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February 8, 2025

VA - HB694 Absentee voting; counting ballots prior to the close of polls.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Elections; absentee voting; counting ballots prior to the close of polls. Allows officers of election at a central absentee precinct to begin ascertaining and recording the number of votes cast by absentee ballots at any time after noon on the day of the election. Under current law, absentee ballots that are counted by hand may be tallied, but not counted, at any time after noon on the day of the election, and no ballot totals for any absentee ballots shall be ascertained until after polls close. The bill also clarifies that vote totals for absentee ballots cast in person on voting systems cannot be determined until the day of the election. The bill also requires that general registrars begin processing absentee ballots on the fourteenth day prior to the day of the election. Under current law such processing is not required until the seventh day prior to the day of the election.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Privileges and Elections (in the House)

VA - HB742 Elections, State Board of; appointment of Commissioner of Elections.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

State Board of Elections; appointment of Commissioner of Elections. Provides for the appointment of the Commissioner of Elections to be made by the State Board of Elections; currently, the Governor makes such appointment. The appointment or removal of a Commissioner shall require an affirmative vote of four of the five members of the Board. The Commissioner shall be subject to confirmation and reconfirmation by the General Assembly every four years. If the Board fails to make or communicate an appointment of a Commissioner by the end of the term, the bill provides that the Commissioner serving at such time shall be deemed to be reappointed and shall be subject to reconfirmation at the next regular session. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2025.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Privileges and Elections (in the Senate)

VA - HB842 School boards; expands availability of allowable alternatives for pupil transportation.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terry L. Austin (R)

Summary:

Schools boards; pupil transportation; alternatives. Expands the availability of allowable alternatives to traditional school bus transportation services relating to the transportation of students to and from school or school-related activities, including permitting any school board of a school division for which

providing transportation by school bus is not cost effective to use a portion of its transportation funding to provide a grant to any parent of a student who provides student transportation to and from school, subject to certain conditions enumerated in the bill.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - HB1041 Health insurance; cost-sharing, pharmacy benefits managers' compensation and duties, civil penalty.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Health insurance; cost-sharing; pharmacy benefits managers' compensation and duties: civil penalty. Amends provisions related to rebates provided by carriers and health benefit plans to health plan enrollees by defining"defined cost-sharing,""price protection rebates," and"pharmacy benefits management services." The bill requires that an enrollee's defined cost-sharing for each prescription drug be calculated at the point of sale based on a price that is reduced by an amount equal to at least 80 percent of all rebates received or expected to be received in connection with the dispensing or administration of the prescription drug.

The bill prohibits a pharmacy benefits manager from deriving income from pharmacy benefits management services provided to a carrier or health benefit plan except for income derived from a pharmacy benefits management fee. The bill requires the amount of any pharmacy benefits management fees to be set forth in the agreement between the pharmacy benefits manager and the carrier or health benefit plan and that such fee not be based on the acquisition cost or any other price metric of a drug; the amount of savings, rebates, or other fees charged, realized, or collected by or generated based on the activity of the pharmacy benefits manager; or the amount of premiums, deductibles, or other cost-sharing or fees charged, realized, or collected by the pharmacy benefits manager from enrollees or other persons on behalf of an enrollee. The bill requires a pharmacy benefits manager to annually certify to the State Corporation Commission that it has met certain requirements.

The bill establishes a pharmacy benefits manager duty, which includes the duties of care and good faith and fair dealing, owed to any enrollee, provider, or health benefit plan that receives pharmacy benefits management services from the pharmacy benefits manager or that furnishes, covers, receives, or is administered a unit of a prescription drug for which the pharmacy benefits manager has provided pharmacy benefits management services. The bill requires the Commission to define by regulation the scope of such duty and provides for a private cause of action for any person aggrieved by the breach of such duty.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB1070 Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; powers.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Morefield, James W. (R)

Summary:

Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; powers. Provides for the Attorney General to provide legal services in civil matters upon the request of the executive director or board of directors of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority. The bill also provides for the board of the Authority to adopt policies for the procurement of goods and services and requires such policies to incorporate certain provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. In addition, the bill (i) makes the provisions of the Virginia Personnel Act and the policies of the Department of Human Resource Management applicable to employees of the Authority, (ii) authorizes the Director of the Department of General Services to lease vehicles and construction and forestry equipment to the Authority, and (iii) authorizes the Commissioner of Highways to lease construction or forestry vehicles to the Authority.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - HB1295 Drinking water; maximum contaminant levels, water treatment systems.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Campbell, Ellen H. (R)

