

SENATE BILL NO. 277

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Hashmi)

A BILL to direct the Board of Health to convene the State Health Services Plan Task Force to make recommendations on expedited review of projects subject to certificate of public need requirements.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Board of Health shall convene the State Health Services Plan Task Force (the Task Force) established by § 32.1-102.2:1 of the Code of Virginia to develop recommendations on expedited review of project types subject to certificate of public need requirements that are generally noncontested and present limited health planning impacts. The Task Force shall also create recommendations regarding (i) what facilities and project types listed in § 32.1-102.1:3 of the Code of Virginia should be added to the expedited review process, (ii) criteria that should apply to any project types subject to expedited review, and (iii) a framework for the application and approval process of such projects. Project types for consideration shall include (a) increases in inpatient psychiatric beds, (b) relocation of inpatient psychiatric beds, (c) introduction of psychiatric services into an existing medical care facility, and (d) conversion of beds in an existing medical care facility to psychiatric inpatient beds. The Task Force shall meet in person at least four times, and shall complete its meetings by October 1, 2024. The Commissioner of Health shall provide a report of these recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the Chairman of the House Committee on Health and Human Services by November 1, 2024.

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