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### SENATE BILL NO. 627

Offered January 16, 2014

A *BILL to ensure adequate resources are available and disclosed to training center residents prior to their transfer to another training center or community-based care.*

Patrons—Newman, Black, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Garrett, Howell and Puller

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

#### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. § 1.** *That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall, before transferring any training center resident to another training center or to community-based care, provide written certification to each training center resident or their legally authorized representative that (i) the receiving training center or community-based option provides quality of care equal to or higher than that provided in the resident's current training center; (ii) the receiving training center or community-based option provides all essential services utilized by the training center resident at his current facility, and that those services are of at least equal staffing, quality, frequency, and accessibility; and (iii) all permissible placement options available under the Commonwealth's August 23, 2012, settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, including the right to remain in a training center, have been disclosed to the training center resident or his legally authorized representative.*

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