



## Expanding Inclusive Education & Promoting Transparency

**SB 1133 - Senator Suetterlein**

### Problem:

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- State CSA funds are reserved only for children served in private day placements – public schools are unable to utilize this funding stream for services delivered in the local school divisions. This method of funding systematically incentivizes the most restrictive environments for students.
  - Private Day Schools are not required to meet the same standards for reporting and transparency as public schools


### Solution:

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- Allow CSA funds to be used in the Identified Least Restrictive Environment for the student, rather than tying funding to the setting. CSA funds may only be used in Private Day Schools that are licensed by the Department of Education.
  - Implement a Pilot Program utilizing CSA Funds to support students returning to their Public Schools.


## Accessibility to Technology & Services in Medicaid Waivers

**HB 2197 - Delegate Runion**

### Problem:

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- People have long faced significant barriers to receiving Assistive Technology and Environmental Modifications, both of which are necessary in accessing Virtual Supports.
  - As our world has changed, Technology has become our norm for connection, socializing and engaging. People with disabilities often lack the resources to acquire such technology.


### Solution:

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- Legislation calls for a Workgroup with Stakeholders with lived experience to consider and offer recommendations for removing barriers and increasing access to technology and support through virtual means.


## Criminal Justice Reform - Recognizing Developmental Disabilities

**SB 1315 - Senator McClellan**

### Problem:

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- People with disabilities are more likely to be arrested, be charged with a crime, and serve longer prison sentences once convicted, than those without disabilities.
  - Once entangled, they face unique challenges, bias, and inaccessible services, which only perpetuate the cycle of criminal justice involvement.

### Solution:

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- Make admissible the presence of a diagnosis of Intellectual or Developmental Disability throughout the criminal justice process.
  - Ensure training on IDD for attorneys and public defenders.

## Fully Fund Priority One

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Delegate Sickles



- 3,193 people with developmental disabilities are currently waiting for services through the DD Waiver.
- They are all identified by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as having Priority Level One needs

## End the Inclusion Penalty

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Virginia continues to prioritize Group and SEGREGATED SERVICES OVER INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS.  
Evidenced:



- When COVID RELIEF for the Disability Community left out services like In Home Supports,
- And again when the Waiver Rate Increases were put back into the budget, COMMUNITY BASED Services like In Home, Supported Living, and Community Engagement were delayed until July while GROUP SETTING INCREASES TOOK EFFECT JANUARY 1ST.

During Waiver Redesign, Supported Living was created as a new Service designed to provide UP to 24 hrs per day of support in a person's home. The rate is a day rate and is 30% less than the Group Home rate that also provides Up to 24 hours of support. Because of this inequity, there are only 150 People STATEWIDE in Supported Living.

**Service Rates Should NOT Dictate Choice!!**