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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2224

House Amendments in [ ] — February 6, 1995

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Title 11 a section numbered 11-71.1, relating to public procurement; alternative dispute resolution.

Patrons—Davies and Almand; Senator: Calhoun

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Title 11 a section numbered 11-71.1 as follows:

§ 11-71.1. Alternative dispute resolution.

Public bodies are authorized to enter into agreements to submit disputes to [ ~~arbitration and to utilize~~ ] mediation and other [ nonbinding ] alternative dispute resolution procedures to resolve disputes. [ ~~Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a public body from entering into a written agreement to submit any existing or future controversy to arbitration, mediation or other alternative dispute resolution procedures, and no provision of an agreement executed by a public body to submit disputes to arbitration, mediation or other alternative dispute resolution procedures, whether such provision is in force on or after July 1, 1995, shall be held invalid or unenforceable on the grounds that the public body lacks the authority conferred by this section.~~ ]

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