-4002 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-283.8, relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Team; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-3711 and 2.2-4002 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-283.8 as follows:

§ 2.2-3711. Closed meetings authorized for certain limited purposes.

A. Public bodies may hold closed meetings only for the following purposes:

1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively.

2. Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student of any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth or any state school system. However, any such

student, legal counsel and, if the student is a minor, the student's parents or legal guardians shall be permitted to be present during the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence at a closed meeting, if such student, parents, or guardians so request in writing and such request is submitted to the presiding officer of the appropriate board.

3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

4. The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.

5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

6. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

9. Discussion or consideration by governing boards of public institutions of higher education of matters relating to gifts, bequests and fund-raising activities, and of grants and contracts for services or

work to be performed by such institution. However, the terms and conditions of any such gifts, bequests, grants, and contracts made by a foreign government, a foreign legal entity, or a foreign person and accepted by a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth shall be subject to public disclosure upon written request to the appropriate board of visitors. For the purpose of this subdivision, (i) "foreign government" means any government other than the United States government or the government of a state or a political subdivision thereof, (ii) "foreign legal entity" means any legal entity (a) created under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof if a majority of the ownership of the stock of such legal entity is owned by foreign governments or foreign persons or if a majority of the membership of any such entity is composed of foreign persons or foreign legal entities or (b) created under the laws of a foreign government, and (iii) "foreign person" means any individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States or a trust territory or protectorate thereof.

10. Discussion or consideration by the boards of trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Virginia Museum of Natural History, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, and The Science Museum of Virginia of matters relating to specific gifts, bequests, and grants from private sources.

11. Discussion or consideration of honorary degrees or special awards.

12. Discussion or consideration of tests, examinations, or other information used, administered, or prepared by a public body and subject to the exclusion in subdivision 4 of § 2.2-3705.1.

13. Discussion, consideration, or review by the appropriate House or Senate committees of possible disciplinary action against a member arising out of the possible inadequacy of the disclosure statement filed by the member, provided the member may request in writing that the committee meeting not be conducted in a closed meeting.

14. Discussion of strategy with respect to the negotiation of a hazardous waste siting agreement or to consider the terms, conditions, and provisions of a hazardous waste siting agreement if the governing body in open meeting finds that an open meeting will have an adverse effect upon the negotiating position of the governing body or the establishment of the terms, conditions and provisions of the siting agreement, or both. All discussions with the applicant or its representatives may be conducted in a closed meeting.

15. Discussion by the Governor and any economic advisory board reviewing forecasts of economic activity and estimating general and nongeneral fund revenues.

16. Discussion or consideration of medical and mental health records subject to the exclusion in subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.5.

17. Deliberations of the Virginia Lottery Board in a licensing appeal action conducted pursuant to subsection D of § 58.1-4007 regarding the denial or revocation of a license of a lottery sales agent; and discussion, consideration or review of Virginia Lottery matters related to proprietary lottery game information and studies or investigations excluded from disclosure under subdivision 6 of § 2.2-3705.3 and subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.7.

18. Those portions of meetings in which the Board of Corrections discusses or discloses the identity of, or information tending to identify, any prisoner who (i) provides information about crimes or criminal activities, (ii) renders assistance in preventing the escape of another prisoner or in the apprehension of an escaped prisoner, or (iii) voluntarily or at the instance of a prison official renders other extraordinary services, the disclosure of which is likely to jeopardize the prisoner's life or safety.

19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety; discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2, where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure.

20. Discussion by the Board of the Virginia Retirement System, acting pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, or of any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, or by a local finance board or board of trustees of a trust established by one or more local public bodies to invest funds for postemployment benefits other than pensions, acting pursuant to Article 8 (§ 15.2-1544 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 15.2, or by the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, acting pursuant to § 23.1-2210, or by the Board

of the Virginia College Savings Plan, acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, regarding the acquisition, holding or disposition of a security or other ownership interest in an entity, where such security or ownership interest is not traded on a governmentally regulated securities exchange, to the extent that such discussion (i) concerns confidential analyses prepared for the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, prepared by the retirement system, or a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Virginia College Savings Plan or provided to the retirement system, a local finance board or board of trustees, or the Virginia College Savings Plan under a promise of confidentiality, of the future value of such ownership interest or the future financial performance of the entity, and (ii) would have an adverse effect on the value of the investment to be acquired, held, or disposed of by the retirement system, a local finance board or board of trustees, the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, or the Virginia College Savings Plan. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent the disclosure of information relating to the identity of any investment held, the amount invested or the present value of such investment.

