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HOUSE BILL NO. 651  
 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
 (Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations  
 on \_\_\_\_\_)  
 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Feggans)

A BILL to direct the Virginia Information Technologies Agency to assess the creation of a cyber civilian corps for the Commonwealth; report.

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

1. § 1. That the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) shall assess the creation of a cyber civilian corps to provide mutual aid to the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions for the purpose of protecting critical infrastructure and responding to cybersecurity incidents. The assessment shall include determining (i) the utility of such a corps in providing cybersecurity services to the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions; (ii) eligibility for such corps, including professional qualifications, background checks, and necessary agreements between volunteers and the Commonwealth governing their participation; (iii) availability of potential volunteers; and (iv) any other matters deemed relevant to the assessment by VITA. VITA shall collaborate with relevant stakeholders in conducting its assessment. VITA shall report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and General Laws and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and General Laws and Technology by November 1, 2024.

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