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22106141D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1121** 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE 3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Finance 4 on February 7, 2022) 5 6 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate McNamara) A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 58.1-322.02, 58.1-332, 58.1-390.1, and 58.1-390.2 of the Code of 7 Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 58.1-390.3, relating to 8 income taxation; pass-through entities. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: Q 1. That §§ 58.1-322.02, 58.1-332, 58.1-390.1, and 58.1-390.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended 10 11 and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 58.1-390.3 12 as follows: 13 § 58.1-322.02. Virginia taxable income; subtractions. 14 In computing Virginia taxable income pursuant to § 58.1-322, to the extent included in federal 15 adjusted gross income, there shall be subtracted: 1. Income derived from obligations, or on the sale or exchange of obligations, of the United States 16 17 and on obligations or securities of any authority, commission, or instrumentality of the United States to the extent exempt from state income taxes under the laws of the United States, including, but not 18 19 limited to, stocks, bonds, treasury bills, and treasury notes but not including interest on refunds of 20 federal taxes, interest on equipment purchase contracts, or interest on other normal business transactions. 21 2. Income derived from obligations, or on the sale or exchange of obligations, of the Commonwealth 22 or of any political subdivision or instrumentality of the Commonwealth. 3. Benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and other benefits subject to federal 23 income taxation solely pursuant to § 86 of the Internal Revenue Code. 24 25 4. Up to \$20,000 of disability income, as defined in § 22(c)(2)(B)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code; however, any person who claims a deduction under subdivision 5 of § 58.1-322.03 may not also claim a 26 27 subtraction under this subdivision. 28 5. The amount of any refund or credit for overpayment of income taxes imposed by the 29 Commonwealth or any other taxing jurisdiction. 6. The amount of wages or salaries eligible for the federal Work Opportunity Credit which was not 30 deducted for federal purposes on account of the provisions of § 280C(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. 31 32 7. Any amount included therein less than \$600 from a prize awarded by the Virginia Lottery. 33 8. The wages or salaries received by any person for active and inactive service in the National Guard 34 of the Commonwealth of Virginia, not to exceed the amount of income derived from 39 calendar days 35 of such service or \$3,000, whichever amount is less; however, only those persons in the ranks of O3 and below shall be entitled to the deductions specified in this subdivision. 36 37 9. Amounts received by an individual, not to exceed \$1,000 for taxable years beginning on or before 38 December 31, 2019, and \$5,000 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, as a reward for 39 information provided to a law-enforcement official or agency, or to a nonprofit corporation created 40 exclusively to assist such law-enforcement official or agency, in the apprehension and conviction of 41 perpetrators of crimes. This subdivision shall not apply to the following: an individual who is an 42 employee of, or under contract with, a law-enforcement agency, a victim or the perpetrator of the crime for which the reward was paid, or any person who is compensated for the investigation of crimes or 43 44 accidents. 10. The amount of "qualified research expenses" or "basic research expenses" eligible for deduction 45 for federal purposes, but which were not deducted, on account of the provisions of § 280C(c) of the 46 47 Internal Revenue Code and which shall be available to partners, shareholders of S corporations, and members of limited liability companies to the extent and in the same manner as other deductions may **48** 49 pass through to such partners, shareholders, and members. 50 11. Any income received during the taxable year derived from a qualified pension, profit-sharing, or 51 stock bonus plan as described by § 401 of the Internal Revenue Code, an individual retirement account or annuity established under § 408 of the Internal Revenue Code, a deferred compensation plan as 52 53 defined by § 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, or any federal government retirement program, the 54 contributions to which were deductible from the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, but only to the extent the contributions to such plan or program were subject to taxation under the income tax in 55 56 another state. 57 12. Any income attributable to a distribution of benefits or a refund from a prepaid tuition contract or savings trust account with the Virginia College Savings Plan, created pursuant to Chapter 7 58 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of Title 23.1. The subtraction for any income attributable to a refund shall be 59

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60 limited to income attributable to a refund in the event of a beneficiary's death, disability, or receipt of a 61 scholarship.

