

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 2:00pm

Senate Room 311/C

General Assembly Building, 3rd Floor

201 N. 9th St., Richmond, VA 23219

I. Welcome & Roll Call -

Senator Favola, Chair

II. HB 355: Presentations & Discussion -

(i) Agency Presentations: Progress & Recommendations; DBHDS Representative; & Joseph Wharff, Director of Office of Behavioral Health & Student Safety, VDOE;

(ii) Overview: UVA Study & Research; Dr. Michael Lyons, Associate Professor & Clinical & School Psychology Program Director, UVA

(iii) Committee Discussion & Consideration of Recommendations for approval

III. Other Legislative Matters before the Committee:

(i) Legislation Referred to Committee - HB 873 Overview & Discussion

(ii) Progress Update: HB 462

IV. Brief & Update: School-Based Mental Health Services Grants Pursuant to Item 295 FF (2025 Session)

Julia Bergamini, Attorney, Division of Legislative Services.

V. Update: Legislative Recommendations for Inclusion of School Nurses in SOQs

Betsy Looney, Committee Member

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VI. Other Business & Public Comment

VII. Adjourn