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SENATE BILL NO. 853

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 37.1-65 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voluntary admission to state hospital.*

Patron—Cuccinelli

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 37.1-65 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 37.1-65. Voluntary admission.

Any state hospital shall admit as a patient any person, *including a juvenile 14 years of age or older who has the consent of his parent*, requesting admission who, having been screened by the community services board or the community mental health clinic which serves the political subdivision of which the person is a resident and having been examined by a physician on the staff of such hospital, is deemed to be in need of hospitalization by such board or clinic and the physician for mental illness, mental retardation or substance abuse. If it is impossible or impractical to obtain a prescreening report from the community services board which serves the political subdivision where the person resides, the person may be screened by the community services board of the political subdivision where the person is located.

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