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1	SENATE BILL NO. 661
2 3	Offered January 24, 2000
3 4	A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-1.5, as it is currently effective and as it will become effective, of
4 5	the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 33.1 a chapter numbered 14, consisting of sections numbered 33.1-426 through 33.1-432, and by adding a section numbered
6	58.1-815.3; and to authorize the issuance of transportation revenue bonds, relating to the creation
7	and financing for the Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor Program.
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9	Patrons—Wampler and Puckett; Delegate: Stump
10 11	Referred to Committee on Finance
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13	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
14	1. That § 2.1-1.5, as it is currently effective and as it will become effective, of the Code of Virginia
15	is amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 33.1 a
16 17	chapter numbered 14, consisting of sections numbered 33.1-426 through 33.1-432, and a section numbered 58.1-815.3 as follows:
18	§ 2.1-1.5. Entities not subject to standard nomenclature.
1 9	The following entities are not subject to the provisions of § 2.1-1.2 due to the unique characteristics
20	or the enabling legislation of the entities:
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22 23	Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority. Medical College of Virginia Hospitals Authority.
23 24	Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital Authority.
25	Small Business Financing Authority.
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27	Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority.
28	Virginia College Building Authority.
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30 31	Virginia Information Providers Network Authority.
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35 36	Virginia Public School Authority. Virginia Resources Authority.
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39	Board of Commissioners, Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority.
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46 47	Board of Directors, Virginia Innovative Technology Authority.
47 48	Board of Directors, Virginia Resources Authority. Board of Regents, Gunston Hall Plantation.
49	Board of Regents, James Monroe Memorial Law Office and Library.
50	Board of Trustees, Family and Children's Trust Fund.
51	Board of Trustees, Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia.
52 53	Board of Trustees, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.
53 54	Board of Trustees, Miller School of Albemarle. Board of Trustees, Rural Virginia Development Foundation.
55	Board of Trustees, The Science Museum of Virginia.
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- 76 Governing Board, Virginia College Building Authority.
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- 81 Virginia-Israel Advisory Board.
- (Effective until July 1, 2002) Wireless E-911 Service Board. 82 83

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- 84 Advisory Commission on the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.
- 85 Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission.
- Charitable Gaming Commission. 86
- 87 Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission.
- 88 Hampton Roads Sanitation District Commission.
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CHAPTER 14.

VIRGINIA COALFIELD COALITION AUTHORITY.

§ 33.1-426. Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority created.

240 The Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, is created as a body corporate and as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth. The Authority is hereby constituted 241 a public instrumentality exercising public and essential governmental functions, and the exercise by the 242 Authority of the powers conferred by this chapter shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an 243 essential governmental function of the Commonwealth. 244

245 § 33.1-427. Board of Commissioners; membership; terms; compensation and expenses; chairman and 246 vice-chairman; quorum; employees, agents, etc.

247 All powers, rights and duties conferred by this chapter or other provisions of law upon the Authority 248 shall be exercised by the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority. The Board of Commissioners, hereafter referred to as "the Board," shall consist of eleven members as 249 250 follows: the State Treasurer; two members each of the local governing bodies of the Counties of Wise, 251 Buchanan, and Dickenson, appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the General 252 Assembly, who shall serve for terms of four years each; and four additional members, appointed by the 253 Governor and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, who shall serve at the pleasure of the 254 Governor for terms of four years each. Appointments to fill vacancies other than by expiration of term 255 shall be made for the unexpired terms. No member appointed by the Governor shall be eligible to serve 256 more than two successive terms.

257 The Governor shall designate one member of the Board as chairman. The chairman shall be the 258 chief executive officer of the Authority and shall receive such compensation as the Governor shall fix. 259 The remaining members of the Board shall receive such compensation as provided for by law.

260 The State Treasurer shall be ineligible to serve as chairman. The chairman shall sign and execute all 261 vouchers for the disbursement of funds belonging to the Authority upon authorization by the Board. The 262 Board shall elect one of its members as vice-chairman who shall exercise the powers of the chairman 263 when so directed by the chairman. Six members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the 264 transaction of all business of the Authority. The Board may also elect from its membership a secretary 265 and prescribe his powers and duties.

