

## SENATE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 37.2-500 and 37.2-601 of the Code of Virginia, relating to community  
2 services boards and behavioral health authorities; services to be provided.

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

4 **1. That §§ 37.2-500 and 37.2-601 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

5 **§ 37.2-500. Purpose; community services board; services to be provided.**

6 A. The Department, for the purposes of establishing, maintaining, and promoting the  
7 development of mental health, developmental, and substance abuse services in the Commonwealth, may  
8 provide funds to assist any city or county or any combinations of cities or counties or cities and counties  
9 in the provision of these services. Every county or city shall establish a community services board by  
10 itself or in any combination with other cities and counties, unless it establishes a behavioral health  
11 authority pursuant to Chapter 6 (§ 37.2-600 et seq.). Every county or city or any combination of cities  
12 and counties that has established a community services board, in consultation with that board, shall  
13 designate it as an operating community services board, an administrative policy community services  
14 board or a local government department with a policy-advisory community services board. The  
15 governing body of each city or county that established the community services board may change this  
16 designation at any time by ordinance. In the case of a community services board established by more  
17 than one city or county, the decision to change this designation shall be the unanimous decision of all  
18 governing bodies.

19 B. The core of services provided by community services boards within the cities and counties  
20 that they serve shall include ~~emergency~~:

21 1. Emergency services;

22 2. Same-day mental health screening services;

23 3. Outpatient primary care screening and monitoring services for physical health indicators and  
24 health risks and follow-up services for individuals identified as being in need of assistance with

25 overcoming barriers to accessing primary health services, including developing linkages to primary  
26 health care providers; and, ~~subject~~

27 4. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for them, case management services.

28 C. The core of services may include a comprehensive system of inpatient, outpatient, day  
29 support, residential, prevention, early intervention, and other appropriate mental health, developmental,  
30 and substance abuse services necessary to provide individualized services and supports to persons with  
31 mental illness, intellectual disability, or substance abuse. Community services boards may establish  
32 crisis stabilization units that provide residential crisis stabilization services.

33 D. In order to provide comprehensive mental health, developmental, and substance abuse  
34 services within a continuum of care, the community services board shall function as the single point of  
35 entry into publicly funded mental health, developmental, and substance abuse services.

36 **§ 37.2-601. Behavioral health authorities; purpose.**

37 A. The Department, for the purposes of establishing, maintaining, and promoting the  
38 development of behavioral health services in the Commonwealth, may provide funds to assist certain  
39 cities or counties in the provision of these services.

40 B. The governing body of the Cities of Virginia Beach or Richmond or the County of  
41 Chesterfield may establish a behavioral health authority and shall declare its intention to do so by  
42 resolution.

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84 5. Outpatient mental health and substance abuse services;

85 6. Psychiatric rehabilitation services;

86 7. Peer support and family support services;

87 8. Mental health services for members of the armed forces located 50 miles or more from a  
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91 10. Case management services, including targeted mental health case management services.

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132 **3. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2018.**

133 **4. That the provisions of the second enactment of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2021.**

134 **5. That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall report by**  
135 **December 1 of each year to the General Assembly regarding progress in the implementation of the**  
136 **provisions of this act.**

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