

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

CHAPTER 230

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-483.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of General Services; use of value engineering for capital projects.

[H 2648]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.1-483.1:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-483.1:1. Use of value engineering.

The Department of General Services, through its Division of Engineering and Buildings, shall ensure that value engineering is employed for any capital project costing more than five million dollars. Value engineering may also be used for any project costing five million dollars or less. 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, which shall include appropriate professionals licensed in accordance with Chapter 4 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) of Title 54.1, 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.

The Director of the Department of General Services may waive the requirements 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. *The Director of the Department of General Services shall report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on the (i) number and value of the capital projects where value engineering was employed and (ii) identity of the capital projects for which a waiver of the requirements of this section was granted, including a statement of the compelling reasons for granting the waiver.*