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SENATE BILL NO. 1427

Offered January 14, 2021

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.2-313.2, relating to Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; Coordinated Specialty Care Program Advisory Board established.*

Patron—Morrissey

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 37.2-313.2 as follows:

§ 37.2-313.2. Coordinated Specialty Care Program Advisory Board.

The Coordinated Specialty Care Program Advisory Board (the Advisory Board) is hereby established as an advisory board within the meaning of § 2.2.-2100 to assist the Department in expanding the provision of high-quality, evidence-based early psychosis and mood disorder detection and intervention services. The Advisory Board shall provide advice and guidance to the Department on approaches to early psychosis and mood disorder detection approaches, make program funding recommendations, and recommend a core set of standardized clinical and outcome measures.

The Advisory Board shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, except that the initial appointment of Advisory Board members shall provide that the terms of three of the members shall be for two years. The membership of the Advisory Board shall be as follows: one member shall be a local community services board member; one member shall be a representative of a nonprofit community mental health organization that focuses on service delivery to transition-aged youth and young adults; one member shall be a licensed psychiatrist or licensed psychologist; one member shall be a representative of a health insurance plan participating in both Virginia's Medicaid managed care program and the private health care market; one member shall be a representative knowledgeable of evidence-based practices as they pertain to the operations of an early psychosis and mood disorder detection and intervention-type program, including knowledge of experiences outside of Virginia; one member shall be a parent or guardian caring for a young child with mental illness; and one member shall be a person diagnosed with a mental illness.

The Advisory Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. The Advisory Board shall meet at least once a year and may hold additional meetings as necessary to perform its duties. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two successive terms.

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