

2018 SESSION

INTRODUCED

18104207D

HOUSE BILL NO. 1429

Offered January 16, 2018

A *BILL to direct the Department of Social Services to collect data regarding substance abuse that results in the removal of a child from his home.*

Patrons—Carroll Foy and Torian

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Department of Social Services (the Department) shall develop and implement a process to collect, collate, and report data regarding substance abuse by a parent or guardian that results in the removal of a child from his home. Whenever the primary reason for removing a child from his home by a local board of social services is categorized as substance abuse by the child's parent or guardian, including removal due to in utero drug exposure, the Department shall, to the extent possible, collect and record information regarding the specific drugs taken by the parent or guardian. The Department shall develop a process and system to collect, collate, and report such data by July 1, 2019, and implement such process and system by July 1, 2020.*

INTRODUCED

HB1429