

Report on the Interim Activity of the Virginia Autism Advisory Council 2018

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BACKGROUND

The Virginia Autism Advisory Council (Council) is the legislative body charged with promoting coordination of services and resources among agencies involved in the delivery of services to Virginians with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and increasing public awareness of such services and resources. The following is a year-end summary of the Council's 2018 interim activity.

OVERVIEW

The Council met once during the 2018 interim on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. in Senate Subcommittee Room 1 in the Pocahontas Building. A quorum was present. John Cimino, Director of Public Policy for the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, provided the Council with an overview of the Board's report, "Assessment of Virginia's Disability Services System: Housing and Transportation Services."

The Council discussed its work plan for the 2019 interim and determined that it would be beneficial to pursue an in-depth study of a discrete issue that affects Virginians with ASD, such as the placement of students with ASD in private day schools pursuant to the Children's Services Act, in conjunction with relevant state agencies and stakeholders.