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### HOUSE BILL NO. 599

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A *BILL to require the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to develop a plan for a psychiatric bed registry.*

Patron—Herring

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. § 1.** *That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall develop a plan for development and implementation of a psychiatric bed registry for individuals in need of mental health care in the Commonwealth. In developing such plan, the Department shall evaluate the current availability of psychiatric beds for individuals in need of emergency, voluntary or involuntary mental health care; the current need for psychiatric beds for individuals in need of emergency, voluntary and involuntary mental health care; current practices for identifying psychiatric beds for individuals in need of emergency, voluntary and involuntary mental health care; state and federal laws related to providing mental health care on a voluntary or involuntary basis, which may affect the need for and availability of psychiatric beds in the Commonwealth; efforts in other jurisdictions to establish psychiatric bed registries and outcomes experienced in jurisdictions that have implemented psychiatric bed registries; and recommendations for development and implementation of a psychiatric bed registry in the Commonwealth and shall provide opportunity for stakeholder participation in conducting its study. The Department shall report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2014.*

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