

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Department of Medical Assistance Services to study the current Personal*
3 *Maintenance Allowance for waiver services and the impact of that amount on the ability of service*
4 *recipients to engage in compensated employment.*

5 [S 213]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall establish a work group to be composed*
9 *of such stakeholders as the Department deems appropriate to evaluate the current Personal Maintenance*
10 *Allowance amount established by the Commonwealth for individuals receiving Medicaid-funded waiver*
11 *services and the impact of the current Personal Maintenance Allowance amount and other income limits*
12 *on the ability of Medicaid waiver service recipients to engage in meaningful work and establish and*
13 *maintain independence. The work group shall (i) evaluate the impact of the Commonwealth's current*
14 *Personal Maintenance Allowance amount on eligibility for Medicaid-funded waiver services among*
15 *individuals who otherwise meet eligibility criteria; (ii) compare the Commonwealth's current Personal*
16 *Maintenance Allowance to actual expenses faced by individuals enrolled in the Commonwealth's*
17 *Medicaid waiver programs; (iii) determine the impact of the Commonwealth's current Personal*
18 *Maintenance Allowance amount on the ability of individuals receiving Medicaid-funded waiver services*
19 *to engage in compensated employment; (iv) determine the impact on eligibility, enrollment, and cost to*
20 *the Commonwealth of increasing the Commonwealth's current Personal Maintenance Allowance amount;*
21 *(v) make recommendations related to increasing the Commonwealth's Personal Maintenance Allowance*
22 *amount; and (vi) make recommendations for other changes to the Commonwealth's Medicaid-funded*
23 *waiver programs to encourage and support engagement in compensated employment among*
24 *Medicaid-funded waiver service recipients. The work group shall report its findings and conclusions to*
25 *the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Chairman of the Joint Commission on Health Care by*
26 *November 1, 2020.*

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