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**HOUSE BILL NO. 871**

House Amendments in [ ] - February 11, 2008

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 63.2 a section numbered 63.2-214.1, relating to funding of programs that support healthy marriages and strong families.*

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Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Johnson

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 63.2 a section numbered 63.2-214.1 as follows:**

*§ 63.2-214.1. Marriage and family programs; funding.*

*A. To the extent authorized by federal law, the Department [ ~~shall spend a minimum of~~ may spend up to ] one percent of all funds received through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant during each fiscal year to fund programs that support the development of healthy marriages and the strengthening of families.*

*B. A portion, not to exceed 10 percent, of the money required to be spent as provided in subsection A [ ~~shall may~~ ] be allocated to develop a process, in cooperation with any public college or university, for identifying best practices and outcomes for programs supported by grants made pursuant to this section.*

*C. If before implementation of any provision of this section a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.*

*D. The Board shall adopt such rules and promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to implement programs developed pursuant to this section.*

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