

## Virginia Commission to End Hunger

September 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

General Assembly Building, House Room B

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The Virginia Commission to End Hunger (the Commission) met in Richmond with Delegate Marcia S. "Cia" Price, chair, presiding. The meeting began with introductions and opening remarks followed by presentations and discussion. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the *Commission's meetings webpage*.

# Presentation: 2025 Virginia Hunger Survey Results and Upcoming Threats to Free School Meals Access

Sarah Steely, Director, No Kid Hungry

Ms. Steely reviewed key findings from a recent hunger survey and provided an overview of potential threats to free school meal access. Ms. Steely discussed the community eligibility provision, which allows certain schools to provide meals to all children at no cost, and informed the Commission that cuts to SNAP and Medicaid will affect this program. Ms. Steely responded to questions from the Commission regarding the community eligibility cycle, public-private partnership opportunities, and cost estimates for funding school meals.

### Presentation: Mapping the Impacts of H.R.1 to Medicaid and SNAP in Virginia

Liz Nigro, Director of Research, Voices for Virginia's Children

Ms. Nigro presented a series of maps created by Voices for Virginia's Children illustrating projected SNAP and Medicaid funding loss. Ms. Nigro responded to questions from the Commission regarding the possibility of creating maps for SNAP retailers.

#### **Presentation: Statewide Food Desert Mapping Tool**

Chandler Brooks, Staff Attorney, Division of Legislative Services

Mr. Brooks provided a brief overview of HJ 447 (Anthony, 2025), which directs the Commission to establish a statewide food desert mapping tool.

#### **Presentation: PeoplePrism**

Marc Greathouse, Government & Public Services Regulatory and Operational Risk Partner, Deloitte Consulting

Mr. Greathouse presented on utilizing Deloitte's PeoplePrism tool, which includes mapping capabilities, to address food insecurity. The presentation included a live demonstration of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> **Members Present:** Delegate Marcia S. "Cia" Price (chair), Senator Danica A. Roem, (vice-chair), Senator Christie New Craig (virtual), Delegate Bonita G. Anthony, Delegate Rae C. Cousins, Rickeya Feggans, Vivica I. Kraak, Jennifer Montgomery, Eddie Oliver, Robin Robbins, Ipyana A. Spencer, Dr. Andria D. Timmer

**Members Absent:** Senator Stella G. Pekarsky, Delegate David L. Owen, Delegate Kimberly A. Taylor, Terriel Williams-Ford, Pamela S. Irvine, Dr. Susan Murray

tool, including the ability to use the tool for hunger-related mapping. Mr. Greathouse responded to questions from the Commission regarding the tool, including the possible use of the tool to fulfill the requirements of HJ 447, predictive modeling, the use of artificial intelligence, the environmental footprint of the tool, and data protection.

#### **Member Discussion**

Delegate Price reminded the Commission that the next meeting will include decision making, which requires a quorum.

For more information, see the <u>Commission's website</u> or contact the Division of Legislative Services staff:

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