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SENATE BILL NO. 1262

Senate Amendments in [] — February 3, 2017

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-1409.1, relating to sanctuary policies.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Black

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-1409.1 as follows: § 15.2-1409.1. Liability of sanctuary cities for certain injuries and damages.

A sanctuary city shall be jointly and severally liable for the tortious injury to persons or property caused by an illegal alien within such locality. The notice of claim in an action brought pursuant to this section shall be filed pursuant to § 15.2-209.

For purposes of this section, "sanctuary city" means any locality that adopts any ordinance, procedure, or policy that [intentionally] restricts the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law [with intent to thwart the execution of federal immigration law] .