

# 2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 789**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 13, 2026

4 A BILL to direct the Department of Health to convene a work group to evaluate the Virginia State  
5 Anatomical Program and its current finances and to provide recommendations to strengthen practices  
6 and procedures concerning donor procurement, distribution, and disposition.

7 Patron—Austin

8 Committee Referral Pending

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

10 1. *The Department of Health shall convene a work group consisting of a representative from the  
11 Virginia State Anatomical Program (the Program); representatives from medical schools, universities,  
12 colleges, institutions of higher education, established allied health programs, including physician associate  
13 and physical therapy programs, and any other health programs in the Commonwealth that utilize donor  
14 materials for instructional purposes; a representative of a research facility that utilizes donor materials for  
15 the study of disease or innovation of medical procedures or surgical techniques; a representative of the  
16 Virginia Association of Human Anatomical Sciences; a representative of the Virginia Intercollegiate  
17 Anatomy Laboratory; and any other relevant stakeholders to evaluate current Program policies and  
18 procedures and any other regulations surrounding the implementation of the Program. The work group  
19 shall evaluate current donor needs due to the expanding number of medical and educational programs  
20 offered in the Commonwealth, examine current finances to determine if funding is needed to strengthen the  
21 Program, and provide recommendations to revise Program procedures or policies, or propose statutory  
22 language to effectively bolster donor procurement and ensure efficient, fair, and adequate donor  
23 distribution and disposition to medical schools, colleges, universities, community colleges, and research  
24 facilities across the Commonwealth. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
25 House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no  
26 later than November 1, 2026.*

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