Virginia Disability Commission

Senator Barbara A. Favola, Chair
Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Senate Room A-305, General Assembly Building

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https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/262

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Written testimony can be emailed to: committeeoperations@senate.virginia.gov

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Presentation: Electronic Visit Verification — *Nichole Martin, Director, Office of Community Living, Department of Medical Assistance Services*

III. Presentation: SB 1038 (Pekarsky, 2025) - Training for Conducting Telehealth Visits — *Eric Williams, Assistant Commissioner of Developmental Services, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services*

IV. Presentation: Training Curriculum for Direct Support Professionals — *Harrison Hayes, Executive Director, Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, and Jennifer Fidura, Executive Director, Virginia Network of Private Providers*

V. Member Discussion

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

Purpose of the Virginia Disability Commission:

"The purpose of the Commission is to identify and recommend legislative priorities and policies for adoption or examination by the General Assembly in order to provide ongoing support in developing and reviewing services and funding related to Virginians with physical and sensory disabilities." Code of Virginia § 30-232.

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