Summary:

Drinking water; maximum contaminant levels; water treatment systems; Rural Water Supply Program and Fund established. Directs the State Board of Health to adopt regulations to utilize point-of-use or point-of-entry drinking water treatment or filtration to remove or significantly reduce concentrations of contaminants of concern that meet or exceed any maximum contaminant level or health advisory for the same contaminant adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The bill also establishes the Rural Water Supply Program and Fund to allow the Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water to test and treat contaminated drinking water for individuals on private wells and small rural public water systems.

VA - HB1363 Critical infrastructure sectors; Director of Dept. of Energy to convene a work group to evaluate.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Department of Energy; work group on critical infrastructure sectors; report. Directs the Director of the Department of Energy to convene a work group to evaluate the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure sectors' usage of fuel for energy and feedstock and impact on jobs, capital investments, and state and local revenue. The bill requires the work group to also assess (i) the impact of the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure sectors on natural gas service or retail natural gas supply choice as provided in relevant law and individually metered propane service or non-utility gas service in accordance with relevant law and (ii) the impact of any public entity enacting an ordinance, building code, contractual provision, fee, permit, or other requirement that limits, prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting, or prevents critical infrastructure sectors within their boundaries from acquiring fuel. The bill requires the work group to complete its evaluation and submit its findings and any recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Labor and Commerce and Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor by November 1, 2024.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Rules (in the House)

VA - HB1373 Roanoke Higher Education Authority; powers and duties, specialized noncredit workforce training.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ballard, Jason S. (R)

Summary:

Roanoke Higher Education Authority; board of trustees; powers and duties; specialized noncredit workforce training. Requires the board of trustees of the Roanoke Higher Education Authority to seek opportunities to collaborate with local comprehensive community colleges to meet specialized noncredit workforce training needs identified by industry but provides that if local comprehensive community colleges are unable to meet identified industry needs, then the board may seek to collaborate with other education providers to provide or may provide Roanoke Higher Education Center-delivered specialized noncredit workforce training independent of local comprehensive community colleges.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - HB1558 Possession of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age prohibited; penalty.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Paul V. Milde (R)

Summary:

Possession of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age prohibited; penalty. Prohibits any person younger than 21 years of age from possessing any retail tobacco product or hemp product intended for smoking, as those terms are defined in relevant law. A violation of such prohibition is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for a first violation and a civil penalty not to exceed $250 for a second or subsequent violation.

The bill also provides that a court may, as an alternative to the civil penalty, and upon motion of the defendant, prescribe the performance of up to 20 hours of community service for a first violation and up to 40 hours of community service for a second or subsequent violation, but if the defendant fails or refuses to complete the community service as prescribed, the court may impose the civil penalty. Additionally, upon such violation, the judge may enter an order suspending the motor vehicle and driver's license of such person pursuant relevant law.

Actions:

January 24, 2025

- Tabled in Courts of Justice (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends incorporating into HB1946-Hope (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Criminal (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1558) (in the House)

November 21, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101272D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1563 Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; emergency dispatchers.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Cherry, Mike A. (R)

Summary:

Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; emergency dispatchers. Extends membership in the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (VaLORS) to emergency dispatchers who are employed by the Department of State Police, Capitol Police, and agencies whose law-enforcement officers are eligible for membership in VaLORS. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, and provides that such membership would apply only to service earned on or after July 1, 2026.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Appropriations (in the House)

January 11, 2025

- Assigned Approps sub: Compensation and Retirement (in the House)

December 16, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100023D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Appropriations (in the House)

VA - HB1564 Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Cherry, Mike A. (R)

Summary:

Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers. Allows local governments to provide enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service to full-time salaried 911 dispatchers. The bill provides that such enhanced retirement benefits apply only to service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher on or after July 1, 2026, but allows an employer, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide such enhanced retirement benefits for service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher before July 1, 2026, in addition to service earned on or after that date. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Appropriations (in the House)

