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SENATE BILL NO. 913
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on General Laws
on February 13, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stanley)

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-4311.3, relating to Virginia Public Procurement Act; procurement of imported goods; forced and indentured child labor prohibition.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-4311.3 as follows:

§ 2.2-4311.3. Procurement of imported goods; forced and indentured child labor prohibition.

A. *For the purposes of this section, "forced or indentured child labor" means all work or service (i) exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which such person does not offer himself voluntarily or (ii) performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.*

B. *In the awarding of contracts, no public body shall enter into a contract with a business providing a product included on the list of products produced by forced or indentured child labor maintained by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs without a third-party certification provided to the Commonwealth. The Department of General Services shall develop regulations to recognize such third-party certifications.*

2. That the Department of General Services shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective no later than October 1, 2025. Such regulations shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia).

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