SB 152 defines what is considered by an “official public government website” within the Freedom of Information Act’s provisions on notice of upcoming public meetings.

**VCOG strongly supports this legislation.**

- Section 2.2-3707(C)(1) requires that notice of a public meeting be posted, among other places, on the public body’s “official government website, if any.”
- In October 2020, a Wise County/Norton general district judge ruled “official government website” meant only those websites with a .gov domain name.
- Scores of websites in use by counties, cities, towns, school districts, public universities and even a few state agencies use domain name extensions other than .gov (for example, .com, .org) yet have routinely complied with 2.2-3707(C)(1) by posting meeting notices on those websites.
- This bill became necessary to ensure that the judge’s ruling did not spread to any other jurisdiction.
- There was no opposition to the need for this fix.

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