

Veterinary Nurse Initiative Legislative Timeline

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Phase 1 September through December 2018

- Prepare a White Paper on the issue
- Share White Paper with:
 - Virginia Nurses Association
 - Virginia Association of Nurse Practitioners
 - Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists
 - Medical Society of Virginia
- Have meetings with each of these groups to address any concerns and answer questions regarding the VNI
- Have meetings with Leslie Knachel, Executive Director of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, and Elaine Yeatts, Legislative and Regulatory Director, Virginia Department of Health Professions to examine legislative and regulatory options for bringing the VNI into Code and regulation

Phase 2 April 2019 through October 2019

Identify patrons in both the House and Senate
Determine house of origin or whether to run bills in both houses (pros & cons of both approaches)
Work with DHP staff (Elaine Yeatts primarily) and General Assembly's Division of Legislative Services to begin legislative drafting
Share draft with nurse associations and obtain feedback/gauge position
Visit legislators on both House and Senate Health Committees and obtain feedback/gauge position

Phase 3 November 2019 through March 2020*

Have legislation in final form
Have talking points ready to get to legislators
Assign VALVT members to legislators (committee members) for visits and contacts
Work hard and get the VNI passed in the 2020 Session!