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HOUSE BILL NO. 1918

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.2-308.2, relating to the acute psychiatric patient registry.*

Patron—Robinson

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 37.2-308.2 as follows:

§ 37.2-308.2. Acute psychiatric patient registry created.

A. *The Department shall develop and administer a web-based acute psychiatric patient registry to collect, aggregate, and display de-identified information about individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention pursuant to § 37.2-809 to facilitate the timely identification of a facility for temporary detention and treatment of the individual.*

B. *The acute psychiatric patient registry shall:*

1. *Include de-identified information about every person found to meet the criteria for temporary detention pursuant to § 37.2-809, including nonidentifying demographic data, information about the type of care and level of security required, and any other information that may be necessary to allow employees of private providers of mental health services licensed by the Department to determine whether the provider can provide temporary detention and treatment for the individual; and*

2. *Allow employees of private providers of mental health services licensed by the Department to perform searches of the acute psychiatric patient registry to identify individuals for whom the provider is able to provide temporary detention and treatment. In any case in which the private provider determines that a patient described in the acute psychiatric patient registry is a patient for whom the provider is able to provide temporary detention and treatment, the provider shall contact the state facility, community services board, or behavioral health agency having custody of the individual to facilitate the transfer of the patient to the provider for temporary detention and treatment.*

C. *Every state facility, community services board, behavioral health authority, and private provider of mental health services licensed by the Department shall participate in the acute psychiatric patient registry created pursuant to this section and shall designate such employees as may be necessary to submit information for inclusion in and conduct searches of the acute psychiatric patient registry and serve as a point of contact for addressing requests for information related to data reported to the acute psychiatric patient registry.*

D. *Every community services board and behavioral health authority in the Commonwealth shall update information contained in the acute psychiatric patient registry to include information about a person found to meet the criteria for temporary detention pursuant to § 37.2-809 as soon as practicable after completion of the evaluation required by § 37.2-809 and shall remove information about a patient from the acute psychiatric patient registry as soon as (i) the order for temporary detention expires pursuant to subsection H of § 37.2-809, (ii) the person is found to no longer meet the criteria for temporary detention, or (iii) the person becomes the subject of an order for involuntary commitment pursuant to § 37.2-807.*

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