

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 1370
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services
4 on _____)
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Mehta)

6 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.2-405.3, relating to Board of*
7 *Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; regulations; emergency medical simulations;*
8 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation training.*

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

10 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 37.2-405.3 as follows:**

11 **§ 37.2-405.3. *Regulations for providers; emergency medical simulations; cardiopulmonary***
12 ***resuscitation.***

13 *The Board shall adopt regulations requiring providers that deliver services to individuals with*
14 *developmental disabilities, mental health disorders, and substance use disorders to:*

15 *1. Conduct regular emergency medical simulations and train employees that regularly engage with people*
16 *receiving services. Such emergency medical simulations and training shall prepare employees of the provider*
17 *to recognize and respond to situations where individuals receiving services require emergency medical*
18 *treatment.*

19 *2. Require at least one employee trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to be on duty at each location*
20 *where services are delivered. Employees who hold a current certificate as an emergency medical technician*
21 *shall be deemed to meet training requirements.*

22 **2. That the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall adopt regulations to**
23 **implement the provisions of this act to be effective by December 1, 2026. Such initial adoption of**
24 **regulations shall be exempt from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.**
25 **of the Code of Virginia).**