

HOUSE BILL NO. 2255

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

on January 31, 2023)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Hodges)

A BILL to direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to review its regulations that impact licensed providers and identify reforms that increase efficiency, reduce redundancy, and decrease regulatory burdens on 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 impact providers licensed by the Department in order to identify reforms to increase efficiency, reduce redundancy, and decrease regulatory burdens on providers. This review shall include consideration of how relief from licensing requirements may be authorized for providers that are accredited by recognized national accreditation bodies. The Department shall also consider adjustments to the frequency of licensing inspections for providers with triennial licenses that have had no health or safety violations or complaints for the previous year. The Department shall collaborate with stakeholders to conduct this review and 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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