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HOUSE BILL NO. 2535

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to arts and cultural or education districts.

Patron—Saxman

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-1129.1. Creation of arts and cultural or education district.

A. ~~The Cities of Alexandria, Charlottesville, Falls Church, Harrisonburg, Manassas, Petersburg, and Winchester and the Towns of Blacksburg and Chicoteague~~Any locality may by ordinance establish within ~~their~~ its boundaries an arts and cultural or education district for the purpose of increasing awareness and support for the arts and culture or education in the locality. Each locality may provide incentives for the support and creation of arts and cultural or education venues in the district. Each locality may also grant tax incentives and provide certain regulatory flexibility in an arts and cultural or education district.

B. The tax incentives may be provided for up to 10 years and may include, but not be limited to: (i) reduction of permit fees; (ii) reduction of user fees; and (iii) reduction of any type of gross receipts tax. The extent and duration of such incentive proposals shall conform to the requirements of the Constitutions of Virginia and of the United States.

C. Each locality may also provide for regulatory flexibility in such zone which may include, but not be limited to: (i) special zoning for the district; (ii) permit process reform; (iii) exemption from ordinances; and (iv) any other incentive adopted by ordinance, which shall be binding upon the locality for a period of up to 10 years.

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