21. Those portions of meetings in which individual child death cases are discussed by the State Child Fatality Review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.1, those portions of meetings in which individual child death cases are discussed by a regional or local child fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.2, those portions of meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by family violence fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.3, those portions of meetings in which individual adult death cases are discussed by the state Adult Fatality Review Team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.5, those portions of meetings in which individual adult death cases are discussed by a local or regional adult fatality review team established pursuant to § 32.1-283.6, ~~and~~ those portions of meetings in which individual death cases are discussed by overdose fatality review teams established pursuant to § 32.1-283.7, and those portions of meetings in which individual maternal death cases are discussed by the Maternal Mortality Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.8.

22. Those portions of meetings of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia or the Eastern Virginia Medical School Board of Visitors, as the case may be, and those portions of meetings of any persons to whom management responsibilities for the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, have been delegated, in which there is discussed proprietary,

business-related information pertaining to the operations of the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, including business development or marketing strategies and activities with existing or future joint venturers, partners, or other parties with whom the University of Virginia Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be, has formed, or forms, any arrangement for the delivery of health care, if disclosure of such information would adversely affect the competitive position of the Medical Center or Eastern Virginia Medical School, as the case may be.

23. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority or the board of visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University of any of the following: the acquisition or disposition by the Authority of real property, equipment, or technology software or hardware and related goods or services, where disclosure would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Authority; matters relating to gifts or bequests to, and fund-raising activities of, the Authority; grants and contracts for services or work to be performed by the Authority; marketing or operational strategies plans of the Authority where disclosure of such strategies or plans would adversely affect the competitive position of the Authority; and members of the Authority's medical and teaching staffs and qualifications for appointments thereto.

24. Those portions of the meetings of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee within the Department of Health Professions to the extent such discussions identify any practitioner who may be, or who actually is, impaired pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

25. Meetings or portions of meetings of the Board of the Virginia College Savings Plan wherein personal information, as defined in § 2.2-3801, which has been provided to the Board or its employees by or on behalf of individuals who have requested information about, applied for, or entered into prepaid tuition contracts or savings trust account agreements pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of Title 23.1 is discussed.

26. Discussion or consideration, by the former Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee created pursuant to former § 56-484.15, of trade secrets, as defined in the Uniform Trade

Secrets Act (§ 59.1-336 et seq.), submitted by CMRS providers as defined in § 56-484.12, related to the provision of wireless E-911 service.

27. Those portions of disciplinary proceedings by any regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Health Professions, or the Board of Accountancy conducted pursuant to § 2.2-4019 or 2.2-4020 during which the board deliberates to reach a decision or meetings of health regulatory boards or conference committees of such boards to consider settlement proposals in pending disciplinary actions or modifications to previously issued board orders as requested by either of the parties.

28. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.6 by a responsible public entity or an affected locality or public entity, as those terms are defined in § 33.2-1800, or any independent review panel appointed to review information and advise the responsible public entity concerning such records.

29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

30. Discussion or consideration of grant or loan application information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 17 of § 2.2-3705.6 by (i) the Commonwealth Health Research Board or (ii) the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority or the Research and Technology Investment Advisory Committee appointed to advise the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority.

31. Discussion or consideration by the Commitment Review Committee of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 5 of § 2.2-3705.2 relating to individuals subject to commitment as sexually violent predators under Chapter 9 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2.

32. Discussion or consideration of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets developed and held by a local public body providing certain telecommunication services or cable television services and subject to the exclusion in subdivision 18 of § 2.2-3705.6. However, the exemption provided by this

186 subdivision shall not apply to any authority created pursuant to the BVU Authority Act (§ 15.2-7200 et
187 seq.).

188 33. Discussion or consideration by a local authority created in accordance with the Virginia
189 Wireless Service Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5431.1 et seq.) of confidential proprietary information and trade
190 secrets subject to the exclusion in subdivision 19 of § 2.2-3705.6.

191 34. Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting
192 security matters made confidential pursuant to § 24.2-625.1.

193 35. Discussion or consideration by the Forensic Science Board or the Scientific Advisory
194 Committee created pursuant to Article 2 (§ 9.1-1109 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 9.1 of criminal
195 investigative files subject to the exclusion in subdivision B 1 of § 2.2-3706.

