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HOUSE BILL NO. 485

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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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Senator: Martin

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 departments, agencies and programs; scope of review; report.*

A. *The Governor shall initiate on July 1, 2010, an operational and programmatic performance review of the state agencies and programs identified in subsection B, which review shall be concluded by December 1, 2011. 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. The review shall be conducted by a United States based private management consulting firm with experience in conducting statewide performance reviews.*

B. *The review shall focus on (i) the agencies under the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Secretary of Public Safety, (ii) the Department of Transportation, (iii) the Department of Education, including primary and secondary education funded by the Commonwealth, and (iv) any other department, agency, or program of the Commonwealth in the executive branch of state government that the Governor deems necessary to effect savings in expenditures, a reduction in duplication of effort, and programmatic efficiencies in the operation of state government.*

C. *The review shall take into consideration the 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 like entity; and (iii) any other independent entity that addressed the structure and operation of state government, which has identified monetary savings or efficiencies leading to a reduction in costs, or reduced duplication of effort.*

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

E. *The review shall be financed with such funds as appropriated by the General Assembly sufficient to encourage market-based competitive bids or offers from the private sector.*

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