

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to develop plans for studying the ecology,*  
3 *fishery impacts, and economic importance of menhaden populations in the waters of the*  
4 *Commonwealth; report.*

5 [S 1388]

6 Approved

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

8 1. § 1. That the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) shall develop plans for studying the  
9 ecology, fishery impacts, and economic importance of menhaden populations in the waters of the  
10 Commonwealth. Such plans shall (i) include anticipated methodologies, timelines, and costs; (ii) identify  
11 relevant stakeholders for participation; and (iii) state whether VIMS is the most appropriate entity to  
12 perform the study. In developing the plans, VIMS shall collaborate with and receive input from the  
13 Menhaden Management Advisory Committee established in § 28.2-208.2 of the Code of Virginia and the  
14 Atlantic Menhaden Technical Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and other  
15 relevant stakeholders.

16 VIMS shall, no later than September 1, 2023, provide a report on its findings to the Chairmen of the  
17 Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and the House Committee on  
18 Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources.

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