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HOUSE BILL NO. 229

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 32 a section numbered 32.1-23.5, relating to Department of Health; social determinants of health.*

Patrons—Coyner and Bourne

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-23.5 as follows:

§ 32.1-23.5. Information and data related to social determinants of health.

A. As used in this section, "social determinants of health" means conditions that affect health risks and health outcomes, including health care access and quality, education access and quality, social and community context, economic stability, and neighborhood and built environment.

B. The Department shall collect and analyze information regarding social determinants of health and the impact of social determinants of health on health risks and health outcomes of residents of the Commonwealth and shall make information regarding social determinants of health, their impact on health, and strategies for addressing social determinants of health to improve health outcomes available to the public on its website.

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