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SENATE BILL NO. 369

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health on February 4, 2016)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stanley)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-11.5:1, relating to a patient care team physician; telemedicine pilot program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-11.5:1 as follows: § 32.1-11.5:1. Pilot program; patient care team physician; telemedicine.

The Department shall establish a pilot program for physicians to serve, via telemedicine as described in § 38.2-3418.16, as patient care team physicians to nurse practitioners practicing, in accordance with §§ 54.1-2957 and 54.1-2957.01, at practice sites in medically underserved areas of the Commonwealth as determined by the Department.

2. That the State Department of Health shall consult all appropriate stakeholders in establishing the pilot program created by this act, including the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners, the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians, the Virginia Academy of Pediatricians, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, and public and private institutions of higher education that award medical degrees located in the Commonwealth.