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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-701 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department for the Aging; long-term care services.

Patrons—Hamilton, Athey, Crockett-Stark, Hugo, Landes, Lohr, O'Bannon, Peace, Rust and Sherwood

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 2.2-701 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.2-701. Nature of long-term care services.

A. The long-term care services shall include, *but not be limited to, the following:*

1. A balanced range of health, social, and supportive services to deliver long-term care services to individuals with chronic illnesses or functional impairments;

2. Meaningful choice, increased functional ability, and affordability as determining factors in defining long-term care service needs, which needs shall be determined by a uniform system for comprehensively assessing the needs and preferences of individuals requiring such services;

3. Service delivery, consistent with the needs and preferences of individuals requiring such services, that occurs in the most independent, least restrictive, and most appropriate living situation possible; and

4. Opportunities for self-care and independent living, as appropriate, by encouraging all long-term care programs to maximize self-care and independent living within the mainstream of life in the community.

B. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, the following categories: socialization services, health care services, nutrition services, daily living services, educational services, housing services, transportation services, and supportive services.

B-C. As used in this section:

~~"Socialization services" includes telephone reassurance, friendly visiting and congregate meals.~~

~~"Health care services" includes home health care and community medical care.~~

~~"Nutrition services" includes home-delivered meals, food stamps and congregate meals.~~

"Daily living services" includes homemaker, companion, personal care and chore services, home repair, weatherization and adult day care.

"Educational services" includes printed and web-based information on the long-term care services provided by agencies of the Commonwealth, its localities and private sector agencies, and public information as provided in § 2.2-213.1.

"Health care services" includes home health care and community medical care.

"Housing services" includes community-based residential opportunities and retrofitting existing housing as needed.

"Nutrition services" includes home-delivered meals, food stamps, and congregate meals.

"Socialization services" includes telephone reassurance, friendly visiting, and congregate meals.

"Supportive services" includes adult protective services, mental health and mental retardation services, counseling services and legal aid.

"Transportation services" includes readily available access to public transportation or area coordinated para-transit systems.

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