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HOUSE BILL NO. 1305

Offered January 21, 2022

A *BILL to direct the Virginia Department of Health to investigate and examine the feasibility of reopening the Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick County in whole or part, and if this is infeasible, to investigate and examine alternative healthcare and EMS solutions for the County of Patrick.*

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Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Virginia Department of Health is directed to investigate and examine the feasibility of reopening the Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick County, formerly known as the R.J. Reynolds Patrick County Memorial Hospital, located at 18688 Jeb Stuart Hwy, Stuart, VA 24171, either fully or in a limited capacity so as to provide emergency and rural health care services by utilizing the existing structure in its entirety, or solely utilizing the recently-renovated emergency department, either in connection with a local hospital provider, a regional hospital provider, or as a stand-alone facility to offer telemedicine, EMS services such as triage and transport, imaging, and other patient care items for Patrick County and the surrounding localities.*

2. § 2. *If the Virginia Department of Health determines the reopening the Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick County is to be infeasible, then the Virginia Department of Health is directed to investigate and examine alternative locations for the previously stated healthcare and EMS service needs of the community, such as the Patrick County Dialysis Center located at 221 Rich Creek Drive, Stuart, VA 24171, the vacant building located at 110 E Blue Ridge Street Stuart, VA 24171, and any other feasible locations within Patrick County.*

3. § 3. *The Virginia Department of Health shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Senate Committee of Education and Health, and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by October 1st, 2022.*

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