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SENATE BILL NO. 463

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-37 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reporting of infectious diseases.*

Patron—Whipple

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-37 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-37. Reports by persons other than physicians.

A. The person in charge of any medical care facility, *residential facility or group home licensed by either the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services or the Department of Social Services*, school, or summer camp as defined in § 35.1-1 shall immediately make or cause to be made a report of a disease required by the Board to be reported when such information is available to that person and that person has reason to believe that no physician has reported such disease as provided in § 32.1-36. Such report shall be made by telephone or in person to the local health director ~~or~~ and to the Commissioner.

B. The person in charge of any medical care facility, *residential facility or group home licensed by either the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services or the Department of Social Services*, school, or summer camp as defined in § 35.1-1 may also voluntarily report additional information at the request of the Department of Health for special surveillance or other epidemiological studies.

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