

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of*
3 *Education to convene a work group focused on a mental health screening and assessment tool for*
4 *children five years of age or younger and mental health consultation resources and training for early*
5 *childhood education providers, pediatric health care providers, and families; report.*

6 [H 1760]

7 Approved

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

9 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of*
10 *Education shall convene a work group of relevant stakeholders, including Department of Education*
11 *employees focused on school readiness, representatives of the Medical Society of Virginia, representatives*
12 *of Training and Technical Assistance Centers as deemed appropriate, and any other appropriate*
13 *stakeholders, to develop a plan to (i) create a mental health screening and assessment tool to assist with*
14 *early identification of mental health issues for children in early childhood care and education settings that*
15 *focuses on early detection, intervention, and support for emotional and behavioral challenges in children*
16 *five years of age or younger and (ii) provide mental health consultation resources and training to early*
17 *childhood education providers, pediatric health care providers, and families. The work group shall report*
18 *its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate*
19 *Committee on Finance and Appropriations by November 1, 2025.*

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