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**SENATE BILL NO. 1309** AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Local Government on January 18, 2021)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Ebbin)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2114.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local stormwater assistance; flood mitigation and protection.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-2114.01 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-2114.01. Local Stormwater Management Fund; grant moneys.

Any locality may by ordinance create a local Stormwater Management Fund consisting of appropriated local moneys for the purpose of granting funds to an owner of private property or a common interest community for stormwater management and erosion prevention on previously developed lands. Grants from such fund shall be used only for (i) the construction, improvement, or repair of a stormwater management facility of for; (ii) erosion and sediment control; or (iii) flood mitigation and protection measures that are part of a comprehensive flood mitigation and protection plan adopted by the locality. Grants made pursuant to clause (iii) shall, where practicable, prioritize projects that include nature-based practices.