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Providers and Other Interested Stakeholders,

This information is provided **for your general information as an interested stakeholder to make you aware of the opportunity to simply listen in, or to provide comment during designated public comment periods in three upcoming public meetings.**

The 2023 Virginia General Assembly passed to study resolutions that mandate DBHDS to:

- § 1. review its regulations that impact providers licensed by the Department in order to identify reforms to increase efficiency, reduce redundancy, and decrease regulatory burdens on providers. This review shall include consideration of how relief from licensing requirements may be authorized for providers that are accredited by recognized national accreditation bodies. The Department shall also consider adjustments to the frequency of licensing inspections for providers with triennial licenses that have had no health or safety violations or complaints for the previous year. The Department shall collaborate with stakeholders to conduct this review and shall report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by November 1, 2023. [[HB2255/SB1155](#)]

- § 1. ...review its regulations that require providers licensed by the Department to report allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and incidents classified as Level II and Level III. The Department shall collaborate with stakeholders to develop solutions to reduce administrative burdens on licensed providers. The Department shall report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by November 1, 2023. **[SB1544]**

To meet these mandates, DBHDS invited specific stakeholders to participate as panelists in three workgroup meetings from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. on July 20, July 27, and August 3, 2023, to discuss these matters. However, in the latter part of each meeting there will be an opportunity to comment on the issues under discussion. An agenda and a packet of information will be posted at the links below.

State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
Title: DBHDS Office of Licensing 2023 Combined Study Workgroup (HB2255/SB1155 and SB1544)
Time: 7/20/23 01:00 PM
Note: See also meetings on 7/27 and 8/3.
More details on this meeting

State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
Title: DBHDS 2023 Combined Study Workgroup (HB2255/SB1155 and SB1544)
Time: 7/27/23 01:00 PM
Note: See also meetings on 7/20 and 8/3. Panelists use emailed link.

[More details on this meeting](#)

State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Title: DBHDS 2023 Combined Study Workgroup (HB2255/SB1155 and SB1544)

Time: 8/3/23 01:00 PM

Note: See also meetings on 7/20 and 7/27. Panelists use emailed link.

[More details on this meeting](#)

On a related note, if you wish to receive notices directly about any changes to these or other meetings like this regarding the DBHDS licensing regulations, **you can sign up for the email notification service for Virginia's Regulatory Town Hall here: [Register as a public user](#)** – You will receive emails when regulatory actions or meetings are posted for the agencies, boards, or regulations you select.

Thank you,
Office of Licensing