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**SENATE BILL NO. 612**

Offered January 10, 2024

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2505.1, relating to reduction of local law enforcement budget.*

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Patron—McGuire

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Referred to Committee on Local Government

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2505.1 as follows:**

***§ 15.2-2505.1. Reduction of local law enforcement budget prohibited; exception.***

*No local governing body shall approve a budget that will reduce the total funds appropriated for local law-enforcement purposes from the preceding fiscal year except by unanimous vote of all members elected to the governing body.*

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