

2025 SESSION

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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 930**

2 Offered January 8, 2025

3 Prefiled January 6, 2025

4 *A BILL to direct the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to study the cumulative impacts of surface water
5 intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries;
6 report.*

7 Patron—Stuart

8 Referred to Committee on Rules

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

10 **1. § 1. That the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) shall study the cumulative impacts of surface
water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries.
Such impacts to water quality from cumulative withdrawals shall be determined by quantifying any
acceleration of upriver salinity migration beyond that which is naturally occurring due to sea level rise.
VIMS shall submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor, the Secretary of
Natural and Historic Resources, the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Chairs
of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, the Senate Committee on
Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, and
the House Committee on Appropriations no later than October 1, 2028.**

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