62 13. All military pay and allowances, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income and not 63 otherwise subtracted, deducted, or exempted under this section, earned by military personnel while 64 serving by order of the President of the United States with the consent of Congress in a combat zone or 65 qualified hazardous duty area that is treated as a combat zone for federal tax purposes pursuant to § 112 66 of the Internal Revenue Code.

14. For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2015, the gain derived from the sale or exchange 67 of real property or the sale or exchange of an easement to real property which results in the real 68 property or the easement thereto being devoted to open-space use, as that term is defined in § 58.1-3230, 69 for a period of time not less than 30 years. To the extent that a subtraction is taken in accordance with 70 this subdivision, no tax credit under this chapter for donating land for its preservation shall be allowed 71 72 for three years following the year in which the subtraction is taken.

15. Fifteen thousand dollars of military basic pay for military service personnel on extended active 73 duty for periods in excess of 90 days; however, the subtraction amount shall be reduced dollar-for-dollar 74 by the amount by which the taxpayer's military basic pay exceeds \$15,000 and shall be reduced to zero 75 if such military basic pay amount is equal to or exceeds \$30,000. 76

16. The first \$15,000 of salary for each federal and state employee whose total annual salary from all 77 78 employment for the taxable year is \$15,000 or less.

79 17. Unemployment benefits taxable pursuant to § 85 of the Internal Revenue Code.

18. Any amount received as military retirement income by an individual awarded the Congressional 80 81 Medal of Honor.

19. Items of income attributable to, derived from, or in any way related to (i) assets stolen from, 82 83 hidden from, or otherwise lost by an individual who was a victim or target of Nazi persecution or (ii) 84 damages, reparations, or other consideration received by a victim or target of Nazi persecution to 85 compensate such individual for performing labor against his will under the threat of death, during World 86 War II and its prelude and direct aftermath. This subtraction shall not apply to assets acquired with such 87 items of income or with the proceeds from the sale of assets stolen from, hidden from, or otherwise lost to, during World War II and its prelude and direct aftermath, a victim or target of Nazi persecution. The 88 89 provisions of this subdivision shall only apply to an individual who was the first recipient of such items 90 of income and who was a victim or target of Nazi persecution, or a spouse, surviving spouse, or child 91 or stepchild of such victim. 92

As used in this subdivision:

93 "Nazi regime" means the country of Nazi Germany, areas occupied by Nazi Germany, those 94 European countries allied with Nazi Germany, or any other neutral European country or area in Europe 95 under the influence or threat of Nazi invasion.

96 "Victim or target of Nazi persecution" means any individual persecuted or targeted for persecution by 97 the Nazi regime who had assets stolen from, hidden from, or otherwise lost as a result of any act or 98 omission in any way relating to (i) the Holocaust, (ii) World War II and its prelude and direct aftermath, 99 (iii) transactions with or actions of the Nazi regime, (iv) treatment of refugees fleeing Nazi persecution, or (v) the holding of such assets by entities or persons in the Swiss Confederation during World War II 100 and its prelude and aftermath. A "victim or target of Nazi persecution" also includes any individual 101 102 forced into labor against his will, under the threat of death, during World War II and its prelude and 103 direct aftermath.

104 20. The military death gratuity payment made after September 11, 2001, to the survivor of deceased military personnel killed in the line of duty, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Chapter 75; however, the subtraction 105 amount shall be reduced dollar-for-dollar by the amount that the survivor may exclude from his federal 106 gross income in accordance with § 134 of the Internal Revenue Code. 107

108 21. The death benefit payments from an annuity contract that are received by a beneficiary of such 109 contract, provided that (i) the death benefit payment is made pursuant to an annuity contract with an insurance company and (ii) the death benefit payment is paid solely by lump sum. The subtraction under 110 this subdivision shall be allowed only for that portion of the death benefit payment that is included in 111 112 federal adjusted gross income.

22. Any gain recognized from the sale of launch services to space flight participants, as defined in 113 114 49 U.S.C. § 70102, or launch services intended to provide individuals with the training or experience of a launch, without performing an actual launch. To qualify for a deduction under this subdivision, launch 115 116 services must be performed in Virginia or originate from an airport or spaceport in Virginia.

23. Any gain recognized as a result of resupply services contracts for delivering payload, as defined 117 in 49 U.S.C. § 70102, entered into with the Commercial Orbital Transportation Services division of the 118 National Aeronautics and Space Administration or other space flight entity, as defined in § 8.01-227.8, 119 120 and launched from an airport or spaceport in Virginia.

