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HOUSE BILL NO. 1502

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources on February 11, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Guzman)

A BILL to direct the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct a one-year study of all standby generators used by certain commercial facilities in the Commonwealth and explore ways to address the pollution from such generators; report.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§ 1. That the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) shall conduct a one-year study of all standby generators used by a commercial facility with an air permit in the Commonwealth, including a data center, as that term is defined in subdivision A 43 of § 58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia. The study shall (i) identify commercial facilities with an air permit that use standby generators, (ii) identify the type of pollutants emitted from such standby generators, and (iii) analyze and describe the amount of pollutants from such standby generators. The Department shall report its findings and any recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources by July 1, 2027.*