

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the State Corporation Commission to create a task force to evaluate and analyze the*
3 *potential for bulk energy storage resources to help integrate renewable energy into the electrical*
4 *grid.*

5 [H 1183]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 1. § 1. *The State Corporation Commission shall create a task force to evaluate and analyze the*
9 *regulatory, market, and local barriers to the deployment of distribution and transmission-connected bulk*
10 *energy storage resources to help integrate renewable energy into the electrical grid, reduce costs for the*
11 *electricity system, allow customers to deploy storage technologies to reduce their energy costs, and*
12 *allow customers to participate in electricity markets for energy, capacity, and ancillary services. The*
13 *task force shall include representatives of municipalities, the Virginia Solar Energy Development and*
14 *Energy Storage Authority, and the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, the Office of the*
15 *Attorney General, and at least one representative each from the following sectors: regulated electric*
16 *service providers, competitive electric service providers, rural utility consumer services cooperatives,*
17 *commercial or industrial energy customers or an association representing such customers, and energy*
18 *storage companies or an association representing such companies. The task force may consult with the*
19 *regional transmission organization. In its evaluation, the task force shall (i) assess the potential costs*
20 *and benefits, including impacts to the transmission and distribution systems, of such energy storage*
21 *resources and (ii) assess how electric utilities, competitive service providers, customers, and other third*
22 *parties are able to deploy energy storage resources in the bulk market, in the utility system, and in*
23 *behind-the-meter applications. The State Corporation Commission shall submit a copy of the task force's*
24 *evaluation and analysis to the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2021.*

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