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HOUSE BILL NO. 1918**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health and Human Services
on January 23, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate LeVere Bolling)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 23, consisting of a section numbered 32.1-73.28, relating to Women's Menstrual Health Program established; screening; treatment; information collection.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 23, consisting of a section numbered 32.1-73.28, as follows:

Article 23.

Women's Menstrual Health Program.

§ 32.1-73.28. Women's Menstrual Health Program.

A. For the purposes of this section:

"Endometriosis" means a systemic disease generally occurring in menstruating individuals, which may also occur in premenarchal and postmenopausal individuals.

"Menstrual disorder" means any menstruation-related disorder or menstruation-related condition and includes endometriosis and polycystic ovary syndrome.

B. The Commissioner shall establish within the Department the Women's Menstrual Health Program to identify and assist patients who have displayed symptoms related to menstrual disorders.

C. The Department shall, in accordance with evidence-based industry best practices, guidelines, and screening tools, as recommended by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or another nationally recognized body as may be designated by the Commissioner:

1. Provide education and training to health care providers, hospital staff who encounter patients in emergency situations, and the public concerning menstrual health, menstrual health screening, and menstrual health care; and

2. Provide information and resources on the Department's website for health care providers and patients, which shall include:

a. Evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for health care providers for the screening, referral, treatment, and follow-up care of patients who have displayed symptoms related to menstrual disorders; and

b. Educational materials for health care providers and the public concerning menstrual disorders.

D. The Board shall promulgate regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

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