



BHC impact through legislation and budget



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Briefing

Nearly two-thirds of BHC-sponsored recommendations have been implemented since 2023

Total BHC recommendations implemented	2023	2024	Cumulative
Recommendations adopted by BHC	12	44	56
Recommendations implemented through BHC action	10	25	35
% recommendations implemented	83%	57%	63%

Recommendations implemented through BHC legislation	2023	2024	Cumulative
# Introduced through legislation	11	10	21
# Implemented through legislation	9	8	17
<i>% of legislative recommendations implemented</i>	82%	80%	81%

Implemented through BHC budget amendments	2023	2024	Cumulative
# Introduced through budget	1	34	35
# Implemented through budget	1	17	18
<i>% of budget recommendations implemented</i>	100%	50%	51%

Impact of 2024 BHC legislative actions: BHC study of STEP-VA

Purpose	Bill/Budget	BHC patron
Improve effectiveness of CSB performance contracts by ensuring performance measures capture outcomes and have benchmarks (incl. STEP-VA) ¹	Language	Sen. Deeds Sen. Favola Del. Hope
Facilitate evaluation of STEP-VA outcomes by accessing CSB data captured in new data exchange as part of DBHDS IT modernization		DBHDS action
Improve efficiency and retention of CSB direct care staff by identifying and eliminating documentation and reporting requirements that are duplicative or not essential ¹	Language	Sen. Favola Del. Hope
Estimate funding needed to fully implement STEP-VA services by conducting a needs assessment	Language	Sen. Deeds Del. Hope
Understand how 2023-2024 funding has been used to transform crisis system	Language	Sen. Deeds Del. Hope

¹ From JLARC report entitled “Virginia’s state psychiatric hospitals”, 2023

Impact of 2024 BHC legislative actions: BHC study of school-based mental health services, EDCOT, other

Purpose	Bill/Amount	BHC patron
Improve effectiveness of school-based mental health services by replacing Medicaid legacy services with modified behavioral health services that are evidence based	Language	Administration action
Build out school mental health programs by planning how to develop a joint program between DOE and DBHDS with flexible funding, measures, and technical assistance	Language	Sen. Deeds Del. Rasoul
Divert more individuals with a serious mental illness from the criminal justice system to court-ordered mental health treatment by assessing diversion options	Language	Sen. Deeds Del. Watts
Increase HAC membership on BHC to enhance ability to impact the budget	SB 125 HB 807	Sen. Favola Del. Rasoul

Impact of 2024 BHC legislative actions: JLARC study of state psychiatric hospitals

Purpose	Bill/Amount	BHC patron
Improve recruiting and retention at state hospitals by increasing salaries for (1) clinical staff and (2) food & environmental services staff	\$10.4M/yr. \$7.9M/yr.	Sen. Deeds
Improve psychiatric placements for youths by identifying alternatives to CCCA	Language	Sen. Deeds Del. Hope
Reduce admissions to state hospitals by clarifying that ECOs/TDOs do not apply to individuals with strictly neurocognitive disorders or neurodevelopmental disabilities	SB 176 HB 888	Sen. Favola Del. Watts
Improve recruiting & retention at state hospitals by categorizing nurses as “full-time” at 36 hrs	SB 177 HB 806	Sen. Favola Del. Rasoul
Improve transparency and accountability at state hospitals by ensuring OSIG ¹ fully investigates all complaints of abuse, neglect, and inadequate care	SB 178 HB 313	Sen. Favola
Shift discharge planning from CSBs to Central State and SVMHI ² for patients with <30 days hospital stay	SB 179 HB 314 (Hope)	Sen. Favola Del. Hope

¹ OSIG = Office of the State Inspector General

² SVMHI = Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute

Impact of 2024 BHC legislative actions: JLARC study of CSB behavioral health services¹

Purpose	Bill/Amount	BHC patron
Improve transparency and quality by providing report on the outcomes of CSB consumers, trends, and underperformance for each CSB	Language	Sen. Favola Del. Watts
Maximize the capacity of existing crisis stabilization units (CSUs) by providing funding to fully staff them	\$2.5M/yr.	Sen. Deeds Del. Rasoul

¹ Budget amendments implementing recommendations for this study were initially introduced in 2023 but not included in the final “skinny” budget; Budget amendments were re-introduced in 2024



Next meeting
July 9, 2024
time and location TBD

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