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1   **HOUSE BILL NO. 1157**
2   House Amendments in [ ] — February 12, 2018

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3 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 17,*
4   *consisting of a section numbered 32.1-73.12, relating to substance-exposed infants; plan for services.*
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7   Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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9   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
10 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered**
11 **17, consisting of a section numbered 32.1-73.12, as follows:**

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12   *Article 17.*
13   *Substance-Exposed Infants.*

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14   *§ 32.1-73.12. **Department to be lead agency for services for substance-exposed infants.***
15   *The Department shall serve as the lead agency with responsibility for the development, coordination,*
16 *and implementation of a plan for services for substance-exposed infants in the Commonwealth. Such*
17 *plan shall support a trauma-informed approach to identification and treatment of substance-exposed*
18 *infants and their caregivers and shall include options for improving screening and identification of*
19 *substance-using pregnant women; use of multidisciplinary approaches to intervention and service*
20 *delivery during the prenatal period and following the birth of the substance-exposed child; and referral*
21 *among providers serving substance-exposed infants and their families and caregivers. In carrying out its*
22 *duties, the Department shall work cooperatively with the Department of Social Services, [the]*
23 *Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, community services boards and*
24 *behavioral health authorities, local departments of health, [the Virginia Chapter of the American*
25 *Academy of Pediatrics, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Virginia Section,]*
26 *and such other stakeholders as may be appropriate. [The Department shall report annually on*
27 *December 1 to the General Assembly regarding implementation of the plan.]*