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### **HOUSE BILL NO. 1842**

## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations

on February 6, 2015)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate James)

- A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-206.2, 2.2-1111, 2.2-5101, 2.2-5102, 30-309, 30-310, and 45.1-394 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal Chapters 22.3 (§§ 59.1-284.13 through 59.1-284.15:1) and 22.8 (§§ 59.1-284.25, 59.1-284.26, and 59.1-284.27) of Title 59.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to performance and incentive grants; review of incentives.
- Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
- 1. That §§ 2.2-206.2, 2.2-1111, 2.2-5101, 2.2-5102, 30-309, 30-310, and 45.1-394 of the Code of 11 Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: 12 13

## § 2.2-206.2. Economic incentive grant programs; responsibilities of the Secretary.

14 A. By July 15 of each year, the agencies listed in subdivisions B 1 through 7 shall report the 15 information outlined in subsection C to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the three prior calendar or fiscal years, as applicable, so that the Secretary may develop and issue a report on the 16 17 effectiveness of economic development incentive grant programs administered by the Commonwealth in meeting performance goals and stimulating economic activity. 18

By September 15 of each year, the Secretary shall submit the draft report to the Joint Legislative 19 20 Audit and Review Commission for its review of the accuracy of the information contained in the report 21 and the effectiveness of the evaluation methods.

22 The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall provide its comments on the content of 23 the report and the Secretary's analysis to the Secretary, and such comments shall be included as an 24 appendix to the final report, which shall be submitted to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and 25 Senate Finance Committees by November 15 of each year.

B. The report shall include a review of allocations from the following economic development 26 27 incentive programs and funds for the previous three calendar or fiscal years, as applicable, as follows:

1. Virginia Economic Development Partnership: Advanced Shipbuilding Training Facility Grant 28 29 Program, Aerospace Engine Manufacturing Performance Grant Program, Clean Energy Manufacturing 30 Incentive Grant Program as it was in effect prior to July 1, 2015, Governor's Development Opportunity Fund, Investment Partnership Grant subfund, Major Eligible Employer Grant subfund, Semiconductor 31 32 Memory or Logic Wafer Manufacturing Performance Grant Program as it was in effect prior to July 1, 33 2016, Specialized Biotechnology Research Performance Grant Program, Economic Development 34 Incentive Grant subfund, and any customized incentive grants; 35

2. Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority: Virginia Jobs Investment Program;

36 3. Department of Housing and Community Development: Enterprise Zone Job Creation and Real 37 Property Investment Grant Programs; 38

4. Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission: Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund:

5. Virginia Tourism Authority: Governor's Motion Picture Opportunity Fund;

6. Virginia Port Authority: Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Grant 41 42 Program: and 43

7. Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority: Growth Acceleration Program.

44 C. The report shall assess the effectiveness of allocations made for each program listed in subsection B. Each agency administering programs outlined in subsection B shall submit the applicable data 45 regarding jobs, wages, capital investment, and any other related information requested by the Secretary 46 47 of Commerce and Trade for purposes of evaluating economic development incentive programs in meeting their performance goals and stimulating economic activity. **48** 

For each program, the report shall include (i) an explanation of the overall goals of the program, 49 50 describing whether the program is focused on job creation and capital investment or investments are 51 governed by ancillary goals of community development and revitalization or the development of a particular industry sector in the Commonwealth; (ii) for each of the previous three calendar or fiscal 52 53 years, as applicable, summary information, including the total amount of grant funding made available 54 for the program, the total dollar amount of the grants awarded, the total number of grants awarded, the 55 average dollar amount approved per job and average wage expected, where applicable, and any grant amounts repaid; (iii) for each of the three previous calendar or fiscal years, as applicable, for projects 56 that have reached completion or a performance milestone, an aggregate comparison of the projects' 57 performance measures, including the actual number of jobs created, the actual average wages paid, and 58 59 the actual amount of capital investment, with the expected number of jobs, assumed average wage, and

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60 planned capital investment when the grant awards were made, and the proportion of projects that met or 61 exceeded the project-specific goals relevant to the program; (iv) for each of the three previous calendar

or fiscal years, as applicable, for all projects that have reached completion or a performance milestone, 62 63 an aggregate assessment of the projects' actual rate of return on the Commonwealth's investment 64 compared with the expected rate of return when the grant awards were made; (v) for each of the three 65 previous calendar or fiscal years, as applicable, for all projects that have reached completion or a 66 performance milestone, an aggregate estimate of the projects' total economic impact measured by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority on the basis of estimated state tax revenues 67 generated directly or indirectly by the projects, where applicable; and (vi) for all projects that reached 68 completion five calendar or fiscal years, as applicable, prior to the year of the report, an aggregate final 69 70 comparison of jobs reported by companies at the time of completion and jobs at the end of the most recent calendar year, and an aggregate final comparison of the projects' rate of return at the time of 71 72 completion and a five-year rate of return based on the most recent job levels.

