

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 SESSION

CHAPTER 278

An Act to amend and reenact § 37.1-194 of the Code of Virginia, relating to services provided by community services boards.

[H 888]

Approved April 1, 2002

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 37.1-194 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 37.1-194. Purpose; services to be provided.

The Department, for the purposes of establishing, maintaining, and promoting the development of mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services in the Commonwealth, may provide funds to assist any city or county, or any combination of political subdivisions, in the provision of such services. Every county or city or combination of cities or counties or counties and cities shall establish a community services board. Every county or city or combination of cities or counties or cities and counties that has established a community services board shall, in consultation with its community services board, designate its board as an operating community services board, an administrative policy community services board or a local government department with a policy-advisory community services board. The governing body or bodies of the political subdivision or subdivisions that established the community services board may change this designation at any time by ordinance. In the case of a community services board established by more than one political subdivision, the decision to change this designation shall be unanimous.

The core of services to be provided by operating community services boards, administrative policy community services boards or local government departments with policy-advisory community services boards within the political subdivisions that they serve shall include emergency services, and case management services subject to such funds as may be appropriated therefor, and may include a comprehensive system of inpatient, outpatient, day-support residential, prevention, early intervention, and other appropriate mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services necessary to provide individualized services and supports to ~~persons~~ *adults, children and adolescents* with mental illnesses, mental retardation, or alcohol or other drug abuse problems or dependence.