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SENATE BILL NO. 1195

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A BILL to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Secretary of Education to establish a school-based health centers joint task force; report.

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Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Secretary of Education shall establish a school-based health centers joint task force (the joint task force) that includes representation from members of the General Assembly, the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Office of Children's Services, and all other relevant state agencies and stakeholder groups deemed appropriate that shall be tasked with (i) assessing the current landscape of school-based services and mental health screening, evaluation, and treatment in school settings; (ii) in coordination with ongoing behavioral health transformation efforts of the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, developing best practice recommendations for trauma-informed school-based health centers as a vehicle for the provision of both medical and behavioral health delivered in school settings; and (iii) developing a plan for establishing a Virginia affiliate member organization, recognized by the national School-Based Health Alliance, for the purposes of providing technical assistance and guidance for localities interested in bolstering or implementing current and future school-based health centers. The task force shall work in coordination with the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and may serve as an advisory body to other relevant committees, commissions, and members of the General Assembly on school-based health matters. The task force shall convene a minimum of four meetings and shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Education and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by December 1, 2019.

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