196 36. Discussion or consideration by the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee of
197 information or confidential matters subject to the exclusion in subdivision A 3 of § 2.2-3705.4, and
198 meetings of the Committee to deliberate concerning the annual maximum scholarship award, review and
199 consider scholarship applications and requests for scholarship award renewal, and cancel, rescind, or
200 recover scholarship awards.

201 37. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Port Authority of information subject to the
202 exclusion in subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain proprietary information gathered by or for the
203 Virginia Port Authority.

204 38. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System acting
205 pursuant to § 51.1-124.30, by the Investment Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to § 51.1-124.26,
206 by any local retirement system, acting pursuant to § 51.1-803, by the Board of the Virginia College
207 Savings Plan acting pursuant to § 23.1-706, or by the Virginia College Savings Plan's Investment Advisory
208 Committee appointed pursuant to § 23.1-702 of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of
209 § 2.2-3705.7.

210 39. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 3 of § 2.2-
211 3705.6 related to economic development.

212 40. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Education of information relating to the denial,
213 suspension, or revocation of teacher licenses subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.3.

214 41. Those portions of meetings of the Virginia Military Advisory Council or any commission
215 created by executive order for the purpose of studying and making recommendations regarding preventing
216 closure or realignment of federal military and national security installations and facilities located in
217 Virginia and relocation of such facilities to Virginia, or a local or regional military affairs organization
218 appointed by a local governing body, during which there is discussion of information subject to the
219 exclusion in subdivision 8 of § 2.2-3705.2.

220 42. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation of
221 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.7 related to personally identifiable
222 information of donors.

223 43. Discussion or consideration by the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission of
224 information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 23 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to certain information
225 contained in grant applications.

226 44. Discussion or consideration by the board of directors of the Commercial Space Flight Authority
227 of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 24 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to rate structures or
228 charges for the use of projects of, the sale of products of, or services rendered by the Authority and certain
229 proprietary information of a private entity provided to the Authority.

230 45. Discussion or consideration of personal and proprietary information related to the resource
231 management plan program and subject to the exclusion in (i) subdivision 25 of § 2.2-3705.6 or (ii)
232 subsection E of § 10.1-104.7. This exclusion shall not apply to the discussion or consideration of records
233 that contain information that has been certified for release by the person who is the subject of the
234 information or transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow identification of the
235 person who supplied, or is the subject of, the information.

236 46. Discussion or consideration by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage
237 Control Authority of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 1 of § 2.2-3705.3 related to
238 investigations of applicants for licenses and permits and of licensees and permittees.

239 47. Discussion or consideration of grant or loan application records subject to the exclusion in
240 subdivision 28 of § 2.2-3705.6 related to the submission of an application for an award from the Virginia
241 Research Investment Fund pursuant to Article 8 (§ 23.1-3130 et seq.) of Chapter 31 of Title 23.1 or
242 interviews of parties to an application by a reviewing entity pursuant to subsection D of § 23.1-3133 or
243 by the Virginia Research Investment Committee.

244 48. Discussion or development of grant proposals by a regional council established pursuant to
245 Article 26 (§ 2.2-2484 et seq.) of Chapter 24 to be submitted for consideration to the Virginia Growth and
246 Opportunity Board.

247 49. Discussion or consideration of (i) individual sexual assault cases by a sexual assault team
248 established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.4 or (ii) individual child abuse or neglect cases or sex offenses
249 involving a child by a child abuse team established pursuant to § 15.2-1627.5.

250 50. Discussion or consideration by the Board of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership
251 Authority, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, or any subcommittees thereof, of the
252 portions of the strategic plan, marketing plan, or operational plan exempt from disclosure pursuant to
253 subdivision 33 of § 2.2-3705.7.

254 51. Those portions of meetings of the subcommittee of the Board of the Virginia Economic
255 Development Partnership Authority established pursuant to subsection F of § 2.2-2237.3 to review and
256 discuss information received from the Virginia Employment Commission pursuant to subdivision C 2 of
257 § 60.2-114.

258 B. No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation or motion adopted, passed or agreed to in a
259 closed meeting shall become effective unless the public body, following the meeting, reconvenes in open
260 meeting and takes a vote of the membership on such resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or
261 motion that shall have its substance reasonably identified in the open meeting.

