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The Honorable Chairman and Members  
Senate General Laws and Technology Committee

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Subject: **State Employee Grievance Hearings Report**  
**Pursuant to Chapter 694, 2016 Virginia Acts of Assembly**

Pursuant to enactment clause three of Chapter 694 of the 2016 Virginia Acts of Assembly, the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) is required to provide a report each year to the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology and the House Committee on General Laws detailing:

*(i) the number of employee grievance hearings held pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) and (ii) the number of decisions from such hearings that were rendered in favor of employees.*

Grievance hearings conducted under the state employee grievance procedure are not subject to the Administrative Process Act. Va. Code § 2.2-4002(B); Op. Att'y Gen. 31 (Sept. 4, 1997). Accordingly, there were no grievance hearings held under the Administrative Process Act subject to the language above.

Most state employee grievances are resolved prior to being addressed at a hearing. DHRM reports that there were 116 state employee grievance hearing decisions issued in Fiscal Year 2020. In those hearings, a decision was rendered in favor of the employee, in the form of partial or full relief, in 28 cases (24%).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily S. Elliott".

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