266 The Board may employ or retain such employees, agents, financial advisers and attorneys as it may 267 deem necessary and fix their compensation. 268

§ 33.1-428. Limited purpose of authority; Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor.

269 A. The General Assembly declares it to be in the public interest that the economic development needs 270 and economic growth potential of southwestern Virginia be addressed by the construction of an 271 adequate, modern, safe, and efficient highway system, the Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor, 272 generally along Virginia's southwestern boundary, from at or near the Kentucky border in the County of 273 Wise to at or near the West Virginia border in the County of Buchanan. The Authority is created and 274 shall be vested with powers solely to provide for the construction of this highway system, hereafter 275 referred to as "the Program." No other agency, authority, board, or other state or local entity may 276 provide for the construction of the Program.

§ 33.1-429. General powers.

278 The Authority is vested with the powers of a body corporate, including, without limitation, the power 279 to: 280

1. Sue and be sued;

2. Make contracts;

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3. Adopt and use a common seal, and alter such seal at its pleasure;

283 4. Procure insurance, participate in insurance plans, and provide self-insurance. The purchase of 284 insurance, participation in an insurance plan, or the creation of a self-insurance plan by the Authority 285 shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any sovereign immunity to which the Authority or its 286 officers, directors, employees, or agents are otherwise entitled;

287 5. Develop policies and procedures generally applicable to the procurement of goods, services and 288 construction based on competitive principles; and

289 6. Use any legal means to carry out its limited purpose.

§ 33.1-430. Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor Development Fund. 290

291 A. A special nonreverting fund, the Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor Development Fund, 292 hereafter referred to as "the Fund," as established in § 58.1-815.3, shall be used for funding 293 construction of the Program. The Authority shall manage and administer the moneys of the Fund for no 294 other purpose than construction of the Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor. The Fund shall be part 295 of the Transportation Trust Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used for, including without limitation, 296 environmental and engineering studies, rights-of-way acquisition, construction, improvements, and 297 financing costs.

298 B. Allocations from the Fund shall be made annually by the Authority for the creation of the 299 Program and enhancement of a safe, efficient, highway system connecting the communities, businesses, 300 places of employment, and residents of the southwestern-most portion of the Commonwealth, thereby 301 enhancing the economic development potential, employment opportunities, mobility and quality of life 302 along such highway.

303 C. Allocations from the Fund shall not diminish or replace allocations made or planned to be made from other sources or diminish allocations to which any highway, project, facility, district, system, or 304 305 locality would be entitled under other provisions of this title, but shall be supplemental to other

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allocations to the end that highway resource improvements in the Program may be accelerated and
augmented. Allocations from the Fund may be applied to highway projects in the interstate, primary,
secondary, or urban system, contrary provisions of this title notwithstanding.

309 D. The Board may expend such funds from all sources as may be lawfully available to initiate the 310 Program and to support bonds and other obligations referenced in subsection F of this section. Any 311 moneys expended from the Transportation Trust Fund for the Program, other than moneys contained in 312 the Fund, may be reimbursed from the Fund, to the extent permitted by Article X, Section 9 of the Constitution of Virginia. In the event funds from the Fund are used for projects contained in the 313 Department of Transportation's Six-Year Improvement Program and related to the purposes of this 314 315 chapter, such funds shall be reimbursed to the Fund from the Transportation Trust Fund not to exceed 316 the amounts allocated to such projects in the Program.

317 *E.* To the maximum extent possible, the Program shall conform to the arterial network developed by **318** the Commonwealth Transportation Board pursuant to § 33.1-26.

