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## SENATE BILL NO. 1184

Senate Amendments in [ ] — January 22, 2007

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 44-11.1, relating to the Department of Military Affairs; duties.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Locke

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 44-11.1 as follows:**

*§ 44-11.1. Duties of the Department of Military Affairs.*

A. *The Department of Military Affairs shall support the objectives of the Governor and federal authorities by:*

1. *Administering and employing the Virginia Militia, as set forth in § 44-1;*

2. *[ Integrating capabilities for supporting the U.S. Department of Defense and National Guard support provided by the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 32 of the United States Code Integrating into state operations all supporting Department of Defense capabilities and those forces provided by supporting states in a Title 32 or State Active Duty status ] ;*

3. *Providing for the safety of citizens of the Commonwealth by maintaining order and public safety and assisting in counter-drug efforts, in cooperation with Virginia State Police and local law-enforcement agencies;*

4. *Preparing and executing contingency plans to provide for a timely and capable response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive incidents;*

5. *Preparing and executing contingency plans necessary for the provision of homeland defense;*

6. *Ensuring the support of families of service members of the Virginia National Guard;*

7. *Administering a state at-risk program for youth; and*

8. *Recruiting a force sufficiently manned and trained to accomplish the above duties.*

B. *The Department of Military Affairs shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Governor.*

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