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### SENATE BILL NO. 336

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.2-500.1, relating to community services boards; access to medication assisted treatment.*

Patron—Hanger

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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

#### **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 37.2-500.1 as follows:**

*§ 37.2-500.1. Availability of medication assisted treatment.*

*Every community services board shall provide access to a provider who is authorized to provide medication assisted treatment services for substance abuse for all clients of the community services board for whom medication assisted treatment is appropriate. A community services board may provide access to a provider who is authorized to provide medication assisted treatment for substance abuse by (i) employing a person authorized to provide medication assisted treatment, or (ii) entering into a written agreement for the provision of office-based medication assisted treatment to clients of the community services board with a health care practitioner authorized to provide medication assisted treatment. A community services board may pay part or all of the cost associated with medication assisted treatment for substance abuse for a client of the community services board, but shall not be required to do so.*

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