

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

1 A BILL to require the Departments of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and Medical  
2 Assistance Services to study use of the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund; report.

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

4 1. § 1. That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall, in cooperation with  
5 the Department of Medical Assistance Services, study the potential use of the Involuntary Mental  
6 Commitment Fund to fund mental health treatment in the Commonwealth. In conducting such study, the  
7 Department shall evaluate (i) the potential use of the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund to fund both  
8 involuntary temporary detention and voluntary treatment in a health care facility for the treatment of  
9 mental illness to reduce the use of involuntary treatment in the Commonwealth, (ii) the potential benefits  
10 of transferring management of the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund from the Department of  
11 Medical Assistance Services to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and  
12 (iii) any other strategies for improving use of the funds in the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund to  
13 improve access to mental health services in the Commonwealth. The Department shall report its findings  
14 to the Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century  
15 by November 1, 2017.

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