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SENATE BILL NO. 559

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-108.1, relating to the Governor; performance review of state agencies; report.*

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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 2.2-108.1 as follows:**

§ 2.2-108.1. Performance review of state departments, agencies, and programs; scope of review; report.

A. *The Governor shall initiate on July 1, 2016, and every two years thereafter, an operational and programmatic performance review of all state departments, agencies, and programs. The purpose of the review shall be to provide an objective and independent cost savings assessment of the Commonwealth's organizational structure and its programs in order to provide information to the Governor and the General Assembly to effect savings in expenditures, a reduction in duplication of effort, and programmatic efficiencies in the operation of state government. The review shall be conducted by a United States-based private management consulting firm with experience in conducting statewide performance reviews.*

B. *The review shall take into consideration the results of any prior studies, audits, or reviews conducted by (i) the General Assembly, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, or the Auditor of Public Accounts; (ii) any Governor-appointed commission or like entity; and (iii) any other independent entity that addressed the structure and operation of state government and identified monetary savings or efficiencies leading to a reduction in costs or reduced duplication of effort.*

C. *The review shall be conducted only pursuant to a fixed price contract, and the contract shall not provide for any payment resulting from the implementation of any recommendations of the review. Savings resulting from the recommendations that are accepted by the Governor or General Assembly shall be used first to reimburse the general fund or the applicable department, agency, or program for the cost of the review.*

D. *The Governor shall submit a report to the General Assembly on the results of each review by December 1 of the year in which such review is conducted.*

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