

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 17,*
3 *consisting of a section numbered 32.1-73.12, relating to substance-exposed infants; plan for services.*

4 [H 1157]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered**
8 **17, consisting of a section numbered 32.1-73.12, as follows:**

9 *Article 17.*10 *Substance-Exposed Infants.*11 **§ 32.1-73.12. Department to be lead agency for services for substance-exposed infants.**

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

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