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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1154** 

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-6015.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Coalfields Expressway Authority; powers and duties; grants.

Patron—Pillion

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-6015.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: § 15.2-6015.4. Powers and duties of the Authority; report.

The Virginia Coalfields Expressway Authority shall have the following powers and duties:

- 1. Coordinate with counties, municipalities, state and federal agencies, public nonprofit corporations, private corporations, associations, partnerships, and individuals for the purpose of planning, assisting, and establishing recreational, tourism, industrial, economic, and community development of the proposed Coalfields Expressway for the benefit of the Commonwealth.
- 2. Work with surrounding states in developing the Coalfields Expressway in the Commonwealth, in an effort to link Interstates 64 and 77 in West Virginia with Route 23 in Virginia, which links to interstates in Kentucky and Tennessee.
- 3. Submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports. The chairman shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Authority no later than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.
- 4. Apply for and accept gifts, grants of money, or gifts, grants, or loans of other property or other financial assistance from the United States of America and agencies and instrumentalities thereof, the Commonwealth, or any other person or entity, for or in aid of carrying out the powers and duties of this chapter.