

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to convene a work*  
3 *group to develop a plan for sharing of health information between community services boards and*  
4 *local and regional jails.*

5 [S 1644]  
6 Approved

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

8 1. § 1. *That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall convene a work*  
9 *group to include representatives of the Office of the Attorney General, community services boards, local*  
10 *and regional jails, and such other stakeholders as it deems necessary to study the issue of and develop*  
11 *a plan for sharing of protected health information of individuals with mental health treatment needs who*  
12 *have been confined to a local or regional jail in the Commonwealth and who have previously received*  
13 *mental health treatment from a community services board or behavioral health authority in the*  
14 *Commonwealth. Such plan shall include a mechanism for (i) determining if an individual confined in a*  
15 *local or regional jail has previously received treatment from a community services board or behavioral*  
16 *health authority in the Commonwealth and (ii) in cases in which such person has received such*  
17 *treatment, transferring protected health information related to such treatment from the identified*  
18 *community services board to the sheriff or superintendent of the local or regional jail in which the*  
19 *person is confined. The Department shall report by October 1, 2019, to the Governor and the General*  
20 *Assembly on (a) development of the plan, (b) the content of the plan, and (c) the steps necessary to*  
21 *implement the plan, including any statutory or regulatory changes and any appropriations.*