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HOUSE BILL NO. 1309 Offered January 21, 2016

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.2-209.1, relating to the Office of Immigrant Assistance.

Patron—Keam

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.2-209.1 as follows: § 63.2-209.1. Office of Immigrant Assistance.

There is created in the Department an Office of Immigrant Assistance to assist persons lawfully entering the United States and the Commonwealth for the purpose of becoming citizens. The Office shall provide (i) advice and assistance regarding the citizenship application process and (ii) assistance with finding and securing employment, housing, and services for which such persons may be eligible.