262 C. Public officers improperly selected due to the failure of the public body to comply with the
263 other provisions of this section shall be de facto officers and, as such, their official actions are valid until
264 they obtain notice of the legal defect in their election.

265 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the holding of conferences between two or
266 more public bodies, or their representatives, but these conferences shall be subject to the same procedures
267 for holding closed meetings as are applicable to any other public body.

268 E. This section shall not be construed to (i) require the disclosure of any contract between the
269 Department of Health Professions and an impaired practitioner entered into pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§
270 54.1-2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1 or (ii) require the board of directors of any authority created pursuant to
271 the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act (§ 15.2-4900 et seq.), or any public body empowered
272 to issue industrial revenue bonds by general or special law, to identify a business or industry to which
273 subdivision A 5 applies. However, such business or industry shall be identified as a matter of public record
274 at least 30 days prior to the actual date of the board's authorization of the sale or issuance of such bonds.

275 **§ 2.2-4002. Exemptions from chapter generally.**

276 A. Although required to comply with § 2.2-4103 of the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq.),
277 the following agencies shall be exempted from the provisions of this chapter, except to the extent that they
278 are specifically made subject to §§ 2.2-4024, 2.2-4030, and 2.2-4031:

279 1. The General Assembly.

280 2. Courts, any agency of the Supreme Court, and any agency that by the Constitution is expressly
281 granted any of the powers of a court of record.

282 3. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries in promulgating regulations regarding the
283 management of wildlife and for all case decisions rendered pursuant to any provisions of Chapters 2 (§
284 29.1-200 et seq.), 3 (§ 29.1-300 et seq.), 4 (§ 29.1-400 et seq.), 5 (§ 29.1-500 et seq.), and 7 (§ 29.1-700
285 et seq.) of Title 29.1.

286 4. The Virginia Housing Development Authority.

287 5. Municipal corporations, counties, and all local, regional or multijurisdictional authorities created
288 under this Code, including those with federal authorities.

289 6. Educational institutions operated by the Commonwealth, provided that, with respect to § 2.2-
290 4031, such educational institutions shall be exempt from the publication requirements only with respect
291 to regulations that pertain to (i) their academic affairs, (ii) the selection, tenure, promotion and disciplining

of faculty and employees, (iii) the selection of students, and (iv) rules of conduct and disciplining of students.

7. The Milk Commission in promulgating regulations regarding (i) producers' licenses and bases, (ii) classification and allocation of milk, computation of sales and shrinkage, and (iii) class prices for producers' milk, time and method of payment, butterfat testing and differential.

8. The Virginia Resources Authority.

9. Agencies expressly exempted by any other provision of this Code.

10. The Department of General Services in promulgating standards for the inspection of buildings for asbestos pursuant to § 2.2-1164.

11. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in developing, issuing, and revising guidelines pursuant to § 23.1-207.

12. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services in adopting regulations pursuant to subsection B of § 3.2-6002 and in adopting regulations pursuant to § 3.2-6023.

13. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services in promulgating regulations pursuant to subsections B and D of § 3.2-3601, subsection B of § 3.2-3701, § 3.2-4002, subsections B and D of § 3.2-4801, §§ 3.2-5121 and 3.2-5206, and subsection A of § 3.2-5406.

14. The Board of Optometry when specifying therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, treatment guidelines, and diseases and abnormal conditions of the human eye and its adnexa for TPA-certification of optometrists pursuant to Article 5 (§ 54.1-3222 et seq.) of Chapter 32 of Title 54.1.

15. The Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services in adopting regulations pursuant to § 2.2-2001.3.

16. The State Board of Education, in developing, issuing, and revising guidelines pursuant to § 22.1-203.2.

17. The Virginia Racing Commission, (i) when acting by and through its duly appointed stewards or in matters related to any specific race meeting or (ii) in promulgating technical rules regulating actual live horse racing at race meetings licensed by the Commission.

