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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-222.4, relating to Virginia Flooding Adaptation Office.*

Patron—Stolle

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-222.4 as follows:

§ 2.2-222.4. Virginia Flooding Adaptation Office.

The Secretary shall establish the Virginia Flooding Adaptation Office and shall designate a Chief Resiliency Officer to oversee the operations of such office. The Chief Resiliency Officer, who shall hold no other position, shall serve as the primary coordinator of resilience and adaptation initiatives in Virginia and as the primary point of contact regarding issues related to resilience, sea-level rise, and flooding.

The Chief Resiliency Officer shall identify and monitor those areas of the Commonwealth that are at greatest risk from sea-level rise or flooding and recommend actions that both the private and public sectors should consider in order to increase the resilience of those areas. The Chief Resiliency Officer shall initiate and assist with the pursuit of funding opportunities for adaptation initiatives at the federal, state, and local levels.

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