

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-330 of the Code of Virginia, relating to expediting review of*
3 *applications for long term care.*

4 [H 2474]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 32.1-330 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 32.1-330. Preadmission screening required.**

9 A. All individuals who will be eligible for community or institutional long-term care services as
10 defined in the state plan for medical assistance shall be evaluated to determine their need for nursing
11 facility services as defined in that plan. The Department shall require a preadmission screening of all
12 individuals who, at the time of application for admission to a certified nursing facility as defined in
13 § 32.1-123, are eligible for medical assistance or will become eligible within six months following
14 admission. For community-based screening, the screening team shall consist of a nurse, social worker or
15 other assessor designated by the Department, and physician who are employees of the Department of
16 Health or the local department of social services or a team of licensed physicians, nurses, and social
17 workers at the Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (WWRC) for WWRC clients only. For
18 institutional screening, the Department shall contract with acute care hospitals. The Department shall
19 contract with other public or private entities to conduct required community-based and institutional
20 screenings in addition to or in lieu of the screening teams described in this section in jurisdictions in
21 which the screening team has been unable to complete screenings of individuals within 30 days of such
22 individuals' application.

23 *The Department shall report annually by August 1 to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House*
24 *Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health*
25 *regarding (i) the number of screenings for eligibility for community-based and institutional long-term*
26 *care services conducted pursuant to this subsection and (ii) the number of cases in which the*
27 *Department or the public or private entity with which the Department has entered into a contract to*
28 *conduct such screenings fails to complete such screenings within 30 days.*

29 B. The Department shall require all individuals who administer screenings pursuant to this section to
30 receive training on and be certified in the use of the uniform assessment instrument for screening
31 individuals for eligibility for community or institutional long-term care services provided in accordance
32 with the state plan for medical assistance prior to conducting such screenings. The Department shall
33 publicly report by August 1, 2018, and each year thereafter on the outcomes of the performance
34 standards.