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SENATE BILL NO. 942

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on February 4, 1999)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Mims)

A BILL to require a study of the cancer registry.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Cancer registry to be studied.

The Joint Commission on Health Care shall include, in its study of the cancer registry, an analysis of the exchange of patient-identifying information pursuant to reciprocal data-sharing agreements with other cancer registries and confidentiality protections for patient data. In its study, the Joint Commission shall examine the potential for inappropriate disclosure of patient data as a result of such data exchange, whether the patient should be required to consent to disclosure or authorized to bar such disclosure, and any appropriate penalties for breach of confidentiality.

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