January 11, 2025

- Assigned Approps sub: Compensation and Retirement (in the House)

December 16, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100022D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Appropriations (in the House)

VA - HB1566 Elections; absentee ballot security measures; watermark.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate W. Chad Green (R)

Summary:

Elections; absentee ballot security measures; watermark. Requires that any ballot mailed to an absentee voter must be printed on security paper that incorporates a visible watermark that identifies the ballot as an official ballot in a manner that preserves the absolute secrecy of the ballot.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Privileges and Elections (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends striking from the docket (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 19, 2025

- Assigned PE sub: Election Administration (in the House)

January 10, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1566) (in the House)

December 18, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100051D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the House)

VA - HB1579 License taxes; local gas road improvement and Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority tax; sunset.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Morefield, James W. (R)

Summary:

License taxes; local gas road improvement and Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority tax; sunset. Extends from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028, the expiration date for provisions permitting any county or city to impose a license tax at a rate not to exceed one percent on every person engaged in the business of severing gases from the earth for the purposes of funding improvements to public roads or as otherwise provided for the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority.

Actions:

January 29, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (91-Y 7-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from Finance (19-Y 2-N 1-A) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1 (in the House)

January 10, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB1579) (in the House)

December 31, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102138D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB1583 Threats to discharge a firearm within or at buildings or means of transportation; penalties.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ballard, Jason S. (R)

Summary:

Threats to discharge a firearm within or at buildings or means of transportation; penalties. Provides that any person (i) who makes and communicates to another by any means any threat to bomb, burn, destroy, discharge a firearm within or at, or in any manner damage any place of assembly, building or other structure, or means of transportation or (ii) who communicates to another, by any means, information, knowing the same to be false, as to the existence of any peril of bombing, burning, destruction, discharging of a firearm within or at, or damage to any such place of assembly, building or other structure, or means of transportation is guilty of a Class 5 felony, provided, however, that if such person is under 18 years of age, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Under current law, any person 15 years of age or older (i) who makes and communicates to another by any means any threat to bomb, burn, destroy, or in any manner damage any place of assembly, building or other structure, or means of transportation or (ii) who communicates to another, by any means, information, knowing the same to be false, as to the existence of any peril of bombing, burning, destruction, or damage to any such place of assembly, building or other structure, or means of transportation is guilty of a Class 5 felony. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

- Reported from Courts of Justice (20-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Criminal (in the House)

January 9, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1583) (in the House)

January 1, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103755D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1588 Public utilities; rate increases during certain months prohibited.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Williams, Wren M. (R)

Summary:

Public utilities; rate increases during certain months prohibited. Prohibits the regulated operating revenues of certain public utilities from being increased in the months of November, December, January, or February. The bill's limitation does not apply to certain increases, which are the same exceptions as allowed for the existing prohibition on multiple rate increases during a 12-month period.

Actions:

January 30, 2025

- Incorporated by Labor and Commerce (HB2621-Ballard) (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends incorporating into HB2621-Ballard (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (HB1588) (in the House)

January 10, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #3 (in the House)

January 2, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100953D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB1663 Guidelines, policies, and procedures on the prevention and management of heat illness in student-athletes.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Michael J. Jones (D)

Summary:

Guidelines, policies, and procedures on the prevention and management of heat illness in student-athletes. Requires the Board of Education to develop and distribute to each local school division guidelines on policies and procedures to inform and educate coaches, student-athletes, and the

parents of student-athletes about the nature and risk of heat illness and requires each school board to develop and establish policies and procedures regarding the prevention and management of heat illness in student-athletes that, among other things, establish guidelines for (i) student-athlete hydration during athletic activities, including administration of electrolytes when indicated; (ii) monitoring heat illness associated with athletic activities, including measures to prevent, identify, and treat heat illness; and (iii) establishing a cooling zone available for each outdoor athletic contest, practice, workout, or conditioning session that includes interventions to rapidly cool internal body temperature when student-athletes exhibit symptoms of exertional heat stroke.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Public Education (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (83-Y 16-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from Appropriations (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Reported from Education and referred to Appropriations (16-Y 5-N) (in the House)
- Assigned Approps sub: Elementary & Secondary Education (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting and referred to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1663) (in the House)

