

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.2-601.1, relating to a*  
3 *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Funding Pool Program.*

4 [S 1223]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.2-601.1 as follows:**

8 *§ 63.2-601.1. Statewide Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program Funding Pool*  
9 *Program.*

10 *A. The Department shall develop a Statewide TANF Program Funding Pool Program (the Funding*  
11 *Pool Program) and shall allocate to the Funding Pool Program that portion of the TANF block grant to*  
12 *be awarded to service providers for expanded TANF programs, which shall include all funds not*  
13 *transferred to the Child Care and Development Block Grant or Social Services Block Grant or used for*  
14 *cash assistance, employment services, or child-care benefits through the TANF program, up to an*  
15 *amount equal to 12 percent of the total amount of the TANF block grant for that year.*

16 *B. Prior to submission of its proposed biennial budget to the Governor, the Department shall issue a*  
17 *Request for Proposals for use of available funds from the Funding Pool Program to service providers*  
18 *providing expanded TANF programs through a competitive process that is designed in a manner that*  
19 *ensures that all service providers in the Commonwealth, regardless of size or geographic location, are*  
20 *afforded the opportunity to apply for funds. All programs and services funded through the Funding Pool*  
21 *Program shall comply with all federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements and shall serve*  
22 *the stated purposes of the TANF program.*

23 *C. In developing the Request for Proposals, the Department shall include:*

24 *1. A long-range planning and priority-setting process to identify state and local service needs and*  
25 *avoid overlap or duplication of services. The planning and priority-setting process shall include*  
26 *opportunity for citizen participation and consideration of local and statewide service needs and*  
27 *priorities;*

28 *2. A competitive process, to include uniform eligibility criteria for service providers seeking funding*  
29 *and uniform application and selection procedures for comparable service categories;*

30 *3. Uniform oversight, administrative, and reporting requirements for service providers receiving*  
31 *funding through the Funding Pool Program; and*

32 *4. Uniform program evaluation criteria to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of comparable*  
33 *services funded through the Funding Pool Program.*

34 *D. The Department shall require all service providers applying for funding through the Funding Pool*  
35 *Program to submit a detailed proposal that includes a proposed budget, proposed program outcomes,*  
36 *and proposed program outcome measures. Following review of applications for funding received*  
37 *pursuant to this section, the Department shall provide a summary of the requests for funding and*  
38 *recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly of the programs to be funded in the*  
39 *proposed biennial budget, the levels of funding recommended, and the rationale for such*  
40 *recommendations, and the Governor shall consider such recommendations in developing the proposed*  
41 *budget.*

42 *E. The Department shall require all providers receiving Funding Pool Program funds to report*  
43 *annually on the use of the funds and outcomes achieved and shall include such information in its annual*  
44 *report to the General Assembly.*

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