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HOUSE BILL NO. 338

House Amendments in [] - February 12, 2024

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 22 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-2209.4, relating to siting of data centers; impacts on resources; site assessment.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Thomas

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 22 of Title 15.2 a section numbered 15.2-2209.4 as follows:

§ 15.2-2209.4. Siting of data centers; site assessment.

Prior to any approval for the siting of a data center, a locality [~~shall~~ may] perform a site assessment to examine the effect of the data center on water usage and carbon emissions [~~as well as~~ any impacts on agricultural resources] within the locality.

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