January 10, 2025

- Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee (in the House)

January 3, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101432D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB1726 Trespass with an unmanned aircraft system; definitions, contracted defense facility, penalty.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Price, Marcia S. (D)

Summary:

Trespass with an unmanned aircraft system; contracted defense facility; penalty. Creates a Class 4 felony for any person who knowingly, intentionally, and without authorization causes an unmanned aircraft system to enter the property of and obtains or attempts to obtain any videographic or still image that contains or reveals any controlled technical information located within a contracted defense facility, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill also provides that the owner or operator of a contracted defense facility and its employees shall be immune from criminal prosecution and civil liability as a result of preventing, stopping, deterring, interrupting, or repelling, or attempting to prevent, stop, deter, interrupt, or repel, an unmanned aircraft system from entering the property of such contracted defense facility or from stopping, interrupting or repelling, or attempting to stop, interrupt, or repel, an unmanned aircraft system that has entered such property, provided that such action does not result in injury to any person.

The bill also directs the Virginia State Crime Commission to (i) analyze existing law to identify statutes to amend to provide additional protection from trespass with an unmanned aircraft system to critical infrastructure or public services or utilities, as defined and described in relevant law, and (ii) recommend amendments to existing law or new legislation it deems necessary to provide such protection to such infrastructure or public services or utilities. The Virginia State Crime Commission shall submit such recommendations to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1726) (in the House)

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)
- Impact statement from VCSC (HB1726) (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (20-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25106135D-H1 (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Criminal (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB1726) (in the House)

January 4, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104141D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1730 Personal injury or death by wrongful act; liability of employer to vulnerable victims.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Delaney, Karrie K. (D)

Summary:

Civil actions; liability of employer to vulnerable victim. Provides that, in an action for personal injury or death by wrongful act brought by a vulnerable victim, as defined in the bill, the finder of fact at trial shall determine whether an employer shall be vicariously liable for the tortious conduct of such employer's employee based upon a finding of certain factors. The bill provides that the determination of issues shall be questions of fact for which the plaintiff shall bear the burden of proof and shall be subject to any available affirmative defenses. The bill provides that its provisions shall apply only to a cause of action that accrued on or after July 1, 2025.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (60-Y 38-N 1-A) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (17-Y 4-N 1-A) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25106053D-H1 (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 2-N) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 10, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Civil (in the House)

January 4, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100275D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1743 License taxes; deduction for out-of-state receipts, effective date, report.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Watts, Vivian E. (D)

Summary:

License taxes; deduction for out-of-state receipts. Provides that the license tax deduction for out-of-state receipts in which the taxpayer is liable for a net income tax shall also apply to any type of tax on gross receipts or other tax in lieu of an income tax.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB1743) (in the House)

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Finance Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Finance with substitute (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25106460D-H1 (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB1743) (in the House)
- Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

January 4, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102625D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB1756 Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; directors.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Morefield, James W. (R)

Summary:

Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; directors. Provides that the board of directors of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority may hire directors, rather than an executive director, to carry out various duties of the Authority.

Actions:

January 31, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Local Government (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (96-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns (20-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #3 (in the House)

January 5, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102139D (in the House)

- Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (in the House)

VA - HB1759 Post-release job search assistance services; DOC, et al., to provide.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Debra D. Gardner (D)

Summary:

Department of Corrections; Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; post-release job search assistance services. Provides that the Department of Corrections shall work with the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to provide post-release job search assistance services to assist individuals in finding employment upon release from incarceration and refer such individuals to case management services where eligible. The bill also requires the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to coordinate implementation and delivery of such post-release job search assistance services with Virginia Workforce System partners, including local workforce development boards.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with amendment and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

February 5, 2025

- Rereferred from General Laws and Technology to Rehabilitation and Social Services (12-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1759) (in the House)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (96-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Public Safety Amendment agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House as amended (in the House)
- Printed as engrossed 25100720D-E (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Public Safety with amendment(s) (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (6-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned PS sub: Public Safety (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1759) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Referred from General Laws and referred to Public Safety (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 5, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100720D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

VA - HB1762 Social Security Disability Insurance; DMAS to seek authorization to provide to certain individuals.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Morefield, James W. (R)

Summary:

