

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

5 [S 1531]

6 Approved

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

8 1. § 1. *That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall convene a work group to facilitate*
9 *strengthening collaboration on neonatal and perinatal care of women and infants to positively impact*
10 *maternal and child health care outcomes in the Commonwealth. The work group shall examine the*
11 *public-private partnerships supporting the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative (the Collaborative)*
12 *and make recommendations to strengthen the Collaborative's ability to (i) successfully implement*
13 *Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health patient safety bundles and other maternal or newborn*
14 *quality improvement initiatives on a statewide basis; (ii) maximize public and private funding; (iii)*
15 *distribute grants on an efficient, effective, and equitable basis; and (iv) determine the best structure and*
16 *placement for the Collaborative. The work group shall include representatives of the Virginia*
17 *Department of Health, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Collaborative's leadership*
18 *team and partner organizations, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Virginia*
19 *Association of Health Plans, the Medical Society of Virginia, and any other relevant stakeholders. The*
20 *work group shall report its recommendations to strengthen the Collaborative's work, including any*
21 *recommended statutory, budgetary, or state contractual changes to be considered by the 2024 Session of*
22 *the General Assembly to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Health, Welfare and Institutions and*
23 *Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations by*
24 *November 1, 2023.*

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