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HOUSE BILL NO. 1592

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A BILL to terminate the operation of the Virginia Distribution Center.

Patron—Louderback

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Whereas, the Virginia Distribution Center (VDC) is administered by the Department of General Services; and

Whereas, the VDC was created in 1960 for the purpose of purchasing high volume, standardized items for resale to state agencies and localities; and

Whereas, the VDC currently offers more than 900 products, most of which are food and food-related items, janitorial supplies, and paper products; and

Whereas, the VDC is a mandatory source of food and housekeeping products for state agencies and an optional source of supplies for local government agencies; and

Whereas, when the VDC was established more than 40 years ago there was a need for a central purchasing entity; and

Whereas, the evolution of state procurement practices and greater competition in the marketplace have alleviated the need for a central purchasing entity; and

Whereas, continued reliance on VDC by state agencies is inefficient and may serve to ultimately increase the costs to state agencies; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Virginia Distribution Center maintained and operated by the Department of General Services shall cease operations no later than July 31, 2003.

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