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**SENATE BILL NO. 1050** 

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.1-190.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to value engineering required in connection with certain highway projects.

Patron—Williams

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 33.1-190.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 33.1-190.1. Value engineering required in certain projects.

The Department shall employ value engineering in conjunction with any project on any highway system using criteria established by the Department and including but not limited to all projects costing more than \$2 \$5 million. For the purposes of this section, "value engineering" shall mean a systematic process of review and analysis of an engineering project by a team of persons not originally involved in the project. Such team may offer suggestions which would improve project quality and reduce total project cost, ranging from combination or elimination of inefficient or expensive parts or steps in the original proposal to total redesign of the project using different technologies, materials, or methods.

After a review, the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner may waive the requirements of this section for any project for compelling reasons. Any such waiver shall be in writing, state the reasons for the waiver, and apply only to a single project.