

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to ensure adequate resources are available and disclosed to training center residents prior to*  
3 *their transfer to another training center or community-based care.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall, before transferring*  
8 *any training center resident to another training center or to community-based care, provide written*  
9 *certification to such training center resident or his legally authorized representative that (i) the*  
10 *receiving training center or community-based option provides a quality of care that is comparable to*  
11 *that provided in the resident's current training center regarding medical, health, developmental, and*  
12 *behavioral care and safety and (ii) all permissible placement options available under the*  
13 *Commonwealth's August 23, 2012, settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, including*  
14 *the option to remain in a training center, have been disclosed to the training center resident or his*  
15 *legally authorized representative. A training center resident or his legally authorized representative may*  
16 *waive the certification requirement imposed in clause (i).*

17 **§ 2.** *That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall convene a work*  
18 *group of interested stakeholders, which shall include members of the General Assembly, to consider*  
19 *options for expanding the number of training centers that remain open, in whole or in part, in the*  
20 *Commonwealth.*

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