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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-115, 2.2-2237.1, 2.2-2237.3, 2.2-2238, and 2.2-2242 of the Code of 3 Virginia and to repeal §§ 2.2-206.2 and 2.2-2238.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to economic 4 development programs; reporting requirements.

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Approved

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7 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

8 1. That §§ 2.2-115, 2.2-2237.1, 2.2-2237.3, 2.2-2238, and 2.2-2242 of the Code of Virginia are 9 amended and reenacted as follows: 10

§ 2.2-115. Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund.

A. As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise:

12 "New job" means employment of an indefinite duration, created as the direct result of the private 13 investment, for which the firm pays the wages and standard fringe benefits for its employee, requiring a minimum of either (i) 35 hours of the employee's time a week for the entire normal year of the firm's 14 15 operations, which "normal year" must consist of at least 48 weeks or (ii) 1,680 hours per year.

Seasonal or temporary positions, positions created when a job function is shifted from an existing 16 location in the Commonwealth to the location of the economic development project, positions with 17 suppliers, and multiplier or spin-off jobs shall not qualify as new jobs. The term "new job" shall include 18 19 positions with contractors provided that all requirements included within the definition of the term are 20 met.

21 "Prevailing average wage" means that amount determined by the Virginia Employment Commission 22 to be the average wage paid workers in the city or county of the Commonwealth where the economic 23 development project is located. The prevailing average wage shall be determined without regard to any 24 fringe benefits. 25

"Private investment" means the private investment required under this section.

26 B. There is created the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund (the Fund) to be used by 27 the Governor to attract economic development prospects and secure the expansion of existing industry in the Commonwealth. The Fund shall consist of any funds appropriated to it by the general appropriation 28 29 act and revenue from any other source, public or private. The Fund shall be established on the books of 30 the Comptroller, and any funds remaining in the Fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the 31 general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on the Fund shall be credited to the Fund. 32 The Governor shall report to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Finance and 33 the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations as funds are awarded in accordance with this 34 section.

35 C. Funds shall be awarded from the Fund by the Governor as grants or loans to political subdivisions. The criteria for making such grants or loans shall include (i) job creation, (ii) private 36 37 capital investment, and (iii) anticipated additional state tax revenue expected to accrue to the state and 38 affected localities as a result of the capital investment and jobs created. Loans shall be approved by the 39 Governor and made in accordance with guidelines established by the Virginia Economic Development 40 Partnership and approved by the Comptroller. Loans shall be interest-free unless otherwise determined 41 by the Governor and shall be repaid to the Fund. The Governor may establish the interest rate to be 42 charged; otherwise, any interest charged shall be at market rates as determined by the State Treasurer 43 and shall be indicative of the duration of the loan. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership 44 shall be responsible for monitoring repayment of such loans and reporting the receivables to the 45 Comptroller as required.

46 Beginning with the five fiscal years from fiscal year 2006-2007 through fiscal year 2010-2011, and for every five fiscal years' period thereafter, in general, no less than one-third of the moneys 47 appropriated to the Fund in every such five-year period shall be awarded to counties and cities having 48 49 an annual average unemployment rate that is greater than the final statewide average unemployment rate 50 for the calendar year that immediately precedes the calendar year of the award. However, if such one-third requirement will not be met because economic development prospects in such counties and 51 52 cities are unable to fulfill the applicable minimum private investment and new jobs requirements set 53 forth in this section, then any funds remaining in the Fund at the end of the five-year period that would 54 have otherwise been awarded to such counties and cities shall be made available for awards in the next 55 five fiscal years' period.

56 D. Funds may be used for public and private utility extension or capacity development on and off HB935ER

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57 site; public and private installation, extension, or capacity development of high-speed or broadband 58 Internet access, whether on or off site; road, rail, or other transportation access costs beyond the funding 59 capability of existing programs; site acquisition; grading, drainage, paving, and any other activity 60 required to prepare a site for construction; construction or build-out of publicly or privately owned 61 buildings; training; or grants or loans to an industrial development authority, housing and redevelopment 62 authority, or other political subdivision for purposes directly relating to any of the foregoing. However, in no case shall funds from the Fund be used, directly or indirectly, to pay or guarantee the payment for 63 64 any rental, lease, license, or other contractual right to the use of any property.

