

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Department of Education to assess the impact of developing a program to provide*
3 *student support programs to students enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school through*
4 *certified student support agencies.*

5 [H 178]
6 Approved

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

8 1. § 1. *As used in this act:*

9 *"Certified student support agency" means a nonprofit organization certified by the Commonwealth to*
10 *provide student support programs to students enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school.*

11 *"Student support program" means a program administered for the purpose of providing direct services to*
12 *at-risk students, including housing stabilization, case management, tutoring or instructional support, youth*
13 *mentoring and development, or summer enrichment services.*

14 § 2. *That the Department of Education (the Department) shall assess the impact of developing a program*
15 *to provide student support programs to students enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school through*
16 *certified student support agencies. In conducting such assessment, the Department shall consider (i) a*
17 *framework by which a certified student support agency would enter into a memorandum of understanding*
18 *with a school board for the purpose of providing student support programs and suggested components of*
19 *such memorandums of understanding, such as (a) documentation establishing the organization's nonprofit*
20 *status, (b) a description of each student support program that such organization provides, (c) policies and*
21 *procedures relating to privacy, background checks, mandated reporting, and the transmission, collection,*
22 *use, and disposal of student personal information, and (d) consent forms and procedures to be used by such*
23 *student support programs to obtain the necessary consent from the parent of any student under 18 years of*
24 *age; (ii) the feasibility of establishing and administering a certification process for certified student support*
25 *agencies; (iii) potential compliance monitoring and enforcement mechanisms and subsequent penalties for*
26 *noncompliance to ensure that each certified student support agency complies with such program; (iv)*
27 *policies and procedures for the secure disposal of a student's personal information upon such student's*
28 *withdrawal from a student support program, upon the cessation of any such program, or upon such student's*
29 *graduation or transfer from the school division; and (v) cost estimates, including staffing needs, for the*
30 *development and implementation of such program. The Department shall submit a report on its findings to*
31 *the Chairs of the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health and the*
32 *House Committees on Appropriations and Education no later than November 1, 2026.*