#### 73 § 2.2-1111. Purchases to be made in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act 74 (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) and regulations of Division; exempt purchases.

75 A. All purchases made by any department, division, officer or agency of the Commonwealth shall be 76 made in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) and such regulations 77 as the Division may prescribe.

B. The regulations adopted by the Division shall:

79 1. Include a purchasing plan that shall be on file at the Division and shall be available to the public 80 upon request;

81 2. Require that before any public body procures any computer system, equipment or software, it shall 82 consider whether the proposed system, equipment or software is capable of producing products that 83 facilitate the rights of the public to access official records under the Freedom of Information Act 84 (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) or other applicable law;

85 3. Require state public bodies to procure only shielded outdoor light fixtures and provide for waivers 86 of this requirement when the Division determines that a bona fide operational, temporary, safety or 87 specific aesthetic need is indicated or that such fixtures are not cost effective over the life cycle of the fixtures. For the purposes of this subdivision, "shielded outdoor light fixture" means an outdoor light 88 89 fixture that is (i) fully shielded so that no light rays are emitted by the installed fixture above the 90 horizontal plane or (ii) constructed so that no more than two percent of the total luminaire lumens in the zone of 90 to 180 degrees vertical angle is permitted, if the related output of the luminaire is greater 91 92 than 3200 lumens. In adopting regulations under this subdivision, the Division shall consider national 93 standards for outdoor lighting as adopted by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America 94 (IESNA).

95 For any project initiated on or after July 1, 2003, the Virginia Department of Transportation shall 96 design all lighting systems in accordance with current IESNA standards and recommended practices. The 97 lighting system shall utilize fixtures that minimize glare, light trespass, and skyglow, all as defined by the IESNA, while still providing a comfortable, visually effective, safe, and secure outdoor environment 98 99 in a cost-effective manner over the life cycle of the lighting system;

100 4. Establish the conditions under which a public body may use, as a basis for the procurement of goods and nonprofessional services, a particular vendor's contract-pricing that has been negotiated and 101 102 accepted by the U.S. General Services Administration;

5. Establish procurement preferences for products containing recycled oil (including reprocessed and 103 104 rerefined oil products) and recycled antifreeze no later than December 31, 2002;

6. Establish conditions under which a public body shall demonstrate a good faith effort to ensure that 105 106 state contracts or subcontracts for goods or services that involve the manual packaging of bulk supplies or the manual assemblage of goods where individual items weigh less than 50 pounds be offered to 107 108 employment services organizations as defined in § 2.2-4301 that offer transitional or supported 109 employment services serving individuals with disabilities; and

110 7. Establish the conditions under which state public bodies may procure diesel fuel containing, at a 111 minimum, two percent, by volume, biodiesel fuel or green diesel fuel, as defined in § 59.1-284.25 as 112 such section was in effect on June 30, 2015, for use in on-road internal combustion engines. The conditions shall take into consideration the availability of such fuel and the variability in cost of 113 114 biodiesel fuel with respect to unblended diesel fuel.

C. The Division may make, alter, amend or repeal regulations relating to the purchase of materials, 115 116 supplies, equipment, nonprofessional services, and printing, and may specifically exempt purchases 117 below a stated amount or particular agencies or specified materials, equipment, nonprofessional services, 118 supplies and printing. 119

## § 2.2-5101. Virginia Investment Performance Grants.

120 A. Subject to the appropriation by the General Assembly of sufficient moneys to the Investment Performance Grant subfund, any eligible manufacturer or research and development service that is not 121

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122 eligible for a major eligible employer grant under § 2.2-5102 shall be eligible for an investment 123 performance grant as provided in this section.

124 B. The Partnership shall establish an application process by which eligible manufacturers and 125 research and development services may apply for a grant under this section. An application for a grant 126 under this section shall not be approved until the Partnership has verified that the capital investment has 127 been completed.

