



Bill of the Week - 2/3/25

HB 2196

**Public schools; student discipline;
Restorative School in Virginia Pilot Program;
established.**

Bill Status

House Floor:

2nd Reading

Companion
Bill in Senate:
SB 1262

Key Points

- Establishes the Restorative Schools in Virginia Pilot Program to be administered by the Department of Education.
- The purpose is to address school discipline issues and promote evidence-based restorative practices.
- Eligible schools selected to receive funds will develop a comprehensive plan for implementing evidence-based restorative practices and report each year on the progress in implementation of the plan.
- Students with disabilities are significantly more likely to be suspended, referred to law enforcement, or expelled than students without disabilities.
- In 2022, VBPD released an Assessment of the School to Prison Pipeline which addresses many of the reasons evidence-based restorative practices are important.

Impact on Virginians

Students with disabilities are subject to inequitable discipline. Exclusionary discipline harms all students. Developing evidence-based restorative practices can reduce suspensions, improve student behavior, and create a more inclusive, supportive school culture.

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