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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2393**

Offered January 17, 2023

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 6 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-660, relating to coastal resilience policy; research university collaborative.*

Patron—Hodges

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 6 of Title 10.1 a section numbered 10.1-660 as follows:**

**§ 10.1-660. Coastal resilience policy; research university collaborative.**

*The Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources (the Secretary) and all relevant agencies, when setting coastal resilience policies, shall seek input and consultation from the Commonwealth's research university collaborative, including the Virginia Coastal Policy Center, Virginia Sea Grant, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience. The Secretary and all relevant agencies shall utilize such research university collaborative's expertise, research, and data analysis for the implementation of water management techniques and coastal resilience strategies.*

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