

# 2024 SESSION

## SENATE SUBSTITUTE

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### SENATE BILL NO. 186

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health  
on February 1, 2024)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Subramanyam)

*A BILL to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a wholesale prescription drug importation program in the Commonwealth; report.*

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

**1. § 1.** *That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (the Secretary) shall convene a work group composed of relevant stakeholders, including representatives from pharmaceutical manufacturers, health plans, and Virginia pharmacists, to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a wholesale prescription drug importation program in the Commonwealth. The work group shall take into consideration the cost and safety of such a program. The Secretary shall provide a report on the feasibility of such a plan, including recommendations for any statutory, regulatory, budgetary, or policy changes necessary for implementation of a wholesale prescription drug importation plan in the Commonwealth, to the Governor, the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health and Human Services, and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health by November 1, 2024.*

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