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## SENATE BILL NO. 473

Offered January 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-330 of the Code of Virginia, relating to pre-assessment screening teams.*

Patrons—Puller, Couric, Hanger, Hawkins, Houck, Miller, Y.B., Mims and Ticer

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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

#### **1. That § 32.1-330 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 32.1-330. Preadmission screening required.

All individuals who will be eligible for community or institutional long-term care services as defined in the state plan for medical assistance shall be evaluated to determine their need for nursing facility services as defined in that plan. The Department shall require a preadmission screening of all individuals who, at the time of application for admission to a certified nursing facility as defined in § 32.1-123, are eligible for medical assistance or will become eligible within six months following admission. For community-based screening, the screening team shall consist of a nurse, social worker and physician who are employees of the Department of Health or the local department of social services *except where individuals being screened are over the age of 18 and under the age of 65, have no indicators of cognitive impairment and have no legal guardian. In such cases, the screening team shall also consist of an individual who is an employee of, or named by, a Center for Independent Living. Such individuals named by a Center for Independent Living shall have personal experience living with a disability or whose qualifications include having experience with consumer-directed personal assistance or independent living services and a capacity to utilize a Virginia Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI). Further, individuals who are age 65 or older have the option to request that the Department or contractor of the Department include in the composition of the screening team an individual who is an employee of, or who is named by, a Center for Independent Living.* For institutional screening, the Department shall contract with acute care hospitals.

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