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SENATE BILL NO. 1461

Offered January 16, 2017

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.2-905.4, relating to Fostering Futures program; enrollment in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance.

Patron—McPike

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.2-905.4 as follows:

§ 63.2-905.4. *Fostering Futures program; enrollment in state plan for medical assistance.*

A. Local departments shall ensure that any individual participating in the Fostering Futures program is enrolled, unless the individual objects, in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance established pursuant to § 38.2-325, provided such individual (i) is eligible to receive health care services under the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance and (ii) was in foster care and enrolled in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance on his eighteenth birthday. Prior to such enrollment, local departments shall provide to all individuals participating in the Fostering Futures program basic information about health care services provided under the state plan for medical assistance services and inform such individuals that they will be enrolled in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance unless they object.

B. For purposes of this section:

"Fostering Futures program" means a program that allows local departments to continue to provide foster care services to individuals who are 18 years of age or older but have not reached 21 years of age.

"Individual participating in the Fostering Futures program" means a person who is 18 years of age or older but has not reached 21 years of age and is receiving foster care services through the Fostering Futures program.

2. That the State Board of Social Services shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act.

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