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23105130D **SENATE BILL NO. 1208** 1 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE 2 3 4 5 6 7 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor on January 23, 2023) (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Reeves) A BILL to direct the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to assess the feasibility of establishing a Virginia-Taiwan Trade Office. 8 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 9 1. § 1. Pursuant to the powers and duties of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority 10 (the Authority) related to economic development services in subdivisions A 6 and 7 of § 2.2-2238 of the Code of Virginia, the Authority shall coordinate with the government of Taiwan to assess the feasibility 11 of establishing a Virginia-Taiwan Trade Office to serve as the official representation of the 12 Commonwealth in Taiwan by promoting and offering services relating to economic development, trade, 13 14 education, and cultural exchanges and interests between the Commonwealth and Taiwan, including

exploring business operations and investments, promoting the Commonwealth's agricultural, industrial,

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people of Taiwan.