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# VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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## Budget Amendments - SB900 (Floor Approved)

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**Study to Expand Telemental Health Services (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 study options for increasing the use of telemental health services in the Commonwealth. The Joint Commission on Health Care shall specifically study the issues and recommendations set forth in the report of the Telemental Health Work Group of the Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Joint Commission on Health Care for this study, upon request. The Joint Commission on Health Care shall complete its meetings and report its findings to the Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century by November 1, 2017."

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#### **Explanation**

(This amendment directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study options for increasing the use of telemental health services in the Commonwealth. The Joint Commission on Health Care shall specifically study the issues and recommendations set forth in the report of the Telemental Health Work Group of the Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century. The Joint Commission on Health Care shall complete its meetings and report its findings to the Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century by November 1, 2017.)