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SENATE BILL NO. 1544

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on January 26, 2023)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute--Senators Rouse and Lucas [SB 1177])

A BILL to direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to review its regulations and make recommendations relating to the required reporting of certain allegations by licensed providers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department) shall review its regulations that require providers licensed by the Department to report allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and incidents classified as Level II and Level III. The Department shall collaborate with stakeholders to develop solutions to reduce administrative burdens on licensed providers. The Department shall report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by November 1, 2023.

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