



School Health Services Committee Subcommittee to Study Senate Bill 1303 (2025)

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General Assembly Building, Senate Room 305-A

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The Subcommittee to Study Senate Bill 1303 (2025) of the School Health Services Committee met in Richmond with Delegate Mike A. Cherry, 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: Review of SB 1303 (2025) House Education Committee Substitute Bill Draft

Julia Bergamini, Staff Attorney, Division of Legislative Services

Ms. Bergamini conducted an overview of the goals and structure of SB 1303 (McPike, 2025), which include:

1. Clarifying and updating existing provisions relating to diabetes care and management in a school setting;
2. Expanding provisions relating to self-management for student diabetes care and establishing protections to ensure students are not deprived of opportunities in a school setting;
3. Expanding requirements, protections, and exceptions for school personnel to provide diabetes care, including training and staffing requirements; and
4. Establishing requirements for informational materials and guidance for parents, faculty, and staff.

Presentation: Support for SB 1303 (2025)

Senator Jeremy S. McPike, SB 1303 (2025) Chief Patron

Senator McPike stressed the importance of SB 1303 to children across the Commonwealth who suffer from type 1 diabetes. Senator McPike explained that he consulted with the Virginia Association of School Nurses to address previous concerns and added protections for school staff who are unable or unwilling to conduct such care.

Member Discussion

Dr. W. Gregory Hundley, Chief of the Division of Cardiology at VCU, stated that some medical personnel in schools may be more comfortable having a parent present when carrying out a task or procedure that the medical professional does not have specific training to complete. Senator

¹ **Members Present:** Delegate Mike A. Cherry (chair), Delegate Rebecca Bowers-Lanier, W. Gregory Hundley, Betsy Looney, Angela Moore

Members Absent: Senator Stella G. Pekarsky

Barbara A. Favola expressed concern about the specificity of training required of school staff in the Code of Virginia when school boards already have processes for implementing diabetes medical management plans. Additionally, members discussed the current protocol for developing diabetes medical management plans and how such plans are currently handled by schools as well as current enforcement mechanisms for schools that are not compliant with ADA Section 504 and other state policies that already exist.

Public Comment

Ms. Jacqueline McManemin of the Virginia Diabetes Council supported the intent of SB 1303 but is worried about the increased burden imposed on school staff. Other attendees agreed, citing the potential need for schools to be staffed by a licensed registered nurse and concerns over increased training mandates for teachers and liability exposure as well as decreased autonomy for schools.

In support of the legislation, Ms. Kerry Murphy highlighted that federal law requires schools to take care of students with type 1 diabetes, and Virginia law should follow that requirement. It was also noted that diabetes care management does not qualify as a medical procedure and therefore does not need to be performed by trained medical personnel.

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