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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1458**

2 Offered January 23, 2026

3 *A BILL to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group to study the impact*
4 *of private equity on health care.*

5 Patron—Downey

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7 Referred to Committee on Rules
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9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

10 1. *That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (the Secretary) shall convene a work group to*
11 *study the impact of private equity on health care. The work group shall (i) analyze current health care*
12 *facility ownership transparency requirements in the Commonwealth and compare them to requirements in*
13 *other states and federally, (ii) identify the risks and benefits to the public of greater ownership transparency*
14 *of health care facilities, (iii) analyze the risks and benefits of private equity acquisition of health care*
15 *facilities, and (iv) create policy recommendations to promote greater transparency in the ownership of*
16 *health care facilities within the Commonwealth. The work group shall include relevant stakeholders,*
17 *including representatives from the Virginia Association of Health Plans, the Virginia Hospital and*
18 *Healthcare Association, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia Health Care Association, and other*
19 *stakeholders as deemed relevant and appropriate. The Secretary shall submit a report on the work group's*
20 *findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and*
21 *the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2026.*

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