

# **Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century**

## **Topics for 2021 Interim**

### **New topics for the 2021 Interim:**

- Transition to Behavioral Health Commission

### **Topics carried over from 2020:**

- State hospital bed crisis and response
- Implementation of STEP-VA
- Implementation of Behavioral Health Enhancement
- Rightsizing the Commonwealth's state hospital system
- Community services board funding, including the funding formula, the state and local shares of funding, and the overall amount of funding for community services boards
- Civil commitment process, including mandatory outpatient treatment
- Mental health services for individuals involved with the criminal justice system, including diversion programs, services for individuals in jails, and services for individuals following release from jails
- Mental health services for children and adolescents, including school-based mental health services and delivery of school-based mental health services during a public health emergency when schools are closed
- Mental health workforce

### **Bills referred during the 2020 Session (pending with Joint Subcommittee)**

- **HB 883** DCJS; costs and benefits of implementing a deflection to treatment program, report. (Subramanyam)
- **HB 1026** Mandatory outpatient treatment; criteria. (Adams, L.R.)
- **HB 1351** Temporary detention; expands category of individuals who may evaluate a person. (Watts)
- **SB 317** Licensed inpatient nursing services; in-home follow-up care upon discharge. (Kiggans)
- **SB 569** DBHDS and VSP; mobile applications, mental health and public safety. (Dunnavant)
- **SB 1049** Involuntary commitment; notice and participation, discharge plans. (Deeds)

### **Bills referred during the 2021 Session**

- **HB 2329** Involuntary commitment; release of person before expiration of order. (Cox)