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HOUSE BILL NO. 276

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on/for \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Coyner)

A BILL to convene a stakeholder advisory group to review wetland and stream mitigation credits.

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

1. § 1. The Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) shall convene a stakeholder advisory group to (i) determine, to the extent practicable, the current and projected demand for wetland and stream mitigation credits by public and private entities and (ii) recommend legislative and regulatory changes to increase the supply of wetland and stream mitigation credits and reduce volatility in the price of mitigation credits. The stakeholder advisory group shall be comprised of representatives of the residential and commercial land development industry, the mitigation banking industry, the Virginia Department of Transportation, economic development agencies, environmental organizations, federal agencies involved in the review and approval of wetland and stream mitigation banks, and other public and private entities deemed appropriate by the Department. The stakeholder advisory group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources no later than November 1, 2022.

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