It shall be the policy of the Commonwealth that moneys in the Fund shall not be used for any economic development project in which a business relocates or expands its operations in one or more Virginia localities and simultaneously closes its operations or substantially reduces the number of its employees in another Virginia locality, unless the procedures set forth in § 30-310 are followed. The Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall enforce this policy and for any exception thereto shall, pursuant to § 30-310, submit such projects to the MEI Project Approval Commission established pursuant to § 30-309.

E. 1. a. Except as provided in this subdivision, no grant or loan shall be awarded from the Fund unless the project involves a minimum private investment of \$5 million and creates at least 50 new jobs for which the average wage, excluding fringe benefits, is no less than the prevailing average wage. For projects, including but not limited to projects involving emerging technologies, for which the average wage of the new jobs created, excluding fringe benefits, is at least twice the prevailing average wage for that locality or region, the Governor shall have the discretion to require no less than one-half the number of new jobs as set forth for that locality in this subdivision.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision a, a grant or loan may be awarded from the Fund if
the project involves a minimum private investment of \$100 million and creates at least 25 new jobs for
which the average wage, excluding fringe benefits, is no less than the prevailing average wage.

82 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1 a, in localities (i) with an annual unemployment
83 rate for the most recent calendar year for which such data is available that is greater than the final
84 statewide average unemployment rate for that calendar year or (ii) with a poverty rate for the most
85 recent calendar year for which such data is available that exceeds the statewide average poverty rate for
86 that year, a grant or loan may be awarded from the Fund pursuant to subdivision 1 a if the project
87 involves a minimum private investment of \$2.5 million and creates at least 25 new jobs for which the
88 average wage, excluding fringe benefits, is no less than 85 percent of the prevailing average wage.

89 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1 a and 2, in localities (i) with an annual 90 unemployment rate for the most recent calendar year for which such data is available that is greater than 91 the final statewide average unemployment rate for that calendar year and (ii) with a poverty rate for the 92 most recent calendar year for which such data is available that exceeds the statewide average poverty 93 rate for that year, a grant or loan may be awarded from the Fund pursuant to such subdivisions if the 94 project involves a minimum private investment of \$1.5 million and creates at least 15 new jobs for 95 which the average wage, excluding fringe benefits, is no less than 85 percent of the prevailing average 96 wage.

97 4. For projects that are eligible under subdivision 2 or 3, the average wage of the new jobs, 98 excluding fringe benefits, shall be no less than 85 percent of the prevailing average wage. In addition, 99 for projects in such localities, the Governor may award a grant or loan for a project paying less than 85 100 percent of the prevailing average wage but still providing customary employee benefits, only after the 101 Secretary of Commerce and Trade has made a written finding that the economic circumstances in the 102 area are sufficiently distressed (i.e., high unemployment or underemployment and negative economic 103 forecasts) that assistance to the locality to attract the project is nonetheless justified. However, the 104 minimum private investment and number of new jobs required to be created as set forth in this 105 subsection shall still be a condition of eligibility for an award from the Fund. Such written finding shall 106 promptly be provided to the chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the 107 House Committee on Appropriations.

108 F. 1. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership shall assist the Governor in developing 109 objective guidelines and criteria that shall be used in awarding grants or making loans from the Fund. 110 The guidelines may require that as a condition of receiving any grant or loan incentive that is based on employment goals, a recipient company must provide copies of employer quarterly payroll reports that 111 112 have been provided to the Virginia Employment Commission to verify the employment status of any 113 position included in the employment goal. The guidelines may include a requirement for the affected 114 locality or localities to provide matching funds which may be cash or in-kind, at the discretion of the 115 Governor. The guidelines and criteria shall include provisions for geographic diversity and a cap on the amount of funds to be provided to any individual project. At the discretion of the Governor, this cap 116 may be waived for qualifying projects of regional or statewide interest. In developing the guidelines and 117

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criteria, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership shall use the measure for Fiscal Stress
published by the Commission on Local Government of the Department of Housing and Community
Development for the locality in which the project is located or will be located as one method of
determining the amount of assistance a locality shall receive from the Fund.

