

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Health to convene a work group related to expansion of the*
3 *perinatal health hub model.*

4 [H 1567]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal*
8 *Collaborative, the Virginia Maternal Quality Care Alliance, and Urban Baby Beginnings, shall convene*
9 *a work group to evaluate strategies to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates and make*
10 *recommendations to enhance maternal health and public health support systems through expansion of*
11 *the perinatal health hub model. The work group shall receive guidance from the Virginia Health Care*
12 *Foundation and shall include representatives from the Department of Medical Assistance Services,*
13 *managed care organizations, and the Maternal Mortality Review Team, along with licensed and*
14 *unlicensed providers of maternal and child health services, community health care workers, stakeholder*
15 *groups, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations. The work group shall (i) analyze*
16 *federal and state regulations and funding mechanisms impacting establishment of perinatal health hubs;*
17 *(ii) review evidence-based strategies for the implementation of perinatal health hubs and the community*
18 *impact of existing perinatal health hubs; and (iii) project estimated costs of implementing the work*
19 *group's recommendations for the next five years. The Department of Health shall report on the results*
20 *and recommendations of the work group to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations*
21 *and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by December 1, 2023.*

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