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HOUSE BILL NO. 912

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Commerce and Energy

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Orrock)

A BILL to direct the Bureau of Insurance to convene a work group regarding continuity of care.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission (the Bureau) shall convene a work group to determine options for ensuring continuity of care covered by insurance for a reasonable amount of time under reasonable conditions during the time that providers and insurance carriers are negotiating provider contracts. The work group shall include representatives of the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association, the Virginia Association of Health Plans, the Medical Society of Virginia, and other relevant parties identified by the Bureau. The work group shall provide recommendations regarding improvements to § 38.2-3407.10 of the Code of Virginia, and any other relevant laws, to ensure proper notice to enrollees and providers, to ensure reasonable opportunities for continuity of care and coverage, and to determine whether special considerations should apply for health care systems that own and operate affiliated hospitals, medical groups, and insurance carriers. The work group shall provide its recommendations no later than December 1, 2022, to the Chairs of the House Committee on Commerce and Energy, the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions, the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, and the Senate Committee on Education and Health.

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