

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a workgroup to develop*
3 *educational standards and curricula for training health care providers in the safe and appropriate*
4 *use of opioids to treat pain while minimizing the risk of addiction and substance abuse.*

5 [S 1179]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. § 1.** *That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall convene a workgroup that shall include*
9 *representatives of the Departments of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Health, and*
10 *Health Professions as well as representatives of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and*
11 *at least one representative of each medical school, dental school, schools of pharmacy, physician*
12 *assistant education program, and nursing education program located in the Commonwealth to develop*
13 *educational standards and curricula for training health care providers, including physicians, dentists,*
14 *optometrists, pharmacists, physician assistants, and nurses in the safe and appropriate use of opioids to*
15 *treat pain while minimizing the risk of addiction and substance abuse. Such educational standards and*
16 *curricula shall include education and training on pain management, addiction, and the proper*
17 *prescribing of controlled substances. The workgroup shall report its progress and the outcomes of its*
18 *activities to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2017.*

19 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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