128 C. The amount of the investment performance grant that an eligible manufacturer or research and 129 development service shall be eligible to receive under this section shall be determined by the Secretary, 130 based on the recommendation of the Partnership, and contingent upon approval by the Governor. The 131 determination of the appropriate amount of an investment performance grant shall be based on the 132 application of guidelines that establish criteria for correlating the amount of a grant to the relative value 133 to the Commonwealth of the eligible investment.

134 D. The Partnership shall assist the Secretary in developing objective guidelines that shall be used in 135 awarding investment performance grants. No grant shall be awarded until the Secretary has provided 136 copies of such guidelines for review to the chairmen Chairmen of the House Committee on 137 Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance. The preparation of the guidelines shall be exempt 138 from the requirements of Article 2 (§ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et 139 seq.). The guidelines shall require determinations regarding the amount of investment performance grants 140 to address:

141 1. The number of new jobs created by the capital investment;

142 2. The wages paid for the new jobs and the amount by which wages exceed the average 143 manufacturing wage for the locality or region;

144 3. The extent to which the capital investment produces (i) measurable increases in capacity, productivity, or both; (ii) measurable decreases in the production of flawed product; or (iii) measurable 145 146 advances in knowledge, research, or the application of research findings for the creation of new or 147 significantly improved products or processes that support manufacturing;

148 4. The amount of the capital investment; 149

5. The net present value of benefits to Virginia;

150 6. The amount of other incentives offered by the Commonwealth and the locality; and

151 7. The importance of the manufacturing or research and development facility to the economy of the 152 locality or region.

153 The guidelines shall also address the eligibility of manufacturers or research and development 154 services that make a capital investment in phases over a period of years, and limits on eligibility for 155 multiple grants by the same manufacturer or research and development service within stated periods of 156 time.

157 E. The amount of an investment performance grant to any eligible manufacturer under this section 158 shall not exceed \$3 million or 10 percent of the amount appropriated by the General Assembly to the 159 Investment Performance Grant subfund in the year that the terms of a grant are determined. For all eligible projects awarded grants on or after July 1, 2005, and before July 1, 2009, the amount of an 160 investment performance grant to any recipient under this section shall not exceed \$1.5 million. For 161 162 eligible projects awarded grants on or after July 1, 2009, the amount of an investment performance grant to any recipient under this section shall not exceed \$3 million, except for eligible projects that 163 164 demonstrate extraordinary characteristics described in guidelines implementing this chapter the amount of 165 an investment performance grant to any such recipient under this section shall not exceed \$5 million.

166 F. For all eligible projects awarded grants before July 1, 2005, the aggregate amount of investment 167 performance grants approved under this section in any year shall not exceed \$6 million, and the 168 aggregate amount of grants outstanding to all eligible manufacturers under this section for all years shall 169 at no time exceed \$30 million. For all such grants awarded prior to that date, the annual obligations of 170 the Commonwealth to make grant payments to individual eligible manufacturers under this section shall 171 not exceed \$600,000. For all eligible projects awarded grants on or after July 1, 2005, and before July 172 1, 2009, the aggregate amount of investment performance grants approved under this section in any year 173 shall not exceed \$3 million, and the aggregate amount of such grants awarded after that date and 174 outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$15 million. For all such grants awarded on or after that date, 175 the annual obligations of the Commonwealth to make grant payments to individual recipients under this 176 section shall not exceed \$300,000. For all eligible projects awarded grants on or after July 1, 2009, and 177 before July 1, 2015, the aggregate amount of investment performance grants approved under this section 178 in any year shall not exceed \$6 million, and the aggregate amount of such grants awarded on or after 179 that date July 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2015, and outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$30 180 million. For all such grants awarded on or after that date July1, 2009, and before July 1, 2015, the 181 annual obligations of the Commonwealth to make grant payments to individual recipients under this 182 section shall not exceed \$1 million. For all eligible projects awarded grants on or after July 1, 2015,

183 the aggregate amount of investment performance grants approved under this section in any year shall not exceed \$6 million, and the aggregate amount of such grants awarded on or after July 1, 2015, and 184 185 outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$15 million. For all such grants awarded on or after July 1, 186 2015, the annual obligations of the Commonwealth to make grant payments to individual recipients 187 under this section shall not exceed \$1 million.

