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HOUSE BILL NO. 1641

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2001.2 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-117.1, relating to the Virginia Values Veterans Program; certification by state agencies.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-2001.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-117.1 as follows:

§ 2.2-117.1. Governor to require certification of state agencies; Virginia Values Veterans Program.
The Governor shall ensure that every agency, institution, board, bureau, commission, council, or instrumentality of state government in the executive branch is certified by the Department of Veterans Services in accordance with § 2.2-2001.2.

§ 2.2-2001.2. Programs to reduce unemployment among veterans.

A. 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.

B. For the purposes of this section, "employers" includes any agency, institution, board, bureau, commission, council, or instrumentality of state government in the executive branch.

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