



School Health Services Committee

July 24, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

General Assembly Building, Senate Room 305-A

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The Virginia School Health Services Committee (the Committee) met in Richmond with Delegate Mike A. Cherry, vice chair, presiding.¹ The meeting began with introductions and opening remarks followed by presentations and discussion. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [Committee's meetings webpage](#). Video recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Presentation: Legislative Proposal Relating to Public School Student Medication Management

Ryan Brimmer, Lead Senior Attorney, Division of Legislative Services

Mr. Brimmer presented a proposal from member Angela Moore that would clarify that various provisions of the Code that apply to student medication management and student health management also apply to pre-K students in addition to K-12 students. The affected provisions would include those outlining the administration of epinephrine, undesignated stock albuterol inhalers and valved holding chambers, insulin, nasal or injectable glucagon, and opioid antagonists.

Presentation: Legislative Proposal Relating to At-Risk Add-On Initiatives

Ryan Brimmer, Lead Senior Attorney, Division of Legislative Services

Mr. Brimmer outlined a proposal from Senator Barbara A. Favola, chair of the Committee, that would include initiatives to support both the physical and mental health of students in public schools, including the hiring of registered nurses, as covered programs eligible for funding under the At-Risk Program. The proposal would allow school divisions to allocate funds that are already available to support students who are educationally at risk to these initiatives.

Member Discussion

Members discussed how the proposed legislation regarding the At-Risk Program initiatives would affect the hiring of registered nurses for all schools. Delegate Laura Jane Cohen supported the opportunity for school divisions to use money already allocated to them for such purposes, and Delegate Wendell S. Walker highlighted the issue of retaining registered nurses in rural areas of the Commonwealth.

¹ **Members Present:** Senator Barbara A. Favola, (chair), Delegate Mike A. Cherry (vice chair), Senator Mark J. Peake, Delegate Laura Jane Cohen, Delegate Rae C. Cousins, Delegate Wendell S. Walker, Betsy Looney, Angela Moore, Dr. Lee Vreeland

Members Absent: Senator Stella G. Pekarsky, Delegate Delores L. McQuinn, Rebecca Bowers-Lanier, Dr. Michelle Boyd, Emily Anne Gullickson (ex officio), Karen Shelton (ex officio)

Public Comment

Kathryn Haines of the Virginia Interfaith Center on Public Policy advocated for the need to have a registered nurse in every school and for the General Assembly to include a budget amendment to that end.

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