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HOUSE BILL NO. 845

Offered January 25, 1994

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 37.1-10 of the Code of Virginia, relating to random drug testing of certain employees of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.*

Patrons—Morgan, Grayson and Hamilton

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 37.1-10 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 37.1-10. Powers and duties of Board.

The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To develop and establish programmatic and fiscal policies governing the operation of state hospitals and community services boards.

2. To ensure the development of long-range programs and plans for mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services provided by the Commonwealth and by community services boards.

3. To review and comment on all budgets and requests for appropriations for the Department prior to their submission to the Governor and on all applications for federal funds.

4. To monitor the activities of the Department and its effectiveness in implementing the policies of the Board.

5. To advise the Governor, Commissioner and the General Assembly on matters relating to mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse.

6. To make, adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title and other laws of the Commonwealth administered by the Commissioner or the Department.

7. To ensure the development of programs to educate citizens and elicit public support for the activities of the Department and of community services boards.

8. To ensure that the Department assumes the responsibility for providing for the education and training to school-age residents in its institutions pursuant to § 37.1-10.01.

9. *To ensure compliance with the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act by implementing, with such funds as may be available for this purpose, a program of random drug testing of the Department's employees, with specific emphasis on those individuals having direct contact with institutionalized patients.*

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