

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2023 SESSION

CHAPTER 626

An Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative to develop recommendations to improve neonatal and perinatal care in the Commonwealth.

[S 1531]

Approved March 26, 2023

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall convene a work group to facilitate strengthening collaboration on neonatal and perinatal care of women and infants to positively impact maternal and child health care outcomes in the Commonwealth. The work group shall examine the public-private partnerships supporting the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative (the Collaborative) and make recommendations to strengthen the Collaborative's ability to (i) successfully implement Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health patient safety bundles and other maternal or newborn quality improvement initiatives on a statewide basis; (ii) maximize public and private funding; (iii) distribute grants on an efficient, effective, and equitable basis; and (iv) determine the best structure and placement for the Collaborative. The work group shall include representatives of the Virginia Department of Health, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Collaborative's leadership team and partner organizations, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Virginia Association of Health Plans, the Medical Society of Virginia, and any other relevant stakeholders. The work group shall report its recommendations to strengthen the Collaborative's work, including any recommended statutory, budgetary, or state contractual changes to be considered by the 2024 Session of the General Assembly, to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Health, Welfare and Institutions and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations by November 1, 2023.*