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## SENATE BILL NO. 1501

Offered January 23, 2009

A BILL to end the waiting lists for the Mental Retardation and Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities and Support Medicaid Waivers.

Patrons—Barker, Edwards, Lucas, Northam, Petersen, Ticer and Vogel

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

§ 1. A. That by the end of fiscal year 2018, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall no longer have a waiting list for either the Mental Retardation Medicaid Waiver or the Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities and Support Medicaid Waiver.

B. The waiting lists shall be reduced by the following amounts in the current biennium: for the Mental Retardation Waiver there shall be 400 funded slots in fiscal year 2009 and 400 in fiscal year 2010, and for the Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities and Support Medicaid Waiver there shall be 0 funded slots for fiscal year 2009 and 10 percent of the waiting list as of June 30, 2009, shall be funded for fiscal year 2010.

C. The Mental Retardation Waiver waiting list shall be reduced by the following amounts in the coming bienniums: by the end of the 2010-2012 biennium, the urgent waiting list as of June 30, 2010, shall be reduced by 50 percent and the waiting list for those (i) in clear risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, (ii) aging out of public residential placement or otherwise in risk of becoming homeless, and (iii) whose behaviors present a risk to self or others that cannot be managed without support shall be eliminated; by the end of the 2012-2014 biennium, the urgent waiting list shall be eliminated; by the end of the 2014-2016 biennium, the waiting list as of June 30, 2014, shall be reduced by 50 percent; and by the end of the 2016-2018 biennium, the entire waiting list shall be eliminated.

D. The Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities and Support Medicaid Waiver waiting list shall be reduced by the following amounts in the coming bienniums: by the end of the 2010-2012 biennium, the waiting list as of June 30, 2010, shall be reduced by 25 percent; by the end of the 2012-2014 biennium, the waiting list as of June 30, 2010, shall be reduced by 50 percent; by the end of the 2014-2016 biennium, the waiting list as of June 30, 2010, shall be reduced by 75 percent; and by the end of the 2016-2018 biennium, the entire waiting list shall be eliminated.

2. That the provisions of subsection B of § 1 of this act shall be contingent upon an enhanced percentage of federal Medicaid funding in a federal stimulus package.

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