- 319 18. The Virginia Small Business Financing Authority.
- 320 19. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.
- 321 20. The Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services in adopting, amending or repealing
- 322 regulations pursuant to subsection A (ii) of § 59.1-156.
- 323 21. The Insurance Continuing Education Board pursuant to § 38.2-1867.
- 324 22. The Board of Health in promulgating the list of diseases that shall be reported to the
- 325 Department of Health pursuant to § 32.1-35 and in adopting, amending or repealing regulations pursuant
- 326 to subsection C of § 35.1-14 that incorporate the Food and Drug Administration's Food Code pertaining
- 327 to restaurants or food service.
- 328 23. The Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission in setting a date of closure for the
- 329 Chesapeake Bay purse seine fishery for Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes pursuant to § 28.2-
- 330 1000.2.
- 331 24. The Board of Pharmacy when specifying special subject requirements for continuing education
- 332 for pharmacists pursuant to § 54.1-3314.1.
- 333 25. The Virginia Department of Veterans Services when promulgating rules and regulations
- 334 pursuant to § 58.1-3219.7 or 58.1-3219.11.
- 335 26. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services when developing, issuing, or revising
- 336 any training standards established by the Criminal Justice Services Board under § 9.1-102, provided such
- 337 actions are authorized by the Governor in the interest of public safety.
- 338 B. Agency action relating to the following subjects shall be exempted from the provisions of this
- 339 chapter:
- 340 1. Money or damage claims against the Commonwealth or agencies thereof.
- 341 2. The award or denial of state contracts, as well as decisions regarding compliance therewith.
- 342 3. The location, design, specifications or construction of public buildings or other facilities.
- 343 4. Grants of state or federal funds or property.
- 344 5. The chartering of corporations.
- 345 6. Customary military, militia, naval or police functions.

346 7. The selection, tenure, dismissal, direction or control of any officer or employee of an agency of
347 the Commonwealth.

348 8. The conduct of elections or eligibility to vote.

349 9. Inmates of prisons or other such facilities or parolees therefrom.

350 10. The custody of persons in, or sought to be placed in, mental health facilities or penal or other
351 state institutions as well as the treatment, supervision, or discharge of such persons.

352 11. Traffic signs, markers or control devices.

353 12. Instructions for application or renewal of a license, certificate, or registration required by law.

354 13. Content of, or rules for the conduct of, any examination required by law.

355 14. The administration of pools authorized by Chapter 47 (§ 2.2-4700 et seq.).

356 15. Any rules for the conduct of specific lottery games, so long as such rules are not inconsistent
357 with duly adopted regulations of the Virginia Lottery Board, and provided that such regulations are
358 published and posted.

359 16. Orders condemning or closing any shellfish, finfish, or crustacea growing area and the
360 shellfish, finfish or crustacea located thereon pursuant to Article 2 (§ 28.2-803 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of
361 Title 28.2.

362 17. Any operating procedures for review of child deaths developed by the State Child Fatality
363 Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.1 ~~and~~, any operating procedures for review of adult deaths developed
364 by the Adult Fatality Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.5, and any operating procedures for review of
365 adult deaths developed by the Maternal Mortality Review Team pursuant to § 32.1-283.8.

366 18. The regulations for the implementation of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program and
367 the activities of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee pursuant to Chapter 25.1 (§ 54.1-
368 2515 et seq.) of Title 54.1.

369 19. The process of reviewing and ranking grant applications submitted to the Commonwealth
370 Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board pursuant to Article 12 (§ 51.5-178 et seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title
371 51.5.

20. Loans from the Small Business Environmental Compliance Assistance Fund pursuant to Article 4 (§ 10.1-1197.1 et seq.) of Chapter 11.1 of Title 10.1.

21. The Virginia Breeders Fund created pursuant to § 59.1-372.

22. The types of pari-mutuel wagering pools available for live or simulcast horse racing.

23. The administration of medication or other substances foreign to the natural horse.

24. Any rules adopted by the Charitable Gaming Board for the approval and conduct of game variations for the conduct of raffles, bingo, network bingo, and instant bingo games, provided that such rules are (i) consistent with Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 and (ii) published and posted.

C. Minor changes to regulations published in the Virginia Administrative Code under the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq.), made by the Virginia Code Commission pursuant to § 30-150, shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

§ 32.1-283.8. Maternal Death Review Team; duties; membership; confidentiality; penalties; report; etc.

A. As used in this section, "maternal death" means the death of a woman who was pregnant at the time of death or within one year prior to the time of death, regardless of the outcome of the pregnancy, including any death determined to be a natural death, unnatural death, or violent death or for which no cause of death was determined.

