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HOUSE BILL NO. 607

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions
on January 23, 2018)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Carr)

A BILL to direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to implement a pilot program to evaluate the recovery community organization model of substance abuse treatment.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (Department) shall develop a pilot program to study implementation of a recovery community organization model of substance abuse treatment, which may include same day admission to sober housing, medical detoxification services, social model recovery programs including peer-to-peer recovery support services, and linkages to other treatment services, to evaluate the impacts of such programs on rates of substance abuse, overdose, and overdose deaths; interaction with law enforcement, the judicial system, and the criminal justice system; and rates of recidivism. Such pilot may be implemented in at least one location in the Commonwealth and shall be designed with input from and in consultation and collaboration with representatives of recovery community substance abuse treatment services providers. The Department shall report annually by December 1 of each year to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding development and implementation of the pilot program and outcomes of the pilot program. Following the conclusion of the pilot program, the Department shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly on (i) the outcomes of the pilot program and (ii) any recommendations for the licensure of substance abuse treatment programs that integrate recovery community organizations, which recommendations shall be based upon the outcome of the pilot program.*

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