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A *BILL to direct the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety to convene a work group to develop guidelines and best practices for the sharing of certain information between a local school board or public institution of higher education and law enforcement.*

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (the Center), shall convene a work group to develop guidelines and best practices for the sharing of information between a local school board or public institution of higher education and law enforcement regarding a student whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of a school or institution or the community, including information regarding such student's disciplinary history, medical conditions, or other relevant characteristics. Such guidelines and best practices shall seek to balance the interests of safety and student privacy and shall be consistent with the provisions of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g) and the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq.), as applicable. Such work group shall include representatives from the Department of Education, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Office of the Attorney General, the Virginia School Boards Association, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, the Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, and other interested shareholders. The Center shall develop such guidelines and best practices, report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and make such guidelines available to local school boards, public institutions of higher education, law enforcement, and the public by October 1, 2019.

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