

SENATE BILL NO. 669

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Surovell)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-600 of the Code of Virginia, relating to alleged wrongdoing of law-enforcement employees.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9.1-600 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 9.1-600. Civilian protection in cases of police misconduct; minimum standards.

A. State, local, and other public law-enforcement agencies, ~~which~~ that have ~~ten~~ 10 or more law-enforcement officers, shall have procedures as established in subsection B, allowing citizen submission of complaints regarding the conduct of the law-enforcement agency, law-enforcement officers in the agency, or employees of the agency.

B. Law-enforcement agencies shall ensure, at a minimum, that in the case of all written complaints or complaints submitted in an electronic format:

1. The general public has access to the required forms and information concerning the submission of complaints, including the posting of such forms and information on the agency's website, if such website exists;

2. The law-enforcement agency assists individuals in filing complaints and allows individuals to submit such complaints through the agency's website, if such website exists, or other electronic format;

3. The law-enforcement agency provides a receipt or written acknowledgment confirming the submission of the complaint to the individual filing such complaint along with a summary of his rights under this section;

4. The law-enforcement agency provides a written response to any individual who has filed a complaint upon the resolution of such complaint indicating that the complaint was finalized;

