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HOUSE BILL NO. 2500

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions

on February 3, 2009)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Ward)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 9 of Title 63.2 a section numbered 63.2-914, relating to the "A Place of My Own" Program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 9 of Title 63.2 a section numbered 63.2-914 as follows:

§ 63.2-914. "A Place of My Own" program; Department to develop.

The Department shall take steps to identify and work together with faith-based, volunteer, private, and community-based organizations to develop and implement a program, to be known as the "A Place" of My Own" Program (Program), to seek and accept donations and coordinate the distribution of luggage for children in foster care. The Department may also apply for and accept grants, and may accept gifts, donations, and bequests to support the activities of the Program pursuant to this section.

There is hereby created a special nonreverting fund to be known as the "A Place of My Own" Program Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller, and shall consist of grants, donations, and bequests from public and private sources and any such funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly. Such moneys shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the Fund and shall be used solely to support the activities of the Program, pursuant to this section. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. The Fund shall be administered by the Commissioner.