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SENATE BILL NO. 1472

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

on January 29, 2021)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Suetterlein)

234567 A BILL to require the Department of Medical Assistance Services to establish a work group to study and develop recommendations for the permanent use of virtual supports and increasing access to 8 virtual supports and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

9 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

10 **1.** § 1. That the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall establish a work group composed of individuals with developmental disabilities, families of individuals with developmental disabilities, 11 representatives of advocacy organizations, and other appropriate stakeholders to study and develop 12 recommendations for the permanent use of virtual supports and increasing access to virtual supports 13 14 and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by promoting access to assistive technology and environmental modifications. The Department shall report its findings and 15 recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on 16 Rehabilitation and Social Services and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by 17 18 November 1, 2021.