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## 17104150D 1 **SENATE BILL NO. 1521** 2 Offered January 19, 2017 3 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.2-211.1, relating to the Office 4 of Immigrant Assistance. 5 Patron—Ebbin 6 7 Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services 8 9 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.2-211.1 as follows: 10 § 63.2-211.1. Office of Immigrant Assistance. 11 There is created in the Department an Office of Immigrant Assistance to assist persons lawfully 12 entering the United States and the Commonwealth for the purpose of becoming citizens. The Office shall 13 provide online (i) advice and assistance regarding the citizenship application process and (ii) 14 information regarding employment and housing services for which such persons may be eligible. 15 2. That the Office of Immigrant Assistance as created by this act shall be funded by such funds 16

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