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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-108.1, relating to the Governor; performance review.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-108.1 as follows:**

§ 2.2-108.1. Performance review of certain state agencies and programs; scope of review; report.

A. The Governor shall initiate on July 1, 2008, an operational and programmatic performance review of the state agencies and programs identified in subsection B, which review shall be concluded by December 1, 2008. The purpose of this review shall be to provide an objective and independent cost savings assessment of the Commonwealth's organizational structure and its programs in order to provide information to the Governor and the General Assembly to effect savings in expenditures, a reduction in duplication of effort, and programmatic efficiencies in the operation of state government.

B. The review shall focus on (i) the Department of Health, (ii) the Department of Education, and (iii) primary and secondary education funded by the Commonwealth. The review shall be conducted by a private management consulting firm with experience in conducting statewide performance reviews.

C. Any potential monetary savings realized from implemented reductions in duplication of effort, programmatic efficiencies, or any other potential costs savings in clauses (ii) and (iii) of subsection B shall be applied equally between primary and secondary school construction funded by the Commonwealth and the Commonwealth's share of teacher salaries. Any potential monetary savings realized from implemented reductions in duplication of effort, programmatic efficiencies, or any other potential costs savings in clause (i) of subsection B shall be applied equally between Mental Retardation (MR) Waivers, and Medicaid reimbursements to physicians in the Commonwealth.

D. The review shall take into consideration results of any prior studies, audits, or reviews conducted by (i) the General Assembly, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, or the Auditor of Public Accounts, (ii) any Governor-appointed commission or other like entity; or (iii) any other independent entity that that address the structure and operation of state government and have identified monetary savings, reduced duplication of effort, or efficiencies leading to a reduction in costs .

E. The Governor shall ensure that the review is completed and the resulting report is available to the General Assembly within 14 days of completion of the review.

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