Department of Medical Assistance Services; Medicaid; Social Security Disability Insurance. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek federal authorization to provide Medicaid coverage, regardless of income or assets, to individuals who receive Social Security Disability Insurance but are not yet eligible for Medicare coverage.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Appropriations (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Health and Human Services and referred to Appropriations (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Assigned Approps sub: Health & Human Resources (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1762) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Assigned sub: Social Services (in the House)

January 5, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25103510D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

VA - HB1771 Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program; established, report.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Adele McClure (D)

Summary:

Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program.Establishes the Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program (the Program) to provide matching funds to employers in order to incentivize employers to contribute to the child care costs of their employees. The Program shall be administered by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (the Foundation). To participate in the Program, an employer shall agree to make child care contributions to the eligible mixed-delivery provider on behalf of the employee and shall provide any other information deemed necessary by the Foundation. To the extent funds are available, the Foundation shall issue a state match directly to such eligible mixed-delivery provider or to a third-party administrator. Program funds shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis; however, the Foundation is encouraged to prioritize awards to proposals involving contributions from small businesses. The bill requires the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation to provide an interim report to the General Assembly by September 1, 2026, and a summative report to the General Assembly by September 1, 2027, on the effectiveness and impact of the Program.

Actions:

January 30, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1771) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (84-Y 15-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Moved from Uncontested Calendar to Regular Calendar (in the House)
- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from Appropriations (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 11, 2025

- Assigned Approps sub: Elementary & Secondary Education (in the House)

January 5, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101358D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Appropriations (in the House)

VA - HB1780 Relief; Merritt, Gilbert, III, compensation for wrongful incarceration.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Sullivan, Richard C."Rip" (D)

Summary:

Claims; Gilbert Merritt III; compensation for wrongful incarceration. Grants relief in an amount to be appropriated to Gilbert Merritt III, who was wrongly convicted of and subsequently incarcerated for first-degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Appropriations (20-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1780) (in the House)

January 11, 2025

- Assigned Approps sub: General Government and Capital Outlay (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103761D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Appropriations (in the House)

VA - HB1796 Corporations; creates a regulatory framework for decentralized autonomous organizations.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Helmer, Dan I. (D)

Summary:

Corporations; decentralized autonomous organizations. Creates a regulatory framework for decentralized autonomous organizations, defined in the bill as a distinct legal entity that operates through blockchain-based governance frameworks, incorporating self-executing smart contracts and decentralized decision-making mechanisms. The bill provides that an entity seeking to become a decentralized autonomous organization must file its articles of organization with the State Corporation Commission in order to seek a certificate of organization and requires such articles of organization to designate an operator of record. The bill permits a limited liability company to elect to become a decentralized autonomous organization with management vested in its members or smart contracts and contains requirements for its articles of incorporation and operating agreements. The bill also contains provisions governing the relationships and rights of members of a decentralized autonomous organization and for the dissolution of a decentralized autonomous organization. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Actions:

February 3, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (87-Y 8-N) (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Communications, Technology and Innovation Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (HB1796) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Reported from Communications, Technology and Innovation with substitute (20-Y 2-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25105480D-H1 (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (HB1796) (in the House)
- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Labor and Commerce (9-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Assigned CT & I sub: Technology and Innovation (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102358D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation (in the House)

VA - HB1815 Line of Duty Act; benefits for campus and private police officers.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Campbell, Ellen H. (R)

Summary:

Line of Duty Act; campus police officers; private police officers. Provides employees of contributing nonprofit private institutions of higher education, defined in the bill, with the benefits granted to employees of participating employers under the Line of Duty Act. The bill clarifies that the Line of Duty Act shall not apply to any (i) private institution of higher education that is not a contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education or (ii) private police department, defined in the bill, that is not a contributing private police department. The bill requires each contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education and contributing private police department to pay its pro rata share of the initial costs to implement the bill, as determined by the Virginia Retirement System.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Virginia Retirement System (HB1815) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Public Safety Amendments agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House as amended (in the House)
- Printed as engrossed 25100321D-E (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reported from Appropriations (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 25, 2025

