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1 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 21,
 2 consisting of sections numbered 32.1-73.21 and 32.1-73.22, relating to Advisory Council on Sickle
 3 Cell Disease; established; report.

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9 Committee Referral Pending
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11 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

12 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered
 13 21, consisting of sections numbered 32.1-73.21 and 32.1-73.22, as follows:

14 Article 21.

15 Advisory Council on Sickle Cell Disease.

16 **§ 32.1-73.21. Advisory Council on Sickle Cell Disease.**

17 A. The Advisory Council on Sickle Cell Disease (the Council) is established as an advisory council
 18 in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Commissioner
 19 on the efforts to improve awareness of sickle cell disease and sickle cell traits and the needs of
 20 individuals with sickle cell disease.

21 B. The Council shall have a total membership of seven nonlegislative citizen members to be
 22 appointed by the Governor, which shall include two representatives of community-based organizations
 23 with experience addressing the needs of individuals with sickle cell disease, two health care providers
 24 specializing in hematology, and three individuals who have been diagnosed with sickle cell disease or
 25 sickle cell trait or are the family member of a person who has been diagnosed with sickle cell disease
 26 or sickle cell trait. Members of the Council shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

27 C. After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of four years. All
 28 members may be reappointed. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall
 29 be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

30 D. The Council shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of
 31 the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Council shall be held at the call of the
 32 chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

33 E. Members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in
 34 § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the
 35 performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of
 36 compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department.

37 F. The Department shall provide staff support to the Council. All agencies of the Commonwealth
 38 shall provide assistance to the Council, upon request.

39 **§ 32.1-73.22. Report.**

40 The Commissioner shall report annually by December 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly
 41 on the Council's recommendations related to efforts to improve awareness of sickle cell disease and
 42 sickle cell trait. Such report shall be submitted for publication as a report document as provided in the
 43 procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents
 44 and reports. The chairman shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an annual executive
 45 summary of the interim activity and work of the Council no later than the first day of each regular
 46 session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as a report document as
 47 provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of
 48 legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

49 2. That the initial appointments of members of the Advisory Council on Sickle Cell Disease shall
 50 be staggered as follows: one member who is an individual who has been diagnosed with sickle cell
 51 disease or sickle cell trait or is the family member of a person who has been diagnosed with sickle
 52 cell disease or sickle cell trait and one member who is a health care provider who specializes in
 53 hematology to be appointed for a term of two years; one member who is an individual who has
 54 been diagnosed with sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait or is the family member of a person who
 55 has been diagnosed with sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait and one member who is a
 56 representative of a community-based organization with experience addressing the needs of
 57 individuals with sickle cell disease for a term of three years; and one member who is an individual
 58 who has been diagnosed with sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait or is the family member of a

59 person who has been diagnosed with sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait, one member who is a
60 health care provider who specializes in hematology, and one member who is a representative of a
61 community-based organization with experience addressing the needs of individuals with sickle cell
62 disease for a term of four years.