

Senator Cummings,

Virginia asked that I send this language, which the two of you discussed, as she is not able to get on line.

The State Board of Education shall develop a policy to promote the use of restorative and similar practices regarding school climate and culture, truancy, bullying and harassment, and school discipline. The Board shall consider the research that demonstrates that restorative approaches lead to reductions in absenteeism, suspensions, and expulsions, and to improved educational outcomes. In developing the policy, the Board shall collaborate with community stakeholders who have helped schools to use restorative and similar practices. The Board shall provide a report, which shall include the policy, the process by which the policy was developed, and policy implementation plans to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee by November 1, 2016.

Regards,
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