- Assigned Approps sub: Compensation and Retirement (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Public Safety with amendment(s) and referred to Appropriations (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) and referring to Appropriations (6-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned PS sub: Public Safety (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Referred from Education and referred to Public Safety (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100321D (in the House)
- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100321D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB1817 Consumer Data Protection Act; social media, parental consent.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Wyatt, Scott (R)

Summary:

Consumer Data Protection Act; social media; parental consent. Requires any social media platform, defined in the bill, that is subject to the provisions of the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act to obtain verifiable parental consent prior to permitting any minor to create an account with such social media platform and, with such account, use such social media platform. The bill requires such social media platform to give the parent or legal guardian of such minor the option to consent to the collection and use of the minor's personal data without consenting to the disclosure of such minor's personal data to third parties.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Communications, Technology and Innovation (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (6-Y 4-N) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Assigned CT & I sub: Communications (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Referred from Labor and Commerce and referred to Communications, Technology and Innovation (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1817) (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100801D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB1845 Limitation on prosecution of felony due to lapse of time after finding of probable cause; exception.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Limitation on prosecution of felony due to lapse of time after finding of probable cause; exceptions; competency evaluation. Provides that the speedy trial statute is tolled for an evaluation or restoration to determine a defendant's competency to stand trial.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1845) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25105002D-H1 (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Criminal (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100238D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1846 Application for change of name; person required to register on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry; victim notification.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Application for change of name; person required to register on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry; victim notification. Requires the attorney for the Commonwealth to make a reasonable effort to notify the victim of an offense for which a person is required to register on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry or such victim's immediate family member if such victim has died when such registrant applies for a change of name with the court.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 2nd reading) (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

February 5, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (95-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice (21-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Civil (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100605D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1847 Admission to bail; creates rebuttable presumptions against bail.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Admission to bail; rebuttable presumptions against bail. Creates a rebuttable presumption against bail for certain criminal offenses enumerated in the bill. The bill also requires the court to consider specified factors when determining whether the presumption against bail has been rebutted and whether there are appropriate conditions of release.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Rules (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1847) (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100976D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

VA - HB1848 Controlled substances; possession unlawful, second or subsequent conviction, mandatory minimum fine.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Possession of controlled substances unlawful; second or subsequent conviction; mandatory minimum. Provides that the sentence of any person convicted of possession of any controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act for (i) a second offense within less than five years shall include a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 days and a mandatory minimum fine of $500; (ii) a second offense within 10 years shall include a mandatory minimum sentence of 45 days and a mandatory minimum fine of $500; (iii) a third offense within 10 years shall include a mandatory minimum sentence of 90 days and a mandatory minimum fine of $500, unless the three offenses were committed within a five-year period, in which case the sentence

shall include a mandatory minimum sentence of six months and a mandatory minimum fine of $1,000; and (iv) a fourth or subsequent offense within 10 years shall include a mandatory minimum sentence of one year and a mandatory minimum fine of $1,000.

The bill also provides that the driver's license of any person convicted of possession of any controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act (a) may be suspended for a period of up to 30 days for the first offense and (b) shall be suspended for a period of 30 days for a second or subsequent offense.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB1848) (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101886D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1849 Fentanyl; manufacturing, selling, etc., weight-based and pill-based penalties.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, etc., of fentanyl; weight-based and pill-based penalties. Creates a penalty structure for manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with the intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute fentanyl based on the weight of the fentanyl, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers; the weight of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers; or the number of pills containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB1849) (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101885D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1850 Limitation on prosecution of felony due to lapse of time after finding of probable cause; exceptions; competency evaluation.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Limitation on prosecution of felony due to lapse of time after finding of probable cause; exceptions; competency evaluation. Provides that the speedy trial statute is tolled for an evaluation to determine a defendant's competency to stand trial.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends striking from the docket (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Criminal (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101891D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1851 Workers' compensation; presumption for certain cancers, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Workers' compensation; presumption for certain cancers; sheriffs and deputy sheriffs. Expands the workers' compensation presumption of compensability for certain cancers causing the death or disability of certain employees who have completed five years of service in their position to include sheriffs or deputy sheriffs.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Labor and Commerce (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25101889D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB1852 Definition of"family or household member."

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Definition of"family or household member." Clarifies that, for the purposes of the definition of"family or household member," an individual does not