188 G. Any eligible manufacturer or research and development service shall be eligible to receive a grant 189 from the Fund in five equal installments beginning in the third year after the capital investment is 190 completed and the Partnership has verified that the requirements applicable to such grant have been 191 satisfied. Any eligible manufacturer or research and development service located in a fiscally distressed 192 area of the State, as defined in the guidelines implementing this chapter, shall be eligible to begin 193 receiving grants in the second year after the capital investment is completed and verified. 194

## § 2.2-5102. Performance grant for major eligible manufacturers.

195 A. As used in this section, "major eligible employer" means any eligible manufacturer or other 196 nonmanufacturing basic employer that makes a capital investment of at least \$100 million that results in 197 the creation of at least 1,000 new jobs. For corporate headquarters and other basic employers that make 198 a capital investment of at least \$100 million and create at least 400 new jobs paying at least twice the 199 prevailing average wage for the area, the 1,000 job requirement may be reduced in proportion to the 200 factor by which the wages for the new jobs exceed the prevailing average wage for the area. All other 201 provisions of this chapter shall apply equally to major eligible manufacturers and major eligible 202 nonmanufacturing basic employers, in this chapter collectively referred to as "major eligible employers."

203 B. Subject to the appropriation by the General Assembly of sufficient moneys to the Major Eligible 204 Employer Grant subfund, any major eligible employer shall be eligible for a grant under this section of 205 up to \$25 million, to be payable from such subfund over a period of not less than five years and not more than seven years, commencing in the sixth third year following the approval by the Secretary of 206 207 the employer's grant application. Any major eligible employer located in a fiscally distressed area of the 208 State, as defined in the guidelines implementing this chapter, shall be eligible to begin receiving grants 209 in the fourth year after the capital investment is completed and verified.

210 C. The Partnership shall establish an application process by which major eligible employers may 211 apply for a grant under this section. An application for a grant under this section shall not be approved 212 until the Partnership has verified that the capital investment has been completed.

213 D. The Comptroller shall not draw any warrants to issue checks for grants under this chapter without 214 a specific legislative appropriation as specified in conditions and restrictions on expenditures in the 215 appropriation act. The payment of any grant under this section shall be in accordance with the terms and 216 conditions set forth in a memorandum of understanding between a major eligible employer and the 217 Commonwealth. These terms and conditions shall supplement the provisions of this chapter and shall 218 include but not be limited to the terms of the payment of the grant. The payment of the grant shall be 219 made in full or in proportion to a major eligible employer's fulfillment of the terms of the memorandum 220 of understanding. The Secretary shall consult with the House Committee on Appropriations and the 221 Senate Committee on Finance prior to entering into any memorandum of understanding. The House 222 Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance shall have the opportunity to review 223 any memorandum of understanding prior to its execution by the Commonwealth.

#### 224 § 30-309. MEI Project Approval Commission; membership; terms; compensation and expenses; 225 definition.

226 A. The MEI Project Approval Commission (the Commission) is established as an advisory 227 commission in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission shall be to 228 review financing for individual incentive packages, including but not limited to packages offering tax 229 incentives, for economic development projects (including but not limited to MEI projects) for which (i) 230 one or more of the incentives in the incentive package is not authorized under current law or (ii) an 231 amendment by the General Assembly is being sought to one or more currently existing incentives included as part of the incentive package or (ii) the aggregate amount of incentives to be provided by 232 233 the Commonwealth in the incentive package including grants, tax incentives such as credits and 234 exemptions, general or nongeneral funds, proceeds from bonds, rights to lease property at below fair 235 market value, or any other incentives from the Commonwealth is in excess of \$10 million in value.

236 B. The Commission shall consist of 10 members as follows: the chair of the House Committee on 237 Appropriations and four five members of the House Committee on Appropriations appointed by the chair 238 of the House Committee on Appropriations and the chair of the Senate Finance Committee and two 239 three members of the Senate Finance Committee on Finance appointed by the chair of the Senate 240 Committee on Finance. In addition, the Secretaries of Finance and Commerce and Trade shall serve as 241 ex officio, nonvoting members of the Commission.

C. Members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies for unexpired terms 242 243 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Members may be reappointed for 244 successive terms.

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D. The members of the Commission shall elect a chairman and vice chairman vice-chairman annually. A majority of the voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

249 E. Legislative members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as provided in 250 § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative members shall receive such compensation as provided in § 2.2-2813.

