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SENATE BILL NO. 676

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Governor on March 27, 2015)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Senators Puller and Lucas)

A BILL to allocate funding for certain Veterans Care Center projects.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. In order to expedite the completion of certain Veterans Care Center projects, \$66.7 million in Virginia Public Building Authority Bonds authorized in Item C-39.40 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly of 2014, Special Session I, shall be made available as a priority for the Hampton Roads Veterans Care Center project or the Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center project set forth in paragraph B of such Item. Bond proceeds may be used for, but are not limited to, the design, environmental assessments, and construction of one or both Veterans Care Centers. Prior to allocating bond proceeds to a project or projects, the Department of Veterans Services shall provide a plan of action to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee and the Secretaries of Veterans and Defense Affairs and Finance. The Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall allocate bond proceeds up to the amounts provided above, and the same shall be appropriated, to the Department of Veterans Services so that the project or projects may proceed without further action by the Commonwealth, in accordance with 38 C.F.R. § 59.50 and 38 C.F.R. § 59.70(b).

§ 2. In addition to such priority allocation of bonds under § 1, the General Assembly hereby appropriates nongeneral funds in an amount equal to any federal grant funds to the Department of Veterans Services for the Veterans Care Center projects described in § 1.

§ 3. Each Veterans Care Center project is authorized up to a 230-bed facility.