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**HOUSE BILL NO. 271****AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations

on February 8, 2012)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Peace)

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.2-310.1, relating to the Substance Abuse Recovery Support Services Grant Program.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 37.2-310.1 as follows:**

*§ 37.2-310.1. Substance Abuse Recovery Support Services Grant Program established.*

*A. There is hereby created in the Department a Substance Abuse Recovery Support Services Grant Program (the Grant Program) to provide grants for recovery support services in the Commonwealth.*

*B. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Substance Abuse Recovery Support Services Grant Program Fund, hereafter referred to as "the Fund," to provide funding for the Grant Program established pursuant to subsection A. The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller, and shall consist of such private grants, gifts, and donations as may be made to the Grant Program. All grants, gifts, and donations received by the Fund shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. 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. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Commissioner.*

*C. The Department shall include a report on the status of the Grant Program in its annual report to the General Assembly pursuant to the appropriation act.*

**2. That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall convene a group of stakeholders, to include two or more representatives of community services boards, individuals receiving recovery support services, and private providers of recovery support services in the Commonwealth, to provide input regarding the development of the Substance Abuse Recovery Support Services Grant Program including criteria for (i) grant applications, (ii) uniform oversight of grant recipients, and (iii) evaluation of the effectiveness of services funded.**