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Public Awareness of Psychiatric Medication Risks (language only)

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Legislative Department

Joint Commission on Health Care

Language

Page 21, after line 5, insert:

"The Joint Commission on Health Care shall examine and identify strategies to ensure that the public is made fully aware of the risks and concerns related to the use of psychiatric medications that have dramatically increased over the last 25 years. The Commission shall identify methods (i) to raise awareness of risks related to the mental and physical health side effects of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) medication use and risks from potential drug addiction from ADHD medication use; (ii) to compile and track statistics regarding the number of children in Virginia schools who are diagnosed with ADHD or other categories such as "specific learning disabilities, other health impairment, multiple disorder, and emotional disturbances" in the most effective means possible; (iv) used by other states and countries to limit antipsychotic use and the best methods for developing similar systems in the Commonwealth, including approaches and interventions which focus on treatment, recovery, and legal penalties; (v) to identify the incidence and prevalence of prescribing anti-psychotics for off-label use by general physicians and psychiatrists for treatment of ADHD for which there is no FDA indication. The Joint Commission on Health Care shall submit its analysis to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by November 30, 2017."

Explanation

(This amendment adds language directing the Joint Commission on Health Care to examine and identify strategies to increase public awareness of the risks and concerns related to the use of psychiatric medications used to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other disorders.)