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HOUSE BILL NO. 338

Offered January 10, 2024

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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.

Patrons—Thomas, Helmer, Srinivasan, Laufer, Lovejoy and Webert; Senator: Roem

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 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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