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SENATE BILL NO. 1273

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services
on January 18, 2019)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Lucas)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 53.1 a section numbered 53.1-17.1, relating to Department of Corrections; health care continuous quality improvement committee.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 53.1 a section numbered 53.1-17.1 as follows:

§ 53.1-17.1. Continuous quality improvement committee; report.

A. The Director shall establish a health care continuous quality improvement committee, which shall be composed of the Director, or his designee, and at least one of each of the following: a health services director, physician, nurse, dentist, mental health director, pharmacist, psychiatrist, specialist in infection control, and grievance counselor employed by, or, if the Department is required to enter into contracts for the delivery of services by any such providers, contracted by, the Department. The committee shall (i) identify appropriate criteria for evaluation of the quality of health care services provided by the Department, (ii) monitor and evaluate the quality of health care services provided by the Department utilizing the criteria identified, and (iii) develop strategies to improve the quality of health care services provided by the Department.

B. Beginning July 1, 2020, the committee established pursuant to subsection A shall publish quarterly continuous quality improvement reports setting forth such data and information as the committee shall deem appropriate on a website maintained by the Department. Each facility shall submit quarterly continuous quality improvement reports containing such data and information as may be required by the committee at such times as may be required by the committee, for inclusion in the committee's quarterly continuous quality improvement report.