

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to establish a work group to*
3 *study existing fire service needs, analyze sustainability of current funding, and review alternative*
4 *funding models from other states; report.*

5 [H 2175]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. § 1.** *That the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security (the Secretary) shall establish a work*
9 *group composed of representatives from the Department of Fire Programs, the Department of Planning*
10 *and Budget, the Office of Emergency Medical Services, the Virginia Fire Services Council, Virginia's*
11 *Regional EMS Councils, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, the Senate Committee on Finance and*
12 *Appropriations, the House Committee on Appropriations, and such other stakeholders as the Secretary*
13 *deems appropriate to study existing fire service needs, analyze sustainability of current funding, and*
14 *review alternative funding models from other states. In conducting its study, the work group may hire an*
15 *outside consultant and shall create a needs assessment survey that analyzes existing fire service needs,*
16 *the sustainability of current funding, any gaps in current funding, how other states fund fire and EMS*
17 *services, and best practices from other states. The Secretary shall report the work group's findings and*
18 *any recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate*
19 *Committee on General Laws and Technology on or before October 1, 2023.*

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