251 F. As used in this chapter, "MEI project" means the same as that term is defined in § 2.2-2260.

## § 30-310. Review of incentive packages.

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252 253 A. 1. The Commission shall review individual incentive packages, including but not limited to 254 packages offering tax incentives, for economic development projects (including but not limited to MEI 255 projects) for which (i) one or more of the incentives in the incentive package is not authorized under 256 current law or (ii) an amendment by the General Assembly is being sought to one or more currently 257 existing incentives included as part of the incentive package or (ii) the aggregate amount of incentives 258 to be provided by the Commonwealth in the incentive package including grants, tax incentives such as 259 credits and exemptions, general or nongeneral funds, proceeds from bonds, rights to lease property at 260 below fair market value, or any other incentives from the Commonwealth is in excess of \$10 million in 261 *value*. The Commission shall recommend approval or denial of such packages to the General Assembly. Factors that shall be considered by the Commission in its review shall include, but not be limited to (i) 262 return on investment, (ii) the time frame for repayment of incentives to the Commonwealth, (iii) average 263 264 wages of the jobs created by the prospective MEI project or other economic development project, (iv) 265 the amount of capital investment that is required, and (v) the need for enhanced employment 266 opportunities in the prospective location of the prospective MEI project or other economic development 267 project.

268 2. a. Any time a proposed individual incentive package is to be considered by the Commission, 269 materials outlining (i) the value of the proposed incentives, (ii) assumed return on investment, (iii) the 270 time frame for repayment of incentives to the Commonwealth, (iv) average wages of the jobs created by 271 the prospective MEI project or other economic development project, (v) the amount of capital 272 investment that is required, and (vi) the need for enhanced employment opportunities in the prospective 273 location of the prospective MEI project or other economic development project, shall be provided to the 274 Commission members not less than forty eight 48 hours prior to the scheduled Commission meeting.

275 b. The timing of any request for an endorsement of a proposed individual incentive package should 276 be scheduled so that the MEI Commission could, at its discretion, have up to seven days subsequent to 277 the presentation of the incentive package prior to endorsing or rejecting such proposal.

278 B. An affirmative vote by three of the five members of the Commission from the House of Delegates 279 and two of the three members of the Commission from the Senate shall be required to endorse any 280 incentive package, including but not limited to packages offering tax incentives, for economic development projects (including but not limited to MEI projects) for which (i) one or more of the 281 282 incentives in the incentive package is not authorized under current law or (ii) an amendment by the 283 General Assembly is being sought to one or more currently existing incentives included as part of the 284 incentive package or (ii) the aggregate amount of incentives to be provided by the Commonwealth in the 285 incentive package including grants, tax incentives such as credits and exemptions, general or nongeneral 286 funds, proceeds from bonds, rights to lease property at below fair market value, or any other incentives 287 from the Commonwealth is in excess of \$10 million in value.

288 § 45.1-394. (Repealed effective July 1, 2017) Biofuels Production Incentive Grant Program. 289 A. For the purposes of this section:

290 "Advanced biofuels" means a fuel derived from any cellulose, hemicellulose, or lignin that is derived 291 from renewable biomass, or algae.

292 "Biodiesel fuel" means a fuel composed of mono-alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from 293 vegetable oils or animal fats, designated B100, and meeting the requirements of ASTM D6751.

294 "Biofuels" means neat biodiesel fuel, neat green diesel fuel, or neat ethanol fuel that is not blended 295 with a traditional fuel such as gasoline or diesel.

"Ethanol fuels" means fermentation alcohol derived from agricultural products, including potatoes, 296 297 cereal grains, dry mill corn, whey, and sugar beets; forest products; or other renewable resources, 298 including residue and waste generated from the production, processing, and marketing of agricultural 299 products, forest products, and other renewable resources, that:

300 1. Meets all applicable ASTM specifications; and

301 2. Is denatured as specified in 27 C.F.R. Parts 20 and 21.

"Feedstock" means the agricultural or other renewable resources, whether plant or animal derived, 302 303 used to produce biofuels.

304 "Green diesel fuel" means a fuel produced from nonfossil renewable resources, including agricultural 305 or silvicultural plants; animal fats; residue and waste generated from the production, processing, and 306 marketing of agricultural products; silvicultural products; and other renewable resources, and meeting307 applicable ASTM specifications.

308 "Producer" means any person, entity, or agricultural cooperative association, as defined in the
309 Agricultural Cooperative Association Act (§ 13.1-312 et seq.) that, in a calendar year, produces in the
310 Commonwealth at least one million gallons of advanced biofuels or biofuels using feedstock originating
311 domestically within the United States.

