2024 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB6001 (Enrolled)

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Department of Health Professions

Item 285	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
Regulation of Professions and Occupations (56000)	**$49,901,385**	**$49,901,385**
Technical Assistance to Regulatory Boards (56044)	$49,901,385	$49,901,385
Fund Sources:		
Trust and Agency	$1,688,791	$1,688,791
Dedicated Special Revenue	$48,212,594	$48,212,594

Authority: Title 54.1, Chapter 25, Code of Virginia.

A. That the regulations the Board of Dentistry is required to promulgate pursuant to Chapter 413, 2023 Acts of Assembly, shall be promulgated to be effective within 280 days of enactment.

B. Effective July 1, 2024, as a condition for licensure, the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing shall require all practitioners with authority to prescribe behavioral health medications to children and adolescents to provide families with (i) a plan on medication management and access after hours and on weekends and holidays or in emergencies, (ii) a working means of contacting the prescriber either telephonically or electronically with a response time within 48 hours to address questions or concerns with prescribed behavioral health medications for children and adolescents, and (iii) guidance documents either in a paper format or through a website on how to obtain help related to medication management, prescription refills or medication overdose after hours. In addition, the Boards shall require that any provider that closes their practice must make medical records available to families no later than one week after closure. The department shall have the authority to implement these changes prior to completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change.