

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Secretary of Education to*
3 *establish a school-based health centers joint task force; report.*

4 [S 1195]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1.** § 1. *The Virginia's Children's Cabinet established by the Governor pursuant to Executive Order No.*
8 *11 (2018) shall establish a school-based health centers joint task force (the joint task force) that*
9 *includes representatives from the General Assembly, the Department of Health, the Department of*
10 *Education, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Behavioral Health and*
11 *Developmental Services, the Office of Children's Services, and all other relevant state agencies and*
12 *stakeholder groups deemed appropriate, who shall be tasked with (i) assessing the current landscape of*
13 *school-based services and mental health screening, evaluation, and treatment in school settings; (ii) in*
14 *coordination with ongoing behavioral health transformation efforts of the Department of Medical*
15 *Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, developing*
16 *best practice recommendations for trauma-informed school-based health centers as a vehicle for the*
17 *provision of both medical and behavioral health services delivered in school settings; (iii) evaluating*
18 *options for billing public and private insurance for school-based health services; and (iv) developing a*
19 *plan for establishing a Virginia affiliate member organization, recognized by the national School-Based*
20 *Health Alliance, for the purposes of providing technical assistance and guidance for localities interested*
21 *in bolstering or implementing current and future school-based health centers. The joint task force shall*
22 *work in coordination with the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of*
23 *Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and may serve as an advisory body to other relevant*
24 *committees, commissions, and members of the General Assembly on school-based health matters. The*
25 *joint task force shall hold a minimum of four meetings and shall report its findings and*
26 *recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health*
27 *and the House Committees on Education and Health, Welfare and Institutions by December 1, 2019.*

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