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SENATE BILL NO. 205

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A BILL to direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to implement the federal extension option for the federal Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities to allow children five years of age or younger to receive services through such program.

Patrons—Suetterlein and Hackworth

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall implement the federal extension option for the federal Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities to allow children five years of age or younger to receive services through such program. In doing so, DBHDS shall take all steps necessary to implement such extension option, including indicating the intention to implement the federal extension on its annual IDEA Part C grant application, developing a joint policy with the Department of Education and the federal Office of Special Education Programs, and reviewing and revising current policies as necessary.