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A BILL to amend and reenact § 62.1-44.19:11 of the Code of Virginia, relating to use of volunteers to monitor water quality.

Patron—Wittman

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 62.1-44.19:11 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 62.1-44.19:11. Citizen water quality monitoring program.

A. The Department of Environmental Quality shall establish a citizen water quality monitoring program to provide technical assistance and may provide grants to support citizen water quality monitoring groups if (i) the monitoring is done pursuant to a memorandum of agreement with the Department, (ii) the project or activity is consistent with the Department of Environmental Quality's water quality monitoring program, (iii) the monitoring is conducted in a manner consistent with the Virginia Citizens Monitoring Methods Manual, and (iv) the location of the water quality monitoring activity is part of the water quality control plan required under § 62.1-44.19:5. The results of such citizen monitoring shall not be used as evidence in any enforcement action.

B. *Citizen volunteers, who participate in the citizen water quality monitoring program as described in subsection A, shall conduct water quality monitoring on at least 10% of the river and stream miles being monitored by the Department pursuant to § 62.1-44.19:5.*

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