

HOUSE BILL NO. 794

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations)

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Reaser)

A BILL to direct the Department of Health to develop a strategic plan for opioid overdose response to reduce rates of drug overdose and drug overdose deaths in the Commonwealth; report.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

9 1. § 1. *That the Department of Health (the Department) shall develop a strategic plan for opioid overdose*
10 *response to reduce rates of drug overdose and drug overdose deaths in the Commonwealth. In developing*
11 *such strategic plan, the Department shall (i) conduct an evaluation and needs assessment of existing opioid*
12 *overdose prevention, intervention, and treatment efforts in the Commonwealth and (ii) collaborate with the*
13 *Secretaries of Education, Health and Human Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland Security;*
14 *representatives of state agencies; and other appropriate stakeholders. The Department shall provide a*
15 *report on the status of the strategic plan and implementation thereof to the Governor, the Chairs of the*
16 *House Committees on Appropriations and Health and Human Services, the Senate Committees on*
17 *Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations, and the Joint Commission on Health Care by*
18 *November 1, 2026, and annually thereafter.*