24. Any income taxed as a long-term capital gain for federal income tax purposes, or any income 121

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122 taxed as investment services partnership interest income (otherwise known as investment partnership 123 carried interest income) for federal income tax purposes. To qualify for a subtraction under this subdivision, such income shall be attributable to an investment in a "qualified business," as defined in 124 125 § 58.1-339.4, or in any other technology business approved by the Secretary of Administration, provided 126 that the business has its principal office or facility in the Commonwealth and less than \$3 million in 127 annual revenues in the fiscal year prior to the investment. To qualify for a subtraction under this 128 subdivision, the investment shall be made between the dates of April 1, 2010, and June 30, 2020. No 129 taxpayer who has claimed a tax credit for an investment in a "qualified business" under § 58.1-339.4 130 shall be eligible for the subtraction under this subdivision for an investment in the same business.

131 25. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2014, any income of an account holder for
132 the taxable year taxed as (i) a capital gain for federal income tax purposes attributable to such person's
133 first-time home buyer savings account established pursuant to Chapter 12 (§ 36-171 et seq.) of Title 36
134 and (ii) interest income or other income for federal income tax purposes attributable to such person's
135 first-time home buyer savings account.

136 Notwithstanding the statute of limitations on assessments contained in § 58.1-312, any subtraction 137 taken under this subdivision shall be subject to recapture in the taxable year or years in which moneys 138 or funds withdrawn from the first-time home buyer savings account were used for any purpose other 139 than the payment of eligible costs by or on behalf of a qualified beneficiary, as provided under 140 § 36-174. The amount subject to recapture shall be a portion of the amount withdrawn in the taxable 141 year that was used for other than the payment of eligible costs, computed by multiplying the amount 142 withdrawn and used for other than the payment of eligible costs by the ratio of the aggregate earnings in 143 the account at the time of the withdrawal to the total balance in the account at such time.

However, recapture shall not apply to the extent of moneys or funds withdrawn that were (i)
withdrawn by reason of the qualified beneficiary's death or disability; (ii) a disbursement of assets of the account pursuant to a filing for protection under the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101
through 1330; or (iii) transferred from an account established pursuant to Chapter 12 (§ 36-171 et seq.)
of Title 36 into another account established pursuant to such chapter for the benefit of another qualified beneficiary.

For purposes of this subdivision, "account holder," "eligible costs," "first-time home buyer savings
account," and "qualified beneficiary" mean the same as those terms are defined in § 36-171.

152 26. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2015, any income for the taxable year
153 attributable to the discharge of a student loan solely by reason of the student's death. For purposes of
154 this subdivision, "student loan" means the same as that term is defined under § 108(f) of the Internal
155 Revenue Code.

156 27. a. Income, including investment services partnership interest income (otherwise known as 157 investment partnership carried interest income), attributable to an investment in a Virginia venture 158 capital account. To qualify for a subtraction under this subdivision, the investment shall be made on or 159 after January 1, 2018, but before December 31, 2023. No subtraction shall be allowed under this 160 subdivision for an investment in a company that is owned or operated by a family member or an 161 affiliate of the taxpayer. No subtraction shall be allowed under this subdivision for a taxpayer who has 162 claimed a subtraction under subdivision 24 or a tax credit under § 58.1-339.4 for the same investment.

163 b. As used in this subdivision 27:

"Qualified portfolio company" means a company that (i) has its principal place of business in the
Commonwealth; (ii) has a primary purpose of production, sale, research, or development of a product or
service other than the management or investment of capital; and (iii) provides equity in the company to
the Virginia venture capital account in exchange for a capital investment. "Qualified portfolio company"
does not include a company that is an individual or sole proprietorship.