B. 1. A producer of neat advanced biofuels or neat biofuels, including but not limited to such biofuels derived from cereal grains, shall be eligible to receive a biofuels production incentive grant for each gallon of the same that it produces in the Commonwealth. However, a producer shall be eligible for a grant from the Biofuels Production Fund (the Fund) established under § 45.1-393 only for each gallon of neat advanced biofuels or neat biofuels that it produces in the Commonwealth on or after January 1, 2014, which gallon has also been sold by the producer to customers.

2. The grant for neat advanced biofuels or neat biofuels produced in the Commonwealth and subsequently sold to customers shall equal (i) \$0.04 per gallon for sales to customers in calendar year 2014, (ii) \$0.03 per gallon for sales to customers in calendar year 2015, and (iii) \$0.025 per gallon for sales to customers in calendar year 2016 and for the period January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017.

322 3. Each producer applying for a grant under this section for 2015 production of neat advanced
323 biofuels or neat biofuels shall make a good faith effort to produce the same using feedstock that is not
324 derived from corn or the corn kernel, stalk, or any other part of the plant. Further, no grant shall be
325 awarded for neat advanced biofuels or neat biofuels produced in 2016 or thereafter using feedstock
326 derived from corn or the corn kernel, stalk, or any other part of the plant.

No person shall be eligible for any grants pursuant to this section if the person, or an affiliate of the person, was the recipient of a grant under the Clean Energy Manufacturing Incentive Grant Program 329 (§ 59.1-284.25 et seq.) as such program was in effect prior to July 1, 2015.

4. In no case shall the Director of the Division of Energy approve more than \$1.5 million in grants
in each of fiscal years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017. Grants awarded under this section shall
be paid from the Fund.

C. In the event applications for grants pursuant to subsection B as approved by the Director of the
Division of Energy exceed the total amount of money allocated in the Fund, grant payments shall be
apportioned among eligible producers pro rata based upon the total qualifying gallons of neat advanced
biofuels or neat biofuels sold in the respective calendar year by all such eligible producers.

337 D. Any producer eligible to apply for a grant pursuant to this section shall provide evidence in the 338 form of production reports, satisfactory to the Director of the Division of Energy, that the producer met 339 the production requirements provided under this section for the respective calendar year. The producer 340 shall also provide evidence in the form of sales reports, satisfactory to the Director, of the number of qualifying gallons of neat advanced biofuels or neat biofuels sold by the producer to customers in the 341 342 respective calendar year. Such reports shall be filed no later than March 31 following the calendar year 343 in which the producer sold the qualifying gallons of biofuels. Failure to meet the filing deadline shall 344 render the applicant ineligible to receive a grant. The postmark cancellation shall govern the date of the 345 filing determination unless the Director has approved an alternative means of filing.

346 No producer shall be eligible to receive grants pursuant to this section for qualifying sales made in
 347 more than six calendar years. No grants shall be paid under this section for neat advanced biofuels or
 348 neat biofuels sold on or after July 1, 2017.

E. The Director of the Division of Energy shall determine the amount of the grant payable to each qualifying producer. The Director shall then certify to the Comptroller the grant amount each producer of biofuels is eligible to receive in a given calendar year. Payments shall be paid by check issued by the State Treasurer on warrant of the Comptroller.

F. The Director, upon presenting appropriate credentials, may examine the records, books, invoices,
bills of lading, storage and production facilities, and other applicable documents to determine whether
the production and sale of neat advanced biofuels or neat biofuels meet the requirements for grants as
set forth in this section.

357 2. That the Virginia Economic Development Partnership shall by November 30, 2015, provide a 358 written report to the members of the MEI Project Approval Commission established under 359 § 30-309 of the Code of Virginia identifying the specific statutes or programs under which state 360 incentives were committed or allowed to economic development projects between January 1, 2010, and January 1, 2015, pursuant to incentive packages of the Virginia Economic Development 361 Partnership. The report shall include the aggregate dollar value of state incentives committed or 362 363 allowed under each specific statute or program during the five-year period. The report shall also include an assessment of the relative effectiveness of each state incentive and an evaluation of how 364 365 each could be improved to better address the economic growth of the Commonwealth.

366 3. That Chapter 22.3 (§§ 59.1-284.13 through 59.1-284.15:1) of Title 59.1 of the Code of Virginia is 367 repealed effective July 1, 2016. 368 4. That Chapter 22.8 (§§ 59.1-284.25, 59.1-284.26, and 59.1-284.27) of Title 59.1 of the Code of 369 Virginia is repealed.