F. To the extent permitted by Article X, Section 9 of the Constitution of Virginia, moneys contained 319 320 in the Fund may be used to secure payment of bonds or other obligations, and the interest thereon, 321 issued in furtherance of the purposes of this section. In addition, the Board is authorized to receive, 322 dedicate or use legally available Transportation Trust Fund revenues and any other available sources of 323 funds to secure the payment of bonds or other obligations, including interest thereon, in furtherance of 324 the Program. No bond or other obligations payable from revenues of the Fund shall be issued unless 325 specifically approved by the General Assembly. No bond or other obligations, secured in whole or in 326 part by revenues of the Fund, shall pledge the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth.

327 G. Fifteen million dollars shall be transferred annually to the Fund with the first such transfer to be 328 made on July 1, 2000, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable. Such transfer shall be made by 329 the issuance of a treasury loan at no interest in the amount of fifteen million dollars to the Fund to 330 ensure that the Fund is fully funded on the first day of the fiscal year. Such treasury loan shall be repaid from the Commonwealth's portion of the state recordation tax imposed by Chapter 8 (§ 58.1-800 331 332 et seq.) of Title 58.1 designated for the Fund by § 58.1-815.3. For each fiscal year following July 1, 333 2000, the Secretary of Finance is authorized to make additional treasury loans in the amount of fifteen 334 million dollars on July 1 of such fiscal years, and such treasury loans shall be repaid in a like manner 335 as provided in this subsection.

§ 33.1-431. Other powers of the Board.

A. The Board may issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as
"Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds," secured (i) by revenues received from the
Fund, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly; (ii) by lease payments made by the
Commonwealth to the Board for use of the Program; (iii) to the extent required, from revenues legally
available from the Transportation Trust Fund; and (iv) to the extent required, from any other legally
available funds which have been appropriated by the General Assembly.

343 B. The bonds of such issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates and shall mature 344 at such time or times, not exceeding thirty years from their date or dates, as may be determined by the 345 Board or by formula or method established by resolution of the Board, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the Board, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions 346 347 as may be fixed by the Board prior to the issuance of the bonds. The principal and interest of such 348 bonds may be made payable in any lawful medium. The payments of principal and interest may be 349 uniform in amount over the life of the bond; however, such uniformity shall not be a prerequisite to the issuance of such bonds. The Board shall determine the form of the bonds, including any interest 350 351 coupons to be attached thereto, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest thereof, which may be at any bank or trust company within or without the Commonwealth. The bonds shall be signed by the chairman and the 352 353 354 official seal of the Board shall be affixed thereto and attested by the secretary of the Board and any 355 coupons attached thereto shall bear the facsimile signatures of the chairman. When any officer whose 356 signature appears on the bonds or coupons ceases to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, 357 such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained 358 in office until such delivery. All revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this article shall have and are hereby declared to have, as between successive holders, all the qualities and incidents of negotiable 359 360 instruments under the negotiable instruments law of the Commonwealth. Such bonds and the income 361 thereof shall be exempt from all taxation within the Commonwealth. The bonds may be issued in coupon 362 or in registered form, or both, as the Board may determine, and provision may be made for the 363 registration of any coupon bond as to principal alone and also as to both principal and interest and for 364 the reconversion of any bonds registered as to both principal and interest into coupon bonds. Prior to the preparation of definite bonds, the Board, under like restrictions, may issue temporary bonds with or 365 without coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds upon the issuance of the latter. The Board may also 366 367 provide for the replacement of any bond that is mutilated, destroyed or lost.

368 C. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds issued under the provisions of this 369 chapter shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the 370 full faith and credit of the Commonwealth, but such bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein 371 provided in this section.

372 B. The provisions of Article 5 (§ 33.1-267 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of this title shall apply to the powers 373 of the Board and to the issuance of any Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds 374 issued for the purpose of providing for the construction of the Program, mutatis mutandis, unless the 375 provisions of such sections are inapplicable. 376

§ 33.1-432. Actions of the Board under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995.

377 The Board shall be considered a responsible public entity and may be considered an operator, and is 378 vested with all the power of such entities as enumerated under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 379 1995 (§ 56-556 et seq.), for the limited purposes of providing for the construction of the Program. As a 380 responsible public entity, the Board may enter into lease agreements for the use of the transportation 381 facilities constructed as part of the Program, and such lease payments shall be used to pay any debt 382 service on bonds issued to raise moneys for construction of the Program.

