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**SENATE BILL NO. 930** 

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 10.1-1411.1, relating to the Virginia Waste Management Plan.

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 10.1-1411.1 as follows:

§ 10.1-1411.1. Virginia Waste Management Plan.

- A. The Department shall prepare a comprehensive Virginia Waste Management Plan (the "Plan") consistent with the policy and objectives of the Virginia Waste Management Act (§ 10.1-1400 et seq.). The Plan shall include:
- 1. Measurable waste reduction goals and minimum recycling rates on a per capita basis over a 20-year period with interim goals set at five-year intervals;
- 2. Procedures by which waste reduction goals and minimum recycling rates may be examined periodically to reflect changing circumstances such as new technologies;
  - 3. Prioritized strategies to achieve waste reduction goals and minimum recycling rates;
  - 4. Mechanisms to evaluate the efficiency and success of such strategies that have been adopted; and
- 5. Recommendations for legislative changes needed to implement the waste reduction goals and minimum recycling rates set forth in the Plan.
- B. The Plan shall be developed in consultation with affected stakeholders including solid waste planning units; local government officials; waste management facilities; recycling and composting processors; conservation and environmental interests; and public health authorities. To the extent appropriate, the Plan should review and rely upon existing studies, plans, and reports such as the regional and local solid waste management plans and Senate Document No. 14 (2008), Waste Reduction Efforts in Virginia, prepared by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.

2. The Plan shall be submitted to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources no later than January 1, 2010.