

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2016 SESSION

CHAPTER 355

An Act to require the Commissioner of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to convene a work group to study financial exploitation of adults in the Commonwealth.

[H 676]

Approved March 11, 2016

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§ 1. That the Commissioner of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall, together with the Director of the Department for Planning and Budget or his designee, representatives of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services' Adult Protective Services Unit and local department of social services' adult protective services units, law-enforcement agencies, financial institutions in the Commonwealth, and organizations representing elderly individuals and adults with disabilities, determine the cost of financial exploitation of adults in the Commonwealth and develop recommendations for improving the ability of financial institutions to identify financial exploitation of adults, the process by which financial institutions report suspected financial exploitation of adults, and interactions between financial institutions and local adult protective services units investigating reports of suspected financial exploitation of adults. The Commissioner shall develop recommendations for a plan to educate adults regarding financial exploitation, including common methods of exploitation and warning signs that exploitation may be occurring. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services' Adult Protective Services Unit shall provide information about founded cases of financial exploitation of adults and any related compiled information to the Commissioner, who shall maintain the confidentiality of such information, for his review upon request. The Commissioner shall complete his work and report on his activities and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2017.*