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18 19 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1583**

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3028.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to certified nurse aides; education programs.

Patron—Watts

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-3028.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-3028.1. Nurse aide education programs.

Nurse aide education programs designed to prepare nurse aides for certification shall be a minimum of 120 200 clock hours in length. The curriculum of such programs shall include, but not be limited to, communication and interpersonal skills, safety and emergency procedures, personal care skills, appropriate clinical care of the aged and disabled, skills for basic restorative services, clients' rights, legal aspects of practice as a certified nurse aide, occupational health and safety measures, culturally sensitive care, and appropriate management of conflict. The Board shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this section.