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A BILL to require the Department of Medical Assistance Services to establish a work group to study options for the permanent use of virtual supports and increasing access to virtual supports and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Patrons—Runion, Bell, Keam, Tran and Willett

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall establish a work group composed of individuals with developmental disabilities, families of individuals with developmental disabilities, representatives of advocacy organizations, and other appropriate stakeholders to study and develop recommendations for the permanent use of virtual supports and increasing access to virtual supports and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by promoting access to assistive technology and environmental modifications. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2021.