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## SENATE BILL NO. 530

Offered January 11, 2012

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a section numbered 33.1-223.2:26, relating to public hearings by Department of Transportation prior to certain highway projects.*

Patron—Marsden

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 33.1-223.2:26 as follows:

§ 33.1-223.2:26. *Public hearings prior to undertaking certain projects.*

*Prior to undertaking any safety-related or congestion management-related highway project requested by or to be located adjacent to any college, university, or other institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, the Department of Transportation shall conduct at least one public hearing to afford owners of property in the vicinity of the project and users of highways in the vicinity of or likely to be affected by the project an opportunity to submit comments and make their views known regarding the project.*

*Not less than 30 days prior to any such hearing, a notice of the time and place of the hearing shall also be published by the Department of Transportation at least once in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the county, city, or town in which the route project is to be located and established.*

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