



**Senate Education and Health Committee
January 29, 2026**

SB22

Medicine and Nursing, Boards of; continuing education, bias reduction training.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports SB22 which directs the Board of Medicine and Board of Nursing to require persons licensed by them to complete continuing learning activities on the topic of bias reduction in health care. Racial disparities in maternal and infant health in Virginia are significant, with Black infants and mothers facing more than double the mortality risk of White infants and mothers. One important way to improve this disparity is to identify and address bias in healthcare. We believe this bill will help to improve medical outcomes of pregnancy and childbirth and ensure that all Virginians can feel heard and seen by the medical professionals they are seeking care from.

We urge you to support SB22.