

## 2026 SESSION

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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 641**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 14, 2026

4 *A BILL to direct the Board of Medicine to amend its regulations regarding office-based buprenorphine*  
5 *treatment to require providers to offer counseling or referral to counseling.*

6 Patrons—Pillion, Cifers, Craig, French, Hackworth, McDougle, Mulchi, Obenshain, Peake, Reeves, Stanley,  
Stuart and Sturtevant

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8 Referred to Committee on Education and Health  
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 **1. § 1. That the Board of Medicine shall amend its regulations regarding office-based buprenorphine**  
12 **treatment to require providers to offer counseling or referral to counseling to each patient as clinically**  
13 **necessary and mutually agreed-upon. Under such regulations, a patient's refusal shall not preclude the**  
14 **patient from receiving office-based buprenorphine treatment for opioid use disorder.**

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