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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 451**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 12, 2026

4 *A BILL to direct the Board of Social Work to amend its regulations to specify that a Doctor of Social Work*
5 *degree satisfies the education requirements for certain social work licenses.*

6 Patron—Willett

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8 Committee Referral Pending

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

11 **1. § 1. That the Board of Social Work shall amend its regulations to specify that a Doctor of Social Work**
12 **degree satisfies the education requirements for licensure as a Licensed Master Social Worker or as a**
13 **Licensed Clinical Social Worker if requisite clinical education requirements are also met.**

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