

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Commissioner of Health to examine the efficacy of certain testing.*

3 [S 699]

4 Approved

5 Whereas, congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) is a developmental disorder that is difficult to
6 diagnose; and7 Whereas, the symptoms of congenital adrenal hyperplasia are gradual, but can rapidly result in the
8 death of a newborn child; and

9 Whereas, death can be prevented by replacing the substance that the children do not produce; and

10 Whereas, there is a simple test for this condition that could result in saving the lives of many
11 children; and12 Whereas, however, some issues relating to false positive test results among premature infants must be
13 resolved; now, therefore14 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**15 **1. § 1. Commissioner directed to examine the efficacy of certain testing.**16 *The Commissioner of Health shall examine the issues, costs, and benefits of testing newborns for*
17 *congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) and shall make recommendations to the 2001 General Assembly*
18 *concerning the requiring of such testing of infants. In conducting this examination, the Commissioner*
19 *shall consult with pediatricians and other experts and the parents of affected children.*

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