

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to expand employment programs for certain individuals with autism spectrum disorders.*

3 [H 1099]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, in coordination with the*  
7 *Department of Rehabilitative Services and other partner agencies, including local community services*  
8 *boards and behavioral health authorities, shall establish specific goals for programs to assist individuals*  
9 *with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) to obtain and sustain employment. The goals of the program*  
10 *shall include:*11 *1. Providing skills training for individuals with ASDs in order to help them obtain employment;*12 *2. Providing behavioral supports necessary to ensure success in the workplace;*13 *3. Providing training to reduce behaviors that interfere with successful employment;*14 *4. Offering education and training on ASDs to employers, in order to increase understanding of*  
15 *these disorders and common behaviors associated with them; and*16 *5. Ensuring that individuals with ASDs receive the ongoing behavioral and social support needed to*  
17 *retain successful employment status.*18 *By November 1, 2010, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall*  
19 *include in its report to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission a detailed summary outlining*  
20 *the plan for inclusion of specific goals for ASD employment programs.*

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