



# Developing an Advocacy Agenda for 2019 Virginia General Assembly

## The Issues:

- Special Education Funding / Private Day Placements
  - Repeal / Modify 2% Rate Cap Language (July 1, 2019)
  - Monitor Outcomes Study Implementation
  - Monitor Rate Study / Provider Participation Activities (July 1, 2019)
  - HHR Joint Oversight Subcommittee / JLARC Special Education Study? (2019-2020)
- Family First Prevention Services Act Implementation (DSS-Title IV-E) (October 1, 2021)
  - Evidence-Based Provider “Stand Up” Funding
  - Continued Participation in Three Branch Initiative
- Behavioral Health Redesign Initiative (DMAS/DBHDS)
  - Continued / Expanded Participation in Work Group(s)
  - Monitor Proposed Legislative / Regulatory Changes
- DMAS PRTF Rate Review / Cost Analysis (Due October 1, 2019)
- MCO’s Behavioral Health Continuing Rollout (CCC Plus, Medallion 4)
- Fingerprint / Central Registry Background Checks
- Education Costs for Non-CSA Parental Placements
- Others: Medicaid Expansion Implementation / IACCT Impact – Magellan / DMAS



## History/Background – Private Special Education Funding Issue

- **2014 Legislation:** Attempt by Stafford County to access CSA funds to bring back children from private day placements and serve in public schools; led to COY Study.
- **2014 – 2015 Study:** Commission on Youth Study on Private Educational Placements
- **2016 Budget Language:** CSA / DOE Work Group Study; included option for SPED “carve out” from CSA
- **2017 Budget Language:** HHR Oversight Joint Subcommittee Workgroup (continuing)
- **2018 Budget Language:**
  - Outcomes Workgroup Study (Reported November 1, 2018)  
<https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/Published/2018/RD434/PDF>
  - 2% Rate Cap (Effective July 1, 2019)
  - Private Consultant Rate Study (Report Due July 1, 2019)



## History/Background – Private Special Education Funding Issue

- 2018 Budget Language, 2% Rate Cap:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rates paid by localities to providers of private day special education services under the Children's Services Act shall not increase more than two percent above the rates paid in the prior fiscal year. This provision shall take effect July 1, 2019, such that the rates paid in fiscal year 2020 shall not increase more than two percent over the rates paid in fiscal year 2019. All localities shall submit their contracted rates for private day education services to the Office of Children's Services by August 1 of each year.”



## Key Dates / Events

- JLARC Meeting (November 13)
  - *Consideration of Special Education Study, 2019-2020*
- House Appropriations Committee Retreat (November 13-14)
  - *CSA SPED Agenda Item (November 13)*
- Senate Finance Committee Retreat (November 15-16)
- Joint Subcommittee on HHR Oversight (November 26)
- Drafting Request Deadline for Pre-filed Legislation (December 3)
- JLARC Meeting (December 10)
  - *Presentation of Report on Foster Care and Adoption Services in Virginia*
- Governor Budget Presentation to Joint Money Committees (December 18)
- 2019 Session of the Virginia General Assembly Convenes (January 9)



## Advocacy and Grassroots Action Plan

*Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight*

- **Senate Members:**
  - Senator Emmett Hanger (R-Augusta)
  - Senator Janet Howell (D-Fairfax)
  - Senator George Barker (D-Fairfax)
  - Senator Siobhan Dunnavant (R-Henrico)
  
- **House Members:**
  - Delegate Chris Jones (R-Suffolk)
  - Delegate Steve Landes (R-Augusta)
  - Delegate Scott Garrett (R-Lynchburg)
  - Delegate Mark Sickles (D-Fairfax)



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## *Senate Finance Committee*

- **Health and Human Resources Subcommittee:**

- Senator Emmett Hanger (R-Augusta)
- Senator Janet Howell (D-Fairfax)
- Senator Tommy Norment (R-James City)
- Senator Steve Newman (R-Lynchburg)
- Senator George Barker (D-Fairfax)
- Senator Siobhan Dunnivant (R-Henrico)
- Senator Richard Stuart (R-King George)
- Senator Rosalyn Dance (D-Petersburg)

- **Education Subcommittee:**

- Senator Tommy Norment (R-James City) [Higher Education]
- Senator Steve Newman (R-Lynchburg) [K-12 Education]
- Senator Janet D. Howell (D-Fairfax)
- Senator Dick Saslaw (D-Fairfax)
- Senator Emmett Hanger (R-Augusta)
- Senator Frank Ruff (R-Mecklenburg)
- Senator Siobhan Dunnivant (R-Henrico)
- Senator Richard Stuart (R-King George)



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## *House Appropriations Committee*

- **Health and Human Resources Subcommittee:**
  - Delegate Scott Garrett (R-Lynchburg)
  - Delegate Riley Ingram (R-Hopewell)
  - Delegate Steve Landes (R-Augusta)
  - Delegate Chris Stolle (R-Virginia Beach)
  - Delegate Todd Pillion (R-Abingdon)
  - Delegate Mark Sickles (D-Fairfax)
  - Delegate Matthew James (D-Portsmouth)
  - Delegate Lashrecse Aird (D-Petersburg)
  
- **Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee:**
  - Delegate Chris Peace (R-Hanover)
  - Delegate Steve Landes (R-Augusta)
  - Delegate Barry Knight (R-Virginia Beach)
  - Delegate Nick Rush (R-Christiansburg)
  - Delegate Todd Pillion (R-Abingdon)
  - Delegate Delores McQuinn (D-Richmond)
  - Delegate Lashrecse Aird (D-Petersburg)
  - Delegate John Bell (D-Loudoun)



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*Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC)*

- **House Members:**

- *Delegate Steve Landes (R-Augusta), Vice Chairman*
- *Speaker Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights)*
- *Delegate Terry Austin (R-Buchanan)*
- *Delegate Betsy Carr (D-Richmond)*
- *Delegate Charniele Herring (D-Alexandria)*
- *Delegate Chris Jones (R-Suffolk)*
- *Delegate Bobby Orrock (R-Caroline)*
- *Delegate Ken Plum (D-Reston)*
- *Delegate Chris Stolle (R-Virginia Beach)*

- **Senate Members:**

- *Senator Tommy Norment (R-James City County), Chairman*
- *Senator Emmitt Hanger (R-Augusta)*
- *Senator Janet Howell (D-Fairfax)*
- *Senator Ryan McDougle (R-Hanover)*
- *Senator Frank Ruff (R-Mecklenburg)*

**Study Topic Selection Subcommittee members** *in parentheses*





## **Advocacy and Grassroots Action Plan**

- **Reactivate / Recharge Government Affairs Committee / Leverage Member Resources**
- **Publish and Disseminate VCOPPA 2019 Legislative Agenda**
- **Review / Respond to Outcomes Workgroup Report**
- **Contact / Visit Legislators / State Officials as Necessary**
- **Monitoring / Continued Participation in Ongoing Workgroups, Studies, Initiatives**
- **Develop Rapid Response Plan for 2019 General Assembly**
- **Regular Communications with Grass Roots / Activate as Needed**