

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 2224
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations
4 on February 1, 2023)
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Murphy)

6 A BILL to direct the Department of Health and the Department of General Services to convene a work
7 group to evaluate the current funding model for the Commonwealth's newborn screening program.

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 1. § 1. That the Department of Health and the Department of General Services shall convene a work group
10 to evaluate the current funding model for the Commonwealth's newborn screening program. In conducting
11 its evaluation, the work group shall analyze the appropriateness of the Commonwealth's current fee-for-
12 service funding model for newborn birthing providers. The work group shall survey and evaluate
13 alternative funding models, including those utilized by other states. From its analysis, the work group shall
14 prepare alternative funding models to the current model for review by the Chairmen of the House
15 Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Chairmen of the Senate
16 Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations. The work group shall be composed
17 of representatives from the Department of Health and the Department of General Services, the Department
18 of Medical Assistance Services, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, certified nurse midwife
19 stakeholder groups, and such other stakeholders as deemed appropriate. The Department of Health and
20 the Department of General Services shall report their findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of
21 the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Chairmen of the
22 Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations by December 1, 2023.

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