

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.

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