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HOUSE BILL NO. 2237

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-13.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to needs-based funding for local health departments.

Patrons—Forbes, Melvin, Moore and Nelms; Senators: Earley, Lucas and Quayle

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

11 1. That § 32.1-13.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-13.1. Health policy responsibilities.

13 The Board shall direct the Department to inform the Board regarding health care policy and 14 financing concerns through such studies as the Board may deem necessary and appropriate to be conducted with the advice of and in consultation with the Virginia Health Planning Board. The Board 15 shall make recommendations concerning health care policy and funding to the Governor, the General 16 Assembly, and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. In its capacity as advisor to the 17 18 Governor, the General Assembly, and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Board shall develop and recommend a needs-based funding formula for the state-local cooperative budget for 19 20 funding local and district health departments which takes into consideration such factors as the 21 demography and economic well-being of the locality or localities and which is designed to be phased in 22 over a ten-year period. In developing such needs-based funding formula, the Board shall examine the 23 similar formula developed in 1988.