

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Health to develop a strategic plan for opioid overdose response to reduce*  
3 *rates of drug overdose and drug overdose deaths in the Commonwealth; report.*

4 [H 794]  
5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Health (the Department) shall develop a strategic plan for opioid overdose*  
8 *response to reduce rates of drug overdose and drug overdose deaths in the Commonwealth. In developing*  
9 *such strategic plan, the Department shall (i) conduct an evaluation and needs assessment of existing opioid*  
10 *overdose prevention, intervention, and treatment efforts in the Commonwealth and (ii) collaborate with the*  
11 *Secretaries of Education, Health and Human Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland Security;*  
12 *representatives of state agencies; and other appropriate stakeholders. The Department shall provide a*  
13 *report on the status of the strategic plan and implementation thereof to the Governor, the Chairs of the*  
14 *House Committees on Appropriations and Health and Human Services, the Senate Committees on*  
15 *Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations, and the Joint Commission on Health Care by*  
16 *November 1, 2026, and annually thereafter.*

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