

2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 985**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 13, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2202.1, relating to local land use*
5 *decision authority.*

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7 Patron—Garrett
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9 Committee Referral Pending

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

11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2202.1 as follows:**

12 **§ 15.2-2202.1. Local land use decisions not to be ceded to state agencies.**

13 *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or special, the authority for a locality's planning and*
14 *land use decisions as granted by this chapter belongs solely to the locality and shall not be ceded to any state*
15 *agency or state-sanctioned body.*

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