

2015 SESSION

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

15104670D

SENATE BILL NO. 1443

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Local Government
on February 3, 2015)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Miller)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.3, relating to comprehensive plan; sea-level rise.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2223.3 as follows:

§ 15.2-2223.3. *Comprehensive plan shall incorporate strategies to combat projected sea-level rise and recurrent flooding.*

Beginning July 1, 2015, any locality included in the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission shall incorporate into the next scheduled and all subsequent reviews of its comprehensive plan strategies to combat projected sea-level rise and recurrent flooding. Such review shall be coordinated with the other localities in the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. The Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Emergency Management, the Marine Resources Commission, Old Dominion University, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science shall provide technical assistance to any such locality upon request. Local hazard mitigation plans required for participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program shall also be incorporated into the comprehensive plan. For a locality not participating in the FEMA Community Rating System, the comprehensive plan shall include an action plan and time frame for such participation.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

SB1443S1