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HOUSE BILL NO. 1811

Offered January 12, 2011 Prefiled January 11, 2011

A BILL to amend and reenact § 63.2-620 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child care services; reimbursement.

Patron—Surovell

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 63.2-620 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 63.2-620. Child care services for TANF and low-income families.

A. The Department shall identify strategies (i) for Virginia to obtain the maximum amount of federal funds available for child care services for TANF recipients and families whose incomes are at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level and (ii) to increase reimbursement rates for child care services for TANF recipients and families whose incomes are at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level with the goal of achieving reimbursement rates comparable to the goal identified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Department shall provide an annual report on these strategies to the chairmen Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and Senate Committees on Finance and Rehabilitation and Social Services by December 15.

B. The Department shall develop criteria for determining an appropriate local match for funds available for child care services for TANF recipients and families whose incomes are at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level. However, in no case shall the local match rate for such funds exceed 20 percent of the amount of funds required to be provided by the Commonwealth.