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SENATE BILL NO. 1224

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-1627.6, relating to local multidisciplinary elder abuse response teams.*

Patrons—Chafin and Mason

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 15.2-1627.6 as follows:

§ 15.2-1627.6. Coordination of multidisciplinary response to elder abuse.

A. The attorney for the Commonwealth in each political subdivision in the Commonwealth may coordinate the establishment of a multidisciplinary response to elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of incapacitated adults, which may be an existing multidisciplinary team, to (i) conduct regular reviews of new and ongoing reports of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of incapacitated adults and, at the request of any member of the team, may conduct reviews of any other reports of elder abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation in the jurisdiction involving an incapacitated or older adult and (ii) establish and review guidelines for the community's response to elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of incapacitated adults.

B. The following individuals, or their designees, may be invited to participate in review meetings of the multidisciplinary team: the attorney for the Commonwealth; law-enforcement officials responsible for the investigation of elder abuse offenses involving an incapacitated adult in the jurisdiction; a representative of the local adult protective services unit; a representative of the area agency on aging, if one exists; and the director of the victim/witness program serving the jurisdiction, if one exists. In addition, the attorney for the Commonwealth may invite other individuals, or their designees, including a health professional knowledgeable in the treatment of, and the provision of services to, incapacitated or older adults who have been abused or neglected.

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