§ 58.1-815.3. Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor Development Fund created. 383

384 There is hereby created in the Department of the Treasury a special nonreverting fund which shall 385 be a part of the Transportation Trust Fund and which shall be known as the Virginia Coalfield 386 Expressway Corridor Development Fund, consisting of the first fifteen million dollars of annual 387 collections of the state recordation taxes imposed by this chapter after payments of such taxes as 388 required by § 58.1-815; however, this dedication shall not affect the local recordation taxes under 389 §§ 58.1-802 B and 58.1-814. The Fund shall also include such other funds as may be appropriated by 390 the General Assembly from time to time and designated for this Fund and all interest, dividends and 391 appreciation which may accrue thereto. Any moneys remaining in the Fund at the end of a biennium 392 shall not revert to the general fund, but shall remain in the Fund. Allocations from the Fund may be 393 paid to any authority, locality or commission for the purposes specified in Chapter 14 (§ 33.1-426 et 394 seq.) of Title 33.1.

2. That Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds be issued as follows: 395

396 § 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor 397 Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bond Act of 2000.

398 § 2. The Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the 399 Governor, to issue, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 14 (§ 33.1-426 et seq.) of Title 33.1 of the 400 Code of Virginia, and pursuant to Section 9 (d), Article X of the Constitution of Virginia, at one time or 401 from time to time, bonds of the Commonwealth to be designated "Commonwealth of Virginia 402 Transportation Revenue Bonds, Series...," in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$80,000,000 to finance the cost of the Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor Program (the Project), established in 403 404 § 33.1-428, plus an amount for the issuance costs, reserve funds, and other financing expenses. The proceeds of such bonds shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing funds, with any other 405 406 available funds, for paying all costs incurred or to be incurred for the construction of an adequate, 407 modern, safe, and efficient highway system which comprises the Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor 408 Program; such costs include environmental and engineering studies, rights-of-way acquisition, 409 construction and related improvements.

410 The revenue bonds shall be issued by the Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority and sold through the 411 Treasury Board, which is hereby designated the sales and paying agent of the Virginia Coalfield 412 Coalition Authority with respect to such bonds. The Treasury Board's duties shall include the approval 413 of the terms and structure of the bonds.

414 § 3. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized shall be expended by the Virginia Coalfield 415 Coalition Authority for the purpose for which they were issued.

416 The proceeds of the bonds may be used with any local, private or federal funds which may be made 417 available for the Project.

418 § 4. The bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates, shall mature at 419 such time or times not exceeding thirty years from their date or dates, as may be determined by the 420 Virginia Coalition Authority and may be made redeemable before their maturity or maturities 421 at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Virginia Coalfield 422 Coalition Authority prior to the issuance of the bonds. The principal of and the interest on said bonds shall be made payable in lawful money of the United States of America. The Virginia Coalfield 423 424 Coalition Authority shall determine the form of the bonds and fix the denomination or denominations of 425 the bonds and the place or places of payment of the principal and interest thereof, which may be at the 426 office of the State Treasurer or any bank or trust company within or without the Commonwealth.

427 All bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall have and are hereby declared to have, as 428 between successive holders, all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the negotiable

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429 instruments law of the Commonwealth.

The bonds may be issued in coupon or in registered form or both, and in book entry form, as the
Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority may determine, and provision may be made for the registration of
any coupon bonds as to principal alone and also as to both principal and interest, and for the
reconversion of any bonds registered as to both principal and interest into coupon bonds.