2. a. Notwithstanding any provision in this section or in the guidelines, each political subdivision that
receives a grant or loan from the Fund shall enter into a contract with the Commonwealth, through the
Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority as its agent, and each business beneficiary of
funds from the Fund. A person or entity shall be a business beneficiary of funds from the Fund if grant
or loan moneys awarded from the Fund by the Governor are paid to a political subdivision and (i)
subsequently distributed by the political subdivision to the person or entity or (ii) used by the political
subdivision for the benefit of the person or entity but never distributed to the person or entity.

129 b. The contract between the political subdivision, the Commonwealth, and the business beneficiary 130 shall provide in detail (i) the fair market value of all funds that the Commonwealth has committed to 131 provide, (ii) the fair market value of all matching funds (or in-kind match) that the political subdivision 132 has agreed to provide, (iii) how funds committed by the Commonwealth (including but not limited to 133 funds from the Fund committed by the Governor) and funds that the political subdivision has agreed to 134 provide are to be spent, (iv) the minimum private investment to be made and the number of new jobs to 135 be created agreed to by the business beneficiary, (v) the average wage (excluding fringe benefits) agreed 136 to be paid in the new jobs, (vi) the prevailing average wage, and (vii) the formula, means, or processes 137 agreed to be used for measuring compliance with the minimum private investment and new jobs 138 requirements, including consideration of any layoffs instituted by the business beneficiary over the 139 course of the period covered by the contract.

The contract shall state the date by which the agreed upon private investment and new job requirements shall be met by the business beneficiary of funds from the Fund and may provide for the political subdivision and the Commonwealth to grant up to a 15-month extension of such date if deemed appropriate by the political subdivision and the Commonwealth subsequent to the execution of the contract. Any extension of such date granted by the political subdivision shall be in writing and promptly delivered to the business beneficiary, and the political subdivision shall simultaneously provide a copy of the extension to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

147 The contract shall provide that if the private investment and new job contractual requirements are not 148 met by the expiration of the date stipulated in the contract, including any extension granted by the 149 political subdivision and the Commonwealth, the business beneficiary shall be liable to the political 150 subdivision and the Commonwealth for repayment of a portion of the funds provided by the political 151 subdivision under the contract and liable to the Commonwealth for repayment of a portion of the funds 152 provided from the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund. The contract shall include a 153 formula for purposes of determining the portion of such funds to be repaid. The formula shall, in part, be based upon the fair market value of all funds that have been provided by the Commonwealth and the 154 155 political subdivision and the extent to which the business beneficiary has met the private investment and 156 new job contractual requirements. All such funds repaid to the political subdivision or the 157 Commonwealth that relate to the award from the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund shall 158 promptly be remitted to the State Treasurer. Upon receipt by the State Treasurer of such payment, the 159 Comptroller shall deposit such repaid funds into the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund.

160 c. The contract shall be amended to reflect changes in the funds committed by the Commonwealth or161 agreed to be provided by the political subdivision.

d. Notwithstanding any provision in this section or in the guidelines, whenever layoffs instituted by a
business beneficiary over the course of the period covered by a contract cause the net total number of
the new jobs created to be fewer than the number agreed to, then the business beneficiary shall return
the portion of any funds received pursuant to the repayment formula established by the contract.

166 3. Notwithstanding any provision in this section or in the guidelines, prior to executing any such 167 contract with a business beneficiary, the political subdivision shall provide a copy of the proposed 168 contract to the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall review the proposed contract (i) for 169 enforceability as to its provisions and (ii) to ensure that it is in appropriate legal form. The Attorney 170 General shall provide any written suggestions to the political subdivision within seven days of his 171 receipt of the copy of the contract. The Attorney General's suggestions shall be limited to the 172 enforceability of the contract's provisions and the legal form of the contract.

4. Notwithstanding any provision in this section or in the guidelines, a political subdivision shall not
expend, distribute, pledge, use as security, or otherwise use any award from the Fund unless and until
such contract as described herein is executed with the business beneficiary.

