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HOUSE BILL NO. 18

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-399.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to value engineering in capital projects.

Patrons—Scott, Albo, Almand, Callahan, Fisher, Hull, Keating, Mayer, Plum and Puller; Senators: Calhoun and Howell

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 2.1-399.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-399.1. Capital projects.

A. 1. On or before December 20 of the year immediately prior to the beginning of each regular session held in an even-numbered year of the General Assembly, the Governor shall submit to the presiding officer of each house of the General Assembly copies of any tentative bill or bills involving proposed capital appropriations for each year in the ensuing biennial appropriation period. Such bill or bills shall include each capital project to be financed through revenue bonds or other debt issuance, the amount of each such project, and identify the entity which will issue such debt.

2. Upon submitting copies of any tentative bill or bills involving proposed capital projects, the Governor shall ensure that value engineering is employed for any such project costing more than two million dollars. For purposes of this section, "value engineering" means a systematic process of review and analysis of a capital project by a team of persons not originally involved in the project. Such team may offer suggestions that would improve project quality and reduce total project cost by combining or eliminating inefficient or expensive parts or steps in the original proposal or by totally redesigning the project using different technologies, materials, or methods.

3. The Governor may waive the requirements of subdivision 2 of this section for any proposed capital project for compelling reasons. Any such waiver shall be in writing, state the reasons for the waiver, and apply only to a single capital project.

B. On or before December 20 of the year immediately prior to the beginning of each regular session held in an odd-numbered year of the General Assembly, the Governor shall submit to the presiding officer of each house printed copies of all gubernatorial amendments proposed to capital appropriations acts adopted in the immediately preceding even-numbered year session.

C. The Governor shall ensure that a summary of budget highlights be sent to a newspaper of general circulation in the following geographical areas of the Commonwealth: Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads, Richmond/Petersburg, Central Virginia, Shenandoah Valley, Roanoke Valley, Southside, and Southwest Virginia prior to the convening of such session of the General Assembly.

D. The standing committees of the House of Delegates and of the Senate in charge of appropriation measures shall hold four regional public hearings on the budget bill submitted by the Governor. The four public hearings shall be held prior to the convening of such session of the General Assembly, at hearing sites and times as selected by the chairmen of the two committees.

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