Virginia Disability Commission

Senator Barbara A. Favola, Chair
Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Senate Room B-306, General Assembly Building

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

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

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Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Presentation: Budget Considerations for Special Education Programs — *Division of Legislative Services*

III. Presentation: DARS Services for the Disabled Community — *Donna Bonessi, Director of Employment Services and Special Programs, Department for Aging and Rehabilitation Services*

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

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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