B. There is hereby created the Maternal Death Review Team (the Team), which shall develop and implement procedures to ensure that certain maternal deaths occurring in the Commonwealth are analyzed in a systematic way. The Team shall review every maternal death in the Commonwealth. The Team shall not initiate a maternal death review until the conclusion of any law-enforcement investigation or criminal prosecution. The Team shall (i) develop and revise as necessary operating procedures for maternal death reviews, including identification of cases to be reviewed and procedures for coordinating among the agencies and professionals involved; (ii) improve the identification of and data collection and record keeping related to causes of maternal deaths; (iii) recommend components of programs to increase awareness and prevention of and education about maternal deaths; and (iv) recommend training to improve

the review of maternal deaths. Such operating procedures shall be exempt from the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) pursuant to subdivision B 17 of § 2.2-4002.

B. The team shall consist of the following persons or their designees: the Chief Medical Examiner, the Director of the Office of Family Health of the Department of Health, the State Registrar of Vital Records, the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services. In addition, the Governor shall appoint one representative of each of the following entities: local law enforcement, local fire departments, local emergency medical services providers, local departments of social services, community services boards, attorneys for the Commonwealth, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia College of Emergency Physicians, the Virginia Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Virginia Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, the Virginia Chapter of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, and the Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The Chief Medical Examiner and the Director of the Office of Family Health of the Department of Health shall serve as co-chairs of the Team and may appoint additional members of the Team as may be needed to complete maternal death reviews pursuant to this section.

After the initial staggering of terms, members other than the Chief Medical Examiner, the Director of the Office of Family Health of the Department of Health, the State Registrar of Vital Records, the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall be appointed for a term of three years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. The Chief Medical Examiner, the Director of the Office of Family Health of the Department of Health, the State Registrar of Vital Records, the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

C. Upon the request of the Chief Medical Examiner in his capacity as a co-chair of the Team, made after the conclusion of any law-enforcement investigation or prosecution, the Chief Medical Examiner or his designee may inspect and copy information and records regarding a maternal death, including (i) any

report of the circumstances of the maternal death maintained by any state or local law-enforcement agency or medical examiner, and (ii) information or records about the woman maintained by any social services agency or court. Information, records, or reports maintained by any attorney for the Commonwealth shall be made available for inspection and copying by the Chief Medical Examiner or his designee pursuant to procedures that shall be developed by the Chief Medical Examiner and the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council established by § 2.2-2617. Any presentence report prepared pursuant to § 19.2-299 for any person convicted of a crime that led to the death of the woman shall be made available for inspection and copying by the Chief Medical Examiner or his designee. In addition, the Chief Medical Examiner or his designee may inspect and copy from any health care provider in the Commonwealth, on behalf of the Team, (a) without obtaining consent, the health and mental health records of the woman and those prenatal medical records relating to any child born to the woman and (b) upon obtaining consent, from each adult regarding his records.

D. All information obtained or generated by the Team regarding a review shall be confidential and excluded from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) pursuant to subdivision 7 of § 2.2-3705.5. Such information shall not be subject to subpoena or discovery or be admissible in any civil or criminal proceeding. If available from other sources, however, such information and records shall not be immune from subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence when obtained through such other sources solely because the information and records were presented to the Team during a maternal death review. The findings of the Team may be disclosed or published in statistical or other form, but shall not identify any individual. Upon conclusion of the maternal death review, all information and records concerning the woman and the woman's family shall be shredded or otherwise destroyed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in order to ensure confidentiality.

The portions of meetings in which individual maternal deaths are discussed by the Team shall be closed pursuant to subdivision A 21 of § 2.2-3711. In addition to the requirements of § 2.2-3712, all Team members and other persons attending closed Team meetings, including any persons presenting information or records on specific maternal deaths to the Team during closed meetings, shall execute a sworn statement to honor the confidentiality of the information, records, discussions, and opinions

disclosed during meetings at which the Team reviews a specific death. Violations of this subsection are punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

E. Upon notification of a maternal death, any state or local government agency maintaining records on the woman or the woman's family that are periodically purged shall retain such records for the longer of 12 months or until such time as the Team has completed its review of the case.

F. The Team shall compile triennial statistical data, which shall be made available to the Governor and the General Assembly. Any statistical compilations prepared by the Team shall be public record and shall not contain any personal identifying information.

G. Members of the Team, as well as their agents and employees, shall be immune from civil liability for any act or omission made in connection with participation in a review by the Team, unless such act or omission was the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct. Any organization, institution, or person furnishing information, data, testimony, reports, or records to the Team as part of such review shall be immune from civil liability for any act or omission in furnishing such information, unless such act or omission was the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

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