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**HOUSE BILL NO. 726**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2505 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the assessment of proposed and existing mandated benefits.*

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 2.2-2505 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.2-2505. Assessment of proposed mandated benefits and providers.

A. Except as may be otherwise provided in this section, whenever a legislative measure containing a mandated health insurance benefit or provider is proposed, the standing committee of the General Assembly having jurisdiction over the proposal shall request that the Commission prepare and forward to the Governor and the General Assembly a study that assesses the social and financial impact and the medical efficacy of the proposed mandate. The Commission shall be given a period of twenty-four months to complete and submit its assessment.

B. Whenever a legislative measure, as described in subsection A, is identical or substantially similar to a legislative measure previously reviewed by the Special Advisory Commission within the three-year period immediately preceding the then current session of the General Assembly, the standing committee may request a Commission study as provided in subsection A.

C. *The Commission shall assess the social and financial impact and the medical efficacy of existing mandated benefits and providers and report to the standing committees of the General Assembly having jurisdiction over health insurance matters. The Commission shall submit a schedule of evaluations to the standing committees of the General Assembly having jurisdiction over health insurance matters setting forth the dates by which particular mandates shall be evaluated by the Commission.*

D. The standing committees of the General Assembly having jurisdiction over health insurance matters ~~shall~~ may request that the Commission assess the social and financial impact and the medical efficacy of existing mandated benefits and providers. The committees shall submit a schedule of evaluations to the Commission setting forth the dates by which particular mandates shall be evaluated by the Commission.

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