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SENATE BILL NO. 1304
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on _____)
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator McPike)

A BILL to direct the Department of Medical Assistance Services to allow certain crisis stabilization services to be provided in institutions for mental disease.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Department of Medical Assistance Services (the Department) shall seek necessary federal approvals to remove the prohibition against the use of crisis stabilization services for nonhospitalized individuals in institutions for mental disease. Upon receiving federal approval, the Department shall have the authority to implement such change through agency guidance documents prior to the completion of any regulatory review process and shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of such change to be effective within 280 days of receiving federal approval.