24103182D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1255** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 10, 2024 Prefiled January 10, 2024 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23.1-902.2, relating to public institutions of higher education; diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; annual certification. 6 Patrons—Milde, Earley, Walker and Zehr 7 8 Referred to Committee on Rules 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23.1-902.2 as follows: 11 § 23.1-902.2. Diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; annual certification. 12 13 The chief executive officer of each public institution of higher education shall annually submit to the 14 Council, the Governor, and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate 15 Committee on Education and Health no later than August 1 a written, signed certification that no diversity, equity, and inclusion-related program, instruction, or initiative provided or sponsored by such 16

institution promotes anti-Semitism.