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**SENATE BILL NO. 842**

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*A BILL to direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to include broadband access services for mobile health clinics as a priority for broadband deployment programs using federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program funding; report.*

Patron—Favola

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

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

**1. § 1.** *That the Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department) shall, as part of the Department's broader initiative to support the development and implementation of programs that support telehealth, include broadband access services for mobile health clinics as a priority for broadband deployment programs using federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program funding. The Department shall provide a report to the Joint Commission on Health Care on current gaps in broadband access in the Commonwealth by October 1, 2025.*