

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-19.1, relating to duties of the*
3 *Commissioner regarding telemedicine.*

4 [S 1214]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-19.1 as follows:**8 *§ 32.1-19.1. Reporting of telemedicine initiatives.*

9 *The Commissioner shall annually report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of*
10 *telemedicine initiatives by agencies of the Commonwealth. For the purposes of this section, telemedicine*
11 *shall mean the use of telecommunications technology to deliver health care services and health*
12 *professions education to sites that are distant from the host site or educator.*

13 *The report shall be issued by October 1 of each year and shall include, but not be limited to, (i) a*
14 *summary of telemedicine initiatives by agencies of the Commonwealth; (ii) an analysis of the*
15 *cost-effectiveness and medical efficacy of health services provided using telemedicine; (iii)*
16 *recommendations regarding any improvements needed in current telemedicine initiatives; and (iv)*
17 *identification of additional opportunities for use of telemedicine to improve access to quality health care*
18 *and to health professions education for citizens of the Commonwealth.*

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