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HOUSE BILL NO. 1421

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered **2.2-602.1** and by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section numbered **15.2-982**, relating to enforcement of federal immigration law by the Commonwealth and by political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.*

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered **2.2-602.1** and by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 15.2 a section numbered **15.2-982** as follows:

*§ **2.2-602.1**. Enforcement of federal immigration law by agencies and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.*

*No agency of the Commonwealth as defined in § **8.01-385**, or political subdivision of the Commonwealth as defined in § **8.01-385**, or employee of either of them acting in his official capacity, may limit or restrict the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law.*

*§ **15.2-982**. Enforcement of federal immigration law by localities.*

No locality, or employee of a locality acting in his official capacity, may limit or restrict the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law.

2. That the Governor may withhold the appropriation of state funds under his control to any agency, political subdivision of the Commonwealth, or locality in violation of this act, or to any agency, political subdivision of the Commonwealth, or locality whose employee is in violation of this act, in an amount deemed sufficient to ensure compliance, and shall release the funds to the entity when compliance is achieved.