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### HOUSE BILL NO. 906

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 12 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-1207, relating to a long-term care insurance program for employees of local governments, local officers, and teachers.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 12 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-1207 as follows:**

*§ 2.2-1207. Long-term care insurance program for employees of local governments, local officers, and teachers.*

*A. The Department shall establish a plan or plans, hereinafter "plan" or "plans," subject to the approval of the Governor, for providing long-term care insurance coverage for employees of local governments, local officers, and teachers. The plan or plans shall be rated separately from the plan developed pursuant to § 51.1-513.1 to provide long-term care insurance coverage for state employees. Participation in such insurance plan or plans shall be (i) voluntary, (ii) approved by the participant's respective governing body, or by the local school board in the case of teachers, and (iii) subject to regulations adopted by the Department.*

*B. The Department shall adopt regulations regarding the establishment of such a plan or plans, and the administration of the plan or plans.*

*C. For the purposes of this section:*

*"Employees of local governments" shall include all officers and employees of the governing body of any county, city or town, and the directing or governing body of any political entity, subdivision, branch or unit of the Commonwealth or of any commission or public authority or body corporate created by or under an act of the General Assembly specifying the power or powers, privileges or authority capable of exercise by the commission or public authority or body corporate, as distinguished from §§ 15.2-1300, 15.2-1303, or similar statutes, provided that the officers and employees of a social services department, welfare board, mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services board, or library board of a county, city, or town shall be deemed to be employees of local government.*

*"Local officer" means the treasurer, registrar, commissioner of the revenue, attorney for the Commonwealth, clerk of a circuit court, sheriff, or constable of any county or city or deputies or employees of any of the preceding local officers.*

*"Teacher" means any employee of a county, city, or other local public school board.*

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