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HOUSE BILL NO. 185

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a section numbered 33.1-223.2:9, relating to independent audits of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Patrons—Oder, Albo, Frederick and Rapp

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a section numbered 33.1-223.2:9 as follows:

§ 33.1-223.2:9. Independent audits of Department required.

As soon as practicable and, thereafter, at least once in the first year of the term of the Governor, a thorough, comprehensive, and independent audit of the Department of Transportation shall be conducted. Every such audit shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, interviews with Department staff; focus groups sessions; review of appropriate documentary material, including, but not necessarily limited to, budgets, performance reports, and other management information; and discussion of preliminary suggestions and recommendations with Department staff.

The objectives and scope of this audit shall be as follows:

- 1. A review of the Department's organizational structure;*
- 2. An assessment of the Department's process and functional areas, including, but not necessarily limited to, maintenance, procurement, internal auditing, information technology, quality management services, project planning and development, construction management, and grants administration;*
- 3. Reviews of the functions and activities performed within the Department's division to identify the strengths, weaknesses, revenue enhancements, and obstacles to mission accomplishment; and*
- 4. Evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of the Department's functions and activities, including recommendations for improvement.*

Audits provided for in this section shall be conducted as part of an overall transportation strategic plan.

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