

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group to identify*
3 *and develop processes for streamlining the application and enrollment process for Medicaid and*
4 *FAMIS for incarcerated individuals.*

5 [H 2183]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall convene a work group to identify and*
9 *develop processes for streamlining the application and enrollment process for the Commonwealth's*
10 *program of medical assistance services provided pursuant to the state plan for medical assistance, also*
11 *known as Medicaid, and services provided through the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security*
12 *(FAMIS) Plan for eligible incarcerated individuals so that applicable services shall be available to such*
13 *individuals immediately upon release from the correctional facility. Such work group shall include*
14 *representatives of the Departments of Social Services, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services,*
15 *Corrections, and Juvenile Justice; the Virginia Sheriffs' Association; the Virginia Association of*
16 *Regional Jails; the Virginia Juvenile Detention Association; the Virginia Chapter of the National*
17 *Alliance on Mental Illness; the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards; the Virginia League*
18 *of Social Services Executives; and other relevant stakeholders. The work group shall identify and take*
19 *such steps as may be feasible to implement an efficient and cost-effective process for (i) determining*
20 *eligibility for Medicaid and FAMIS at the time of incarceration or detention and (ii) processing*
21 *applications for eligible individuals incarcerated in state, local, or regional correctional facilities in*
22 *order to ensure a seamless provision of appropriate Medicaid and FAMIS services upon release and*
23 *reentry into society. The work group shall consider (a) how the Department of Medical Assistance*
24 *Services' Central Processing Unit may be leveraged to benefit this process and (b) how the process may*
25 *also be utilized to ensure appropriate coverage for inpatient hospitalization of inmates eligible for*
26 *Medicaid services. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall report his findings and*
27 *recommendations, including information on any process improvements that have been implemented, any*
28 *cost savings that have been identified, and any additional funding that may be necessary to fully*
29 *implement the work group's recommendations, to the Chairmen of the House Health, Welfare and*
30 *Institutions Committee, Senate Education and Health Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and*
31 *Senate Finance Committee by November 30, 2017.*

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