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HOUSE BILL NO. 338

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A *BILL to require the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to apply for a waiver to implement a work requirement for able-bodied adult recipients of medical assistance services.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver, pursuant to § 1115 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1315, to allow the Commonwealth to institute a work requirement for all able-bodied adult recipients of medical assistance services. Provisions governing the work requirement shall include:*

1. A requirement that every able-bodied adult receiving medical assistance pursuant to the state plan for medical assistance (i) become employed in a position in which he works at least 20 hours per week or, if he is unable to do so, demonstrate that he is seeking and continues to actively seek such employment or (ii) actively participate in an educational or training program intended to lead to employment. An individual required to become employed, to seek employment, or to participate in education or job training shall verify compliance with the provisions of this section and any change in family income monthly, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board of Medical Assistance Services.

2. A requirement for periodic verification of the household income of an individual subject to the work requirement and for redetermination of the individual's eligibility for medical assistance services by the Department of Medical Assistance Services; and

3. A provision for exemptions from the work requirement for individuals who are (i) 18 years of age or older but still attending secondary education, (ii) the sole caregiver of a family member who is under six years of age, (iii) currently receiving temporary or permanent long-term disability benefits, (iv) determined to be physically or mentally unable to work by a health care provider in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board of Medical Assistance Services.

2. That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall report to the Governor and the General assembly on the status of the waiver application required pursuant to this act by December 1, 2018.

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