

SENATE BILL NO. 17

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations  
on February 9, 2022)

√(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Hackworth)

A BILL to amend and reenact √ 9.1-116 of the Code of Virginia, relating to law-enforcement officers;  
exemption from certain training requirements.

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

**1. That √ 9.1-116 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**√ 9.1-116. Exemptions of certain persons from certain training requirements.**

The Director of the Department, with the approval of the Board, may exempt a chief of police or any law-enforcement officer or any courthouse and courtroom security officer, jail officer, dispatcher, process server, or custodial officer or corrections officer of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision who has demonstrated sensitivity to cultural diversity issues and had previous experience and training as a law-enforcement officer, courthouse and courtroom security officer, jail officer, dispatcher, process server or custodial officer or corrections officer with any law-enforcement or custodial agency, from the mandatory attendance of any or all courses which are required for the successful completion of the compulsory minimum training standards established by the Board.

The Director and Board shall exempt a law-enforcement officer who has demonstrated sensitivity to cultural diversity issues, had previous experience and training as a law-enforcement officer, is currently receiving or is eligible to receive a service retirement allowance in accordance with subdivision B 5 of √ 51.1-155, and has a break in service of no longer than 60 calendar months between retirement and such new employment as a law-enforcement officer from the mandatory attendance of all courses that are required for the successful completion of the compulsory minimum training standards established by the Board.

