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HOUSE BILL NO. 2072

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A BILL to direct the Virginia Housing Development Authority to convene a work group to establish a plan for the creation of a Virginia Good Neighbor Next Door program.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Virginia Housing Development Authority shall convene a work group consisting of stakeholders as the Authority shall deem appropriate to establish a plan for the creation of a Virginia Good Neighbor Next Door program to provide financial incentives for law-enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, and teachers to purchase homes within designated revitalization areas in the localities in which they are employed. Such program shall be similar to the Good Neighbor Next Door Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative recommendations, to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology no later than July 1, 2022.