176 G. Within the 30 days immediately following June 30 and December 30 of each year each quarter,
177 the Governor Virginia Economic Development Partnership shall provide a report to the Chairmen of the
178 House Committees on Appropriations and Finance and the Senate Committee on Finance and

179 Appropriations which shall include, but is not limited to, the following information regarding grants and 180 loans awarded from the Fund during the immediately preceding six-month period for economic 181 development projects: the name of the company that is the business beneficiary of the grant or loan and 182 the type of business in which it engages; the location (county, city, or town) of the project; the amount 183 of the grant or loan committed from the Fund and the amount of all other funds committed by the 184 Commonwealth from other sources and the purpose for which such grants, loans, or other funds will be 185 used; the amount of all moneys or funds agreed to be provided by political subdivisions and the 186 purposes for which they will be used; the number of new jobs agreed to be created by the business 187 beneficiary; the amount of investment in the project agreed to be made by the business beneficiary; the 188 timetable for the completion of the project and new jobs created; the prevailing average wage; and the 189 average wage (excluding fringe benefits) agreed to be paid in the new jobs.

H. The Governor shall provide grants and commitments from the Fund in an amount not to exceed
the dollar amount contained in the Fund. If the Governor commits funds for years beyond the fiscal
years covered under the existing appropriation act, the State Treasurer shall set aside and reserve the
funds the Governor has committed, and the funds shall remain in the Fund for those future fiscal years.
No grant or loan shall be payable in the years beyond the existing appropriation act unless the funds are
currently available in the Fund.

196 I. On a quarterly basis, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership shall notify the Governor, 197 his campaign committee, and his political action committee of awards from the Fund made in the prior 198 quarter. Within 18 months of the date of each award from the Fund, the Governor, his campaign 199 committee, and his political action committee shall submit to the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics 200 Advisory Council established in § 30-355 a report listing any contribution, gift, or other item with a 201 value greater than \$100 provided by the business beneficiary of such award to the Governor, his 202 campaign committee, or his political action committee, respectively, during (i) the period in which the 203 business beneficiary's application for such award was pending and (ii) the one-year period immediately 204 after any such award was made.

J. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the Governor may give grants or loans to any eligible company, as defined in § 58.1-405.1, provided that such company shall be required to distribute at least half of such grant or loan to its employees in jobs located in a qualified locality, as defined in § 58.1-405.1. If the Governor gives a grant or loan pursuant to this subsection, it shall not be required to meet other provisions in this section, including provisions, restrictions, and procedural requirements related to job creation, investment, local matching funds, or contracts with business beneficiaries.

211 2. The grant or loan shall not exceed \$2,000 per new job, as defined in § 58.1-405.1; however, the
212 Governor may give a new grant or loan each year to the same eligible company.

3. An eligible company's eligibility for or receipt of a grant or loan pursuant to this subsection shall
not prevent it from receiving any other grant or loan for which it may be qualified pursuant to this
section.

\$ 2.2-2237.1. Board of directors to develop strategic plan for economic development; marketing
 plan; operational plan; submission.

A. The Board and the Chief Executive Officer shall develop and update biennially, *prior to the start*of each of the Commonwealth's biennial budget periods, a strategic plan for specific economic
development activities for the Commonwealth as a whole. The strategic plan shall be responsive to the
comprehensive economic development policy developed pursuant to § 2.2-205. The strategic plan of the
Authority shall, at a minimum, include:

1. The identification of specific goals and objectives for the Authority and the development ofquantifiable metrics and performance measures for attaining each such goal and objective;

225 2. A systematic assessment of how the Authority can best add value in carrying out each of its226 statutory powers and duties; and

3. Šuch other information deemed appropriate by the Board to ensure that the Authority fullyexecutes its powers and duties.

B. The Authority shall report annually by November 1 on its strategic plan, any modifications to the strategic plan, and its progress toward meeting the goals and objectives as stated in the strategic plan. *The report shall be submitted* to the *Governor, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget,* the special subcommittee on economic development of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations.

C. The Board shall include in its strategic planning process the participation of key economic
 development partners, including state, regional, and local economic development agencies and
 organizations, *rural stakeholders*, and international trade organizations.