434 Such bonds may be sold at public or private sale for such price or prices as the Virginia Coalfield 435 Coalition Authority Board may determine to be in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

436 § 5. The bonds shall be signed on behalf of the Commonwealth by the Chairman of the Virginia 437 Coalfield Coalition Authority, or bear his facsimile signature, and shall bear the official seal of the 438 Virginia Coalited Coalition Authority. Any interest coupons shall bear a facsimile of the signature of 439 the Chairman. In the event that such bonds shall bear the facsimile signature of the Chairman, the bonds shall be signed by such administrative assistant as the Chairman shall determine or by any 440 441 registrar/paying agent that may be designated by the Treasury Board. In case any officer whose 442 signature, or facsimile signature, appears on any bonds or coupons ceases to be such officer before the 443 delivery of the bonds, such signature, or facsimile signature, shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient 444 for all purposes as if he had remained in office until such delivery.

445 § 6. All expenses incurred under this Act shall be paid from the proceeds of the bonds or from any
446 available funds as the Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority shall determine. Any advance made by the
447 Board may be reimbursed from the Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor Development Fund or from
448 the proceeds of the bonds or notes.

449 § 7. The Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority is hereby authorized to borrow money through the
450 execution and issuance of notes of the Commonwealth for the same, but only in the following
451 circumstances and under the following conditions:

a. In anticipation of the sale of the bonds the issuance of which shall have been authorized by the
Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority and shall have been approved by the Governor, if the Virginia
454 Coalfield Coalition Authority shall deem it advisable to postpone the issuance of the bonds.

b. For the renewal of any loan evidenced by notes herein authorized.

456 § 8. The proceeds, excluding any premium, of such bonds and of the bond anticipation notes herein 457 authorized (except the proceeds of bonds the issuance of which has been anticipated by such bond 458 anticipation notes) shall be placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund in the state treasury, or with 459 his concurrence may be placed in accordance with § 33.1-283, and shall be disbursed only for the 460 purpose for which such bonds and such bond anticipation notes shall be issued, provided that proceeds 461 derived from the sale of bonds or renewal herein authorized shall be first used in the payment of any 462 bond anticipation notes that may have been issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds and any 463 renewals of such notes.

464 § 9. The Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority is hereby authorized to receive any other funds that
465 may be made available to pay the cost of the Project and to make available such funds for the payment
466 of the principal of and interest on the debt authorized hereby, and to enter into the appropriate
467 agreements to allow for those funds to be paid into the state treasury to pay a part of the cost of the
468 Project or to pay the principal of and interest on such debt.

469 § 10. The Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority, prior to the issuance of such bonds, may establish a
 470 minimum reserve fund requirement for the bonds.

471 § 11. The Virginia Coalfield Coalition Authority prior to the issuance of the bonds shall establish a 472 sinking fund for the payment of the bonds to the credit of which fund there shall be deposited such 473 amounts as are required to pay debt service on the bonds when due and payable for such fiscal years 474 from (i) first, revenues received from the Virginia Coalfield Expressway Corridor Development Fund as created in § 58.1-815.3 and pursuant to § 33.1-430, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, (ii) next, by lease payments made by the Commonwealth to the Board of Commissioners of 475 476 477 the Virginia Coalfield Authority, (iii) then, to the extent required, revenues legally available from the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) finally, to the extent required for the payment of the bonds, any 478 479 other legally available funds which shall have been appropriated by the General Assembly.

480 § 12. Bond proceeds and moneys in any reserve funds and sinking funds shall be invested by the
481 State Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of general law relating to the investment of such
482 funds belonging to or in the control of the Commonwealth, or with the State Treasurer's concurrence by
483 a trustee in accordance with § 33.1-283.

484 § 13. The interest income from, but not any profit made on the sale of the bonds, notes and coupons,
485 if any, issued under the provisions of this act, shall at all times be free and exempt from taxation by the
486 Commonwealth and by any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof.

487 § 14. All bonds and notes issued under the provisions of this act are hereby made securities in which
488 all public officers and bodies of the Commonwealth, all counties, cities, and towns and municipal
489 subdivisions, all insurance companies and associations, all savings banks and savings institutions,
490 including savings and loan associations, administrators, guardians, executors, trustees, and other

- **491** fiduciaries in the Commonwealth may properly and legally invest funds under their control.
- 492 § 15. If any part of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid
 493 by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the
 494 provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or
- 495 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.