

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 8 of Title 36 a section numbered 36-140.02,*
3 *relating to Department of Housing and Community Development; Eviction Reduction Program; report.*

4 [S 628]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 8 of Title 36 a section numbered**
8 **36-140.02 as follows:**9 **§ 36-140.02. Eviction Reduction Program; report.**10 *A. The Eviction Reduction Program (the Program) is established to expand the work of the Department in*
11 *(i) promoting housing stability, (ii) identifying factors that contribute to eviction filings, (iii) providing*
12 *interventions to prevent or divert evictions, and (iv) supporting eviction prevention and diversion efforts*
13 *across the Commonwealth consistent with this section.*14 *B. On or before October 1 of each year, the Department shall report to the General Assembly on (i) the*
15 *number of households served, including the number of children younger than the age of 18 in the households*
16 *served, and the outcomes for such households; (ii) the types of assistance provided; (iii) the geographic*
17 *distribution of the Program; (iv) the number of households served that successfully completed the Eviction*
18 *Diversion Program pursuant to § 55.1-1260; and (v) any legislative recommendations to help further the*
19 *goals of the Program.*20 *C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair or affect any rights, obligations, or actions taken*
21 *by the Department pursuant to the Program prior to the enactment of the provisions under this section.*22 **2. That the Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department) shall develop**
23 **guidelines and criteria necessary to administer the Eviction Reduction Program established pursuant**
24 **to § 36-140.02 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, in consultation with stakeholders,**
25 **including Eviction Reduction Program grantees as identified by the Department. Such criteria and**
26 **guidelines shall be included in the report required pursuant to subsection B of § 36-140.02 of the Code**
27 **of Virginia, as created by this act.**

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