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SENATE BILL NO. 1461

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

on January 27, 2017)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator McPike)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.2-905.4, relating to foster care; enrollment in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.2-905.4 as follows:

§ 63.2-905.4. Individuals in foster care on eighteenth birthday; enrollment in Commonwealth's

program of medical assistance.

Local departments shall ensure that any individual who was in foster care on his eighteenth birthday is enrolled, unless the individual objects, in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance established pursuant to § 32.1-325, provided that such individual is eligible to receive health care services under the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance and was enrolled in such program on his eighteenth birthday. Prior to enrollment, local departments shall provide such individuals with basic information about health care services provided under the state plan for medical assistance services and inform such individuals that, if eligible, they will be enrolled in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance unless they object.

2. That the State Board of Social Services shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act.