D. In addition, the Board and the Chief Executive Officer shall develop and update biennially
 annually prior to the start of the fiscal year:

240 1. A marketing plan for the Commonwealth as a whole. The marketing plan of the Authority shall, at241 a minimum, include:

a. Identification of the Authority's specific and measurable marketing goals and the timetable toachieve such goals;

b. Identification of specific marketing activities, including efforts intended to secure economic development opportunities in proximity to high unemployment areas;

c. The resources and staff allocated to such marketing activities; and

d. The development of quantifiable metrics and performance measures for attaining each such goal.

248 The Authority shall report annually by November 1 on its marketing plan, any modifications to the marketing plan, and its progress toward meeting the goals and objectives as stated in the marketing plan.
250 The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the special subcommittee on economic development of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Spropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations; and

253 2. An operational plan for carrying out the powers and duties of the Authority. The operational plan of the Authority shall, at a minimum, include:

a. A process to evaluate the Authority's effectiveness in exercising the powers and duties conferred
by this article, including the Authority's ability to work with other state, regional, and local economic
development organizations and international trade organizations; and

b. A strategy for coordinating with state agencies that administer economic development incentive
programs and relevant executive branch committees, councils, authorities, and commissions to maximize
the effectiveness of state economic development programs and activities.

The Authority shall report annually by November 1 on its operational plan, any modifications to the operational plan, and its progress toward meeting the goals and objectives as stated in the operational plan. Such report shall contain the audited financial statements of the Authority for the year ending the previous June 30 and shall be submitted to the Governor, the special subcommittee on economic development of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations.

§ 2.2-2237.3. Division of Incentives.

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A. Within the Authority shall be created a Division of Incentives that shall be responsible for reviewing, vetting, tracking, and coordinating economic development incentives administered by or through the Authority or and for aligning those incentives with economic development incentives offered by the other entities in the Commonwealth or a locality in conjunction with Authority-administered incentives, including those listed in § 2.2-206.2.

B. No project that includes an offer of economic development incentives by the Commonwealth, including grants or loans from the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund, shall be approved by the Governor until (i) the Division of Incentives has undertaken appropriate due diligence regarding the proposed project and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade has certified that the proposed incentives to be offered are appropriate based on the investment and job creation anticipated to be generated by the project and (ii) when required by § 30-310, the MEI Project Approval Commission has reviewed the proposed incentives.

280 C. Any contract or memorandum of understanding for the award of economic development incentives 281 by the Commonwealth shall set forth the investment and job creation requirements for the payment of 282 the incentive and shall include a stipulation that the business beneficiary of the incentives shall be liable 283 for the repayment of all or a portion of the incentives to the Commonwealth if the business beneficiary 284 fails to make the required investments or create the required number of jobs. For purposes of this 285 section, an incentive awarded by the Commonwealth shall include an incentive awarded from a fund 286 operated by the Commonwealth, including the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund. If it is 287 determined that a business beneficiary is liable for the repayment of all or a portion of an economic 288 development incentive awarded by the Commonwealth, the Board may refer the matter to the Office of 289 the Attorney General pursuant to § 2.2-518. Prior to the referral to the Office of the Attorney General, 290 the Board shall direct any political subdivision that is a party to the relevant contract or memorandum of 291 understanding to assign its rights to the Commonwealth arising under such contract or memorandum of 292 understanding in which the business beneficiary is liable to repay all or a portion of an economic 293 development incentive awarded by the Commonwealth. In any such matter referred to the Office of the 294 Attorney General, a business beneficiary liable to repay all or a portion of an economic development 295 incentive awarded by the Commonwealth shall also be liable to pay interest, administrative charges, 296 attorney fees, and other applicable fees.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, approval of the Board shall be required to grant an
extension for an approved project to meet the investment and job creation requirements set forth in the
contract or memorandum of understanding. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, approval of both
the Board and the MEI Project Approval Commission shall be required to grant any additional

301 extensions.

E. The Division of Incentives shall provide semiannual updates to the Board of the status and 302 progress of investment and job creation requirements for all projects for which economic development 303 304 incentives have been awarded, until such time as the investment and job creation requirements are met 305 or the incentives are repaid to the Commonwealth. Updates shall be provided more frequently upon the 306 request of the Board, or if deemed necessary by the Division of Incentives.

