13103525D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1906** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 9, 2013 Prefiled January 8, 2013 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-2001.2, relating to the Department of Veterans Services; programs to reduce unemployment among veterans. Patrons—Anderson, Ramadan, Watson, Helsel, Krupicka, LeMunyon and Rush 7 8 Referred to Committee on General Laws 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-2001.2 as follows: 11 § 2.2-2001.2. Programs to reduce unemployment among veterans. 12 13 14

The Department shall develop a comprehensive program to reduce unemployment among veterans by assisting businesses to attract, hire, train, and retain veterans. Such program shall promote strategies for connecting employers to qualified veterans and include (i) a workforce assessment and training program for participating employers and (ii) a certification process for participating employers with the objective of setting measurable goals for hiring and retaining veterans.

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