

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 33.2-261 of the Code of Virginia, relating to value engineering.*

3 [S 125]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 33.2-261 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**7 **§ 33.2-261. Value engineering required in certain projects.**8 *For the purposes of this section, "value engineering" means a systematic process of review and*  
9 *analysis of an engineering project by a team of persons not originally involved in the project. Such team*  
10 *may offer suggestions that would improve project quality and reduce total project cost, ranging from a*  
11 *combination or elimination of inefficient or expensive parts or steps in the original proposal to total*  
12 *redesign of the project using different technologies, materials, or methods.*13 *The Department shall employ value engineering in conjunction with any project that has an*  
14 *estimated construction cost of more than \$15 million on any highway system using criteria established*  
15 *by the Department, including all projects costing more than \$5 million. For the purposes of this section,*  
16 *"value engineering" means a systematic process of review and analysis of an engineering project by a*  
17 *team of persons not originally involved in the project. Such team may offer suggestions that would*  
18 *improve project quality and reduce total project cost, ranging from a combination or elimination of*  
19 *inefficient or expensive parts or steps in the original proposal to total redesign of the project using*  
20 *different technologies, materials, or methods.*21 *After a review, the Commissioner of Highways may waive the requirements of this section for any*  
22 *project for compelling reasons. Any such waiver shall be in writing, state the reasons for the waiver,*  
23 *and apply only to a single project.*24 *The provisions of this section shall not apply to projects that are designed (i) utilizing a design-build*  
25 *contract pursuant to § 33.2-209 or 33.2-269 or (ii) pursuant to the Public-Private Transportation Act of*  
26 *1995 (§ 33.2-1800 et seq.).*

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