"Virginia venture capital account" means an investment fund that has been certified by the 169 170 Department as a Virginia venture capital account. In order to be certified as a Virginia venture capital 171 account, the operator of the investment fund shall register the investment fund with the Department prior 172 to December 31, 2023, (i) indicating that it intends to invest at least 50 percent of the capital committed 173 to its fund in qualified portfolio companies and (ii) providing documentation that it employs at least one 174 investor who has at least four years of professional experience in venture capital investment or 175 substantially equivalent experience. "Substantially equivalent experience" includes, but is not limited to, 176 an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university in economics, finance, or a similar 177 field of study. The Department may require an investment fund to provide documentation of the 178 investor's training, education, or experience as deemed necessary by the Department to determine 179 substantial equivalency. If the Department determines that the investment fund employs at least one 180 investor with the experience set forth herein, the Department shall certify the investment fund as a 181 Virginia venture capital account at such time as the investment fund actually invests at least 50 percent 182 of the capital committed to its fund in qualified portfolio companies.

183 28. a. Income attributable to an investment in a Virginia real estate investment trust. To qualify for a 184 subtraction under this subdivision, the investment shall be made on or after January 1, 2019, but before 185 December 31, 2024. No subtraction shall be allowed for an investment in a trust that is managed by a 186 family member or an affiliate of the taxpayer. No subtraction shall be allowed under this subdivision for 187 a taxpayer who has claimed a subtraction under subdivision 24 or 27 or a tax credit under § 58.1-339.4 188 for the same investment.

189 b. As used in this subdivision 28:

190 "Distressed" means satisfying the criteria applicable to a locality described in subdivision E 2 of 191 § 2.2-115.

192 "Double distressed" means satisfying the criteria applicable to a locality described in subdivision E 3 193 of § 2.2-115.

Virginia real estate investment trust" means a real estate investment trust, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 194 195 § 856, that has been certified by the Department as a Virginia real estate investment trust. In order to be 196 certified as a Virginia real estate investment trust, the trustee shall register the trust with the Department 197 prior to December 31, 2024, indicating that it intends to invest at least 90 percent of trust funds in 198 Virginia and at least 40 percent of trust funds in real estate in localities that are distressed or double 199 distressed. If the Department determines that the trust satisfies the preceding criteria, the Department 200 shall certify the trust as a Virginia real estate investment trust at such time as the trust actually invests 201 at least 90 percent of trust funds in Virginia and at least 40 percent of trust funds in real estate in 202 localities that are distressed or double distressed.

203 29. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, any gain recognized from the taking of real property by condemnation proceedings. 204

205 30. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2020, but before January 1, 2021, up to 206 \$100,000 of all grant funds received by the taxpayer under the Rebuild Virginia program established by 207 the Governor and administered by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity.

31. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2026, any 208 209 amount of income derived from a pass-through entity having Virginia taxable income, as determined 210 under § 58.1-391, if such pass-through entity makes the election authorized, and pays the tax imposed, by § 58.1-390.3. 211 212

§ 58.1-332. Credits for taxes paid other states.

213 A. Whenever a Virginia resident has become liable to another state for income tax on any earned or business income or any gain on the sale of a capital asset (within the meaning of § 1221 of the Internal 214 215 Revenue Code), not including an asset used in a trade or business, to the extent that such gain is 216 included in federal adjusted gross income, for the taxable year, derived from sources outside the 217 Commonwealth and subject to taxation under this chapter, the amount of such tax payable by him shall, 218 upon proof of such payment, be credited on the taxpayer's return with the income tax so paid to the 219 other state.

220 However, no franchise tax, license tax, excise tax, unincorporated business tax, occupation tax or any 221 tax characterized as such by the taxing jurisdiction, although applied to earned or business income, shall 222 qualify for a credit under this section, nor shall any tax which, if characterized as an income tax or a 223 commuter tax, would be illegal and unauthorized under such other state's controlling or enabling 224 legislation qualify for a credit under this section.

225 The credit allowable under this section shall not exceed: (i) such proportion of the income tax 226 otherwise payable by him under this chapter as his income upon which the tax imposed by the other state was computed bears to his Virginia taxable income upon which the tax imposed by this 227 228 Commonwealth was computed or (ii) the income tax otherwise payable under this chapter in the event 229 that the income upon which the tax imposed by the other state is computed is less than the Virginia 230 taxable income upon which the tax imposed by this Commonwealth is computed and all income derived 231 from sources outside the Commonwealth and subject to taxation under this chapter is earned income or 232 business income reported on federal form Schedule C from a single state contiguous to Virginia. The 233 credit provided for by this section shall not be granted to a resident individual when the laws of another 234 state, under which the income in question is subject to tax assessment, provide a credit to such resident 235 individual substantially similar to that granted by subsection B of this section.

