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HOUSE BILL NO. 553

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A *BILL to direct the Secretary of Transportation to implement initiatives related to commercial driver's licenses.*

Patrons—O'Quinn; Senator: Hackworth

Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary), in consultation with the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and other relevant stakeholders, shall:*

1. Identify state laws, regulations, or policies that adversely affect or create unnecessary burdens upon the trucking industry and commercial drivers. The Secretary shall propose recommendations to address any such laws, regulations, or policies;

2. Work with the Department of Labor and Industry to promote commercial driver's license (CDL) training and certification opportunities among the workforce in the Commonwealth;

3. Work with the Department of Veterans Services to promote CDL training and certification opportunities for veterans and military service members;

4. Work with the Department of Corrections to promote CDL training and certification opportunities for individuals who are preparing to reenter society or who have already reentered society;

5. Coordinate with third parties, such as public institutions of higher education and private businesses, to increase the number of training and testing opportunities for CDL applicants and licensees, and to expand existing training where possible;

6. Encourage third-party CDL testing and training programs to expand the pool of CDL applicants eligible to participate in their programs; and

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall, upon request, provide assistance to and fully cooperate with the Secretary in carrying out the provisions of this act.

2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2023.

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