22105800D

1   **HOUSE BILL NO. 669**
2   AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3   (Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions
4   on February 10, 2022)
5   (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Hope)
6 *A BILL to require the Commissioner of Health to convene a work group to study whether swimming*
7   *pools and other water recreational facilities should be regulated by the Department of Health.*
8   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
9 **1.** *§ 1. That the Commissioner of Health shall convene a work group, which shall include*
10 *representatives of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Pool and Hot Tub*
11 *Alliance, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Healthy Swimming Program, municipal parks*
12 *and recreation departments, injury and illness prevention experts, and other appropriate stakeholders as*
13 *determined by the Commissioner to study whether swimming pools and other water recreational*
14 *facilities for public use or in conjunction with a tourist facility or health spa should be regulated by the*
15 *Department of Health. Such study shall include consideration of current requirements for (i) water*
16 *treatment and disinfecting, (ii) the daily posting of water quality data, (iii) safety equipment and*
17 *features, (iv) maintenance and safety of equipment and premises, (v) operational requirements, (vi)*
18 *facility staffing, (vii) incident response, (viii) the design and construction of pool structures and*
19 *equipment, and (ix) the maintenance of pool structures and equipment, as well as any other current*
20 *requirements related to protection of the public health and safety.*
21   *§ 2. That the work group shall report its findings and recommendations, including any*
22 *recommendations for statutory, regulatory, policy, or budgetary changes that may be necessary to*
23 *implement the findings, to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare*
24 *and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2023.*