

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish a work*  
3 *group to evaluate and make recommendations related to the acute psychiatric bed registry.*

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5 Approved

[S 739]

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

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department) shall*  
8 *establish a work group to include representatives of such stakeholders as the Department may deem*  
9 *appropriate (i) to evaluate the role of the acute psychiatric bed registry (the registry) in collecting and*  
10 *disseminating information about the availability of acute psychiatric beds in the Commonwealth and*  
11 *collecting data and information to ensure adequate oversight of the process by which individuals are*  
12 *referred for acute psychiatric services, the structure of the registry, and the types of data required to be*  
13 *reported to the registry and (ii) to make recommendations for statutory, budgetary, or other actions*  
14 *necessary to redefine the purpose of the registry and improve its structure and effectiveness. The work*  
15 *group shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of*  
16 *the Senate Committee on Education and Health, the House Committee on Health, Welfare and*  
17 *Institutions, and the Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the*  
18 *Twenty-First Century by November 1, 2020.*

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