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SENATE BILL NO. 768

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A *BILL to require the Department of Education to survey local education agencies on school-based mental and behavioral health services; report.*

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Department of Education (the Department) shall survey each local education agency (LEA) in the Commonwealth to determine (i) how public schools governed by such LEA currently grant access to local departments of social services and community services boards and other community-based providers of mental and behavioral health services and (ii) what school-based mental and behavioral health services are made available by such LEA. The Department shall utilize the results of and feedback from such survey to inform the continued development and improvement of guidelines for school professionals to support students and families by connecting them with community resources that provide mental and behavioral health services. The Department shall report to the Commission on Youth by November 1, 2025, any findings and recommendations that result from such survey.*

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