236 B. Whenever a nonresident individual of this Commonwealth has become liable to the state where he 237 resides for income tax upon his Virginia taxable income for the taxable year, derived from Virginia 238 sources and subject to taxation under this chapter, the amount of such tax payable under this chapter 239 shall be credited with such proportion of the tax so payable by him to the state where he resides, upon 240 proof of such payment, as his income subject to taxation under this chapter bears to his entire income 241 upon which the tax so payable to such other state was imposed. The credit, however, shall be allowed 242 only if the laws of such state: (i) grant a substantially similar credit to residents of Virginia subject to 243 income tax under such laws or (ii) impose a tax upon the income of its residents derived from Virginia sources and exempt from taxation the income of residents of this Commonwealth. No credit shall be 244

245 allowed against the amount of the tax on any income taxable under this chapter which is exempt from 246 taxation under the laws of such other state.

247 C. 1. For purposes of this section, the amount of any state income tax paid by an electing small 248 business corporation (S corporation) shall be deemed to have been paid by its individual shareholders in 249 proportion to their ownership of the stock of such corporation.

250 2. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2021, but before January 1, 2026, for 251 purposes of this section, the amount of any state income tax paid by a pass-through entity under a law 252 of another state substantially similar to § 58.1-390.3 shall be deemed to have been paid by its individual 253 owners in proportion to their ownership.

§ 58.1-390.1. Definitions.

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255 The following words and terms, when used in this article, shall have the following meanings unless 256 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

257 "Owner" means any individual or entity who is treated as a partner, member, or shareholder of a 258 pass-through entity for federal income tax purposes.

259 "Pass-through entity" means any entity, including a limited partnership, a limited liability partnership, 260 a general partnership, a limited liability company, a professional limited liability company, a business 261 trust or a Subchapter S corporation, that is recognized as a separate entity for federal income tax purposes, in which the partners, members, or shareholders report their share of the income, gains, losses, 262 263 deductions, and credits from the entity on their federal income tax returns or make the election and pay 264 the tax levied pursuant to § 58.1-390.3.

265 "Qualifying pass-through entity" means a pass-through entity that is 100 percent owned by natural 266 persons or other individuals eligible to be shareholders in an S corporation.

267 § 58.1-390.2. Taxation of pass-through entities.

268 Except as provided for in this article, owners of pass-through entities shall be liable for tax under 269 this chapter only in their separate or individual capacities on income passed through to the owners of 270 pass-through entities. Any taxes imposed on the pass-through entity itself, such as, but not limited to, 271 including the tax levied pursuant to § 58.1-390.3, sales and use taxes, withholding taxes with respect to 272 employees or nonresident owners, and minimum taxes in lieu of income taxes, shall be paid by the 273 pass-through entity. 274

§ 58.1-390.3. Elective income tax on pass-through entities.

275 A. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2026, a 276 qualifying pass-through entity may make an annual election, on its timely filed return pursuant to 277 § 58.1-392, to pay the tax levied by this section at the entity level for the taxable period covered by 278 such return. Such election shall be made on or before the due date for filing the applicable return, 279 including any extensions that have been granted.

280 B. A tax at the rate of 5.75 percent is hereby annually imposed on the Virginia taxable income, as calculated pursuant to § 58.1-391, for each taxable year of every qualifying pass-through entity that 281 282 makes the election provided under subsection A.

283 C. A qualifying pass-through entity that elects to pay the tax levied by this section shall be eligible 284 for all credits, deductions, or other adjustments to taxable income provided under § 58.1-391.

285 D. If a qualifying pass-through entity makes an election pursuant to this section and an individual 286 owner taxpayer of such pass-through entity claims the subtraction provided by subdivision 31 of 287 § 58.1-322.02, such individual owner taxpayer shall not be eligible to claim any other deduction, 288 subtraction, credit, or other adjustment for any amount of taxable income derived from the pass-through 289 entity having Virginia taxable income.

290 2. That the Department of Taxation shall develop and make publicly available guidelines 291 implementing the provisions of this act.