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SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO. ____

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-940 of the Code of Virginia, relating to powers of local governments; economic incentives.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-940 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-940. Expenditures for promoting resources and advantages of locality.

A. Any locality may, in its discretion, expend funds from the locally derived revenues of the locality for the purpose of promoting the resources and advantages of the locality. Such purpose shall include, without limiting the generality thereof, watershed projects and expenditures in connection therewith.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no locality may provide an economic incentive to a private entity that is already located in the locality unless it is likely that the private entity would relocate outside of the locality without the incentive.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no locality may provide an economic incentive to a private entity located outside of the locality unless it is likely that the private entity would not relocate within the locality without the incentive.

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