307 F. The Board shall establish a subcommittee, consisting of ex officio members of the Board 308 authorized pursuant to § 60.2-114 and federal law to receive and review employment information 309 received from the Virginia Employment Commission, in order to assist the Division of Incentives with 310 the verification of employment and wage claims of those businesses that have received incentive awards. Such information shall be confidential and shall not be (i) redisclosed to other members of the Board or 311 to the public in accordance with the provisions of subdivision C 2 of § 60.2-114 or (ii) subject to 312 313 disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).

G. For purposes of this section, the award of economic development incentives by the 314 315 Commonwealth shall include an award of funds from the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity 316 Fund, regardless of whether the contract or memorandum of understanding for the disbursement of funds 317 is with the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof and the business beneficiary. 318

§ 2.2-2238. Economic development services.

319 A. It shall be the duty of the Authority to encourage, stimulate, and support the development and 320 expansion of the economy of the Commonwealth. The Authority is charged with the following duties 321 and responsibilities to:

322 1. See that there are prepared and carried out effective economic development marketing and 323 promotional programs;

324 2. Make available, in conjunction and cooperation with localities, chambers of commerce, industrial 325 authorities, and other public and private groups, to prospective new businesses basic information and 326 pertinent factors of interest and concern to such businesses;

3. Formulate, promulgate, and advance programs throughout the Commonwealth for encouraging the 327 328 location of new businesses in the Commonwealth and the retention and growth of existing businesses;

329 4. Encourage and solicit private sector involvement, support, and funding for economic development 330 in the Commonwealth;

331 5. Encourage the coordination of the economic development efforts of public institutions, regions, 332 communities, and private industry and collect and maintain data on the development and utilization of 333 economic development capabilities;

334 6. Establish such offices within and without the Commonwealth that are necessary to the expansion 335 and development of industries and trade; 336

7. Encourage the export of products and services from the Commonwealth to international markets;

8. Advise, upon request, the State Board for Community Colleges in designating technical training 337 programs in Virginia's comprehensive community colleges for the Community College Incentive 338 339 Scholarship Program pursuant to former § 23-220.4; and

340 9. Offer a program for the issuance of export documentation for companies located in Virginia 341 exporting goods and services if no federal agency or other regulatory body or issuing entity will provide 342 export documentation in a form deemed necessary for international commerce.

343 B. The Authority shall prepare a specific plan annually that shall serve as the basis for marketing high unemployment areas of Virginia. This plan shall be submitted to the Governor and General 344 Assembly annually on or before November 1 of each year. The report shall contain the plan and 345 346 activities conducted by the Authority to market these high unemployment areas. The annual report shall 347 be part of the report required by § 2.2-2242.

348 C. The Authority may develop a site and building assessment program to identify and assess the 349 Commonwealth's industrial sites of at least 100 acres. In developing such a program, the Authority shall establish assessment guidelines and procedures for identification of industrial sites, resource 350 351 requirements, and development oversight. The Authority shall invite participation by regional and 352 industry stakeholders to assess potential sites, identify product shortfalls, and make recommendations to 353 the Governor and General Assembly for marketing such sites, in alignment with the goals outlined in 354 the Governor's economic development plan.

355 D. C. The Authority may encourage the import of products and services from international markets 356 to the Commonwealth. 357

§ 2.2-2242. Forms of accounts and records.

358 The accounts and records of the Authority showing the receipt and disbursement of funds from 359 whatever source derived shall be in a form prescribed by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The Auditor of Public Accounts or his legally authorized representatives, shall annually examine the accounts and 360 books of the Authority. 361

362 The Authority shall submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before
 363 November 1 of each year. Such report shall contain the audited annual financial statements of the
 364 Authority for the year ending the previous June 30.

365 The Authority shall submit a detailed annual operational plan and budget to the Secretary of 366 Commerce and Trade and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget by November 1. 367 Notwithstanding other provisions of this article, the form and content of the operating plan and budget 368 shall be determined by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget and shall include 369 information on salaries, expenditures, indebtedness and other information as determined by the Director

370 of the Department of Planning and Budget.

371 2. That §§ 2.2-206.2 and 2.2-2238.1 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.