



Virginia Commission on Youth 2017 Legislative Studies and Initiatives

TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations	Adopted Language
<p><u>Recommendation 1 – Trauma-Informed Care Interagency Workgroup</u></p>	<p>Request the Governor to include in the proposed biennial budget, language directing the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in cooperation with the Office of the Secretary Education, to create a Trauma-Informed Care workgroup. The workgroup shall include representatives from the Department of Social Services, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Education, the Office of Children’s Services, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Virginia Department of Health, the Family and Children’s Trust Fund of Virginia, other state agencies as needed, stakeholders, researchers, community organizations and representatives from impacted communities. The workgroup shall (i) develop a shared vision and definition of trauma-informed care for Virginia; (ii) examine Virginia’s applicable child and family-serving programs and data; (iii) develop an implementation plan for data-sharing; (iv) develop strategies to build a trauma-informed system of care for children and families across the Commonwealth; (v) identify indicators to measure progress; (vi) identify workforce development opportunities around evidence-based and best</p>

	<p>practices; and (vii) identify needed professional development/training in trauma-informed practices for all child-serving professionals. In addition, the workgroup shall explore opportunities, including the creation of public/private partnerships to expand trauma-informed care throughout the Commonwealth. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Secretary of Education shall report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees and the Virginia Commission on Youth by December 15 of each year. Include an appropriation of \$150,000 each year for staff support to coordinate and carry out the duties of the workgroup.</p>
<p><u>Recommendation 2 – Establish a Small Grants Program</u></p>	<p>Request the Governor to include in the proposed biennial budget a General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 to serve as a dollar for dollar match for private, foundation and nonprofit money raised to support a grants program of the Family and Children’s Trust Fund (FACT). These dollars shall fund a competitive small grants program to prevent, mitigate or help children ages 0-6 recover from Adverse Childhood Experiences across the state.</p>
<p><u>Recommendation 3 – Additional Funding to Virginia’s Tiered Systems of Supports for teachers, administrators, and Specialized Instructional Support Personnel.</u></p>	<p>Request the Governor to include in the proposed biennial 2018 budget, a General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 to increase the existing General Fund appropriation to the Department of Education's Virginia’s Tiered Systems of Supports directing the additional funds to support Title I and Accreditation Denied Schools.</p>



**IDENTIFYING SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS
AT VIRGINIA’S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**
ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS

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<p><u>Recommendation 1 – Alcoholic Beverage Control Board</u></p>	<p>Amend the <i>Code of Virginia</i> to add §4.1-103.02(B) to direct the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to establish and seek the advice of the Virginia Institutions of Higher Education Substance Use Advisory Board to develop and update a statewide strategic plan for substance use education, prevention, and intervention at Virginia’s public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education.</p> <p>This statewide strategic plan shall (i) incorporate the use of best practices, which may include, but not be limited to, student-led peer-to-peer education and college recovery programs; (ii) determine and provide for the collection of statewide school data on student alcohol and substance use; (iii) facilitate institutions of higher education in developing their individual strategic plans by including networking, resources, and training materials and (iv) develop and maintain reporting guidelines for institutions of higher education individual strategic plans using mandatory requirements as a guide.</p> <p>The ABC Board shall convene a group of representatives from Virginia’s colleges and universities including students and directors of student health and such other members as the Board may require to make up the Virginia Institutions of Higher Education Substance Use Advisory Board. Membership on the Advisory Board shall be broadly representative of public and nonprofit private institutions of higher education. The Advisory Board shall submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year.</p>



REPORTING OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE CASES TO VIRGINIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS

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<u>Recommendation 1 – Notification to the local school board</u>	Amend § 63.2-1505(B)(7) of the <i>Code of Virginia</i> to require local departments of social services to report founded cases of child abuse and neglect of former school employees if they were an employee during the course of the investigation or at the time of the alleged conduct.
<u>Recommendation 2 – Notification to the Superintendent of Public Instruction</u>	Amend § 63.2-1503(P) of the <i>Code of Virginia</i> to require local departments of social services to report founded cases of child abuse and neglect for an individual holding a license to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the same time as a report is made to the local school board.
<u>Recommendation 3 – Administrative appeals process extensions</u>	Amend § 63.2-1526 of the Code of Virginia to add language stating that an appellant may request no more than two extensions of the state administrative hearing unless compelling reasons exist, not to exceed an additional 90 days.
<u>Recommendation 4 – Commission on Youth study standards of review</u>	Request the Virginia Commission on Youth to study the difference in standards of review to determine a founded case of abuse and neglect between school personnel and non-school personnel and to advise the Commission of its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2018.