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**SENATE BILL NO. 1409**

Offered January 23, 2015

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 37.2 a section numbered 37.2-804.3, relating to community services boards; emergency services; access to experts.*

Patrons—Deeds; Delegate: Rasoul

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 37.2 a section numbered 37.2-804.3 as follows:**

**§ 37.2-804.3. Department to ensure access to individuals with experience in provision of emergency medical services.**

*The Department shall enter into agreements with health care providers experienced in the provision of emergency services for the provision of technical assistance and guidance to employees and designees of community services boards and behavioral health authorities who conduct evaluations for emergency custody and temporary detention and other emergency services. Such technical assistance and guidance shall include assistance and guidance in the areas of services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, child psychiatry, and gerontology. The Department shall ensure that technical assistance and guidance provided by health care providers experienced in the provision of emergency services are available to employees and designees of community services boards and behavioral health authorities at all times and that information regarding the availability of such health care providers, including information about how to contact such health care providers, is made available to every community services board and behavioral health authority in the Commonwealth.*

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