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HOUSE BILL NO. 1520

Offered January 26, 2000

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 1-13.5:2, relating to disabilities and developmental disabilities.

Patron—Dillard

Consent to introduce

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 a section numbered 1-13.5:2 as follows:

§ 1-13.5:2. Disability; developmental disability.

As used in this code to define conditions that may enable individuals to be eligible, when other eligibility criteria are satisfied, for appropriate care, education or other human services that are provided for similarly disabled persons, the terms "disability" or "disabilities" and "developmental disability" or "developmental disabilities" shall include Prader-Willi syndrome.

"Prader-Willi syndrome" means a specific disorder that is usually caused by a chromosomal change,

resulting in life-long functional and cognitive impairments and life-threatening obesity.