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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1202

Offered January 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-122.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Statewide Area Health Education Centers Program.*

Patrons—DeBoer, Brink, Diamonstein, Hamilton, Melvin and Morgan; Senators: Bolling, Lambert and Schrock

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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

#### **1. That § 32.1-122.7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 32.1-122.7. Statewide Area Health Education Centers Program.

A. The Virginia Statewide Area Health Education Centers Program (AHEC) is a collaborative partnership conducted under the auspices of the Virginia Statewide AHEC Board of Directors. Generally, AHECs are nonprofit organizations with a governing or advisory board of individuals representing the services area. The mission of the Area Health Education Centers Program is to promote health careers and access to primary care for medically underserved populations through community-academic partnerships. The mission of the Virginia Statewide AHEC Program is accomplished through the following four major areas of program activity: (i) developing health careers recruitment programs for Virginia's students, especially underrepresented and disadvantaged students; (ii) supporting the community-based training of primary care health professions students, residents, and other health professions students in Virginia's underserved communities; (iii) providing educational and practice support systems for the Commonwealth's primary care providers; and (iv) collaborating with health, education, and human services organizations to facilitate and promote improved health education and disease prevention among the citizens of the Commonwealth.

B. The Board of Directors shall report annually the status and progress of the implementation of the Program's goals and objectives to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the State Board of Health, and the Governor and the General Assembly. *The annual report shall also include a detailed summary of how state general funds appropriated to the Statewide AHEC Program and the local AHECs were expended during the most recently completed fiscal year.*

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