

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to develop a*
3 *comprehensive plan to authorize psychiatrists and emergency physicians to evaluate individuals for*
4 *involuntary civil admission.*

5 [H 2368]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. § 1.** *The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Commissioner) shall, in*
9 *conjunction with relevant stakeholders, including the Virginia Association of Community Services*
10 *Boards, the National Alliance on Mental Illness - Virginia, the Psychiatric Society of Virginia, the*
11 *Virginia College of Emergency Physicians, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, the*
12 *Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists, the Medical Society of Virginia, and the University of*
13 *Virginia Institute for Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy develop a comprehensive plan to authorize*
14 *psychiatrists and emergency physicians to evaluate individuals for involuntary civil admission. Such*
15 *comprehensive plan shall be completed by October 1, 2015. The Commissioner, by November 15, 2015,*
16 *shall make available such comprehensive plan and make recommendations for related legislation to be*
17 *considered in the 2016 General Assembly session to the Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health*
18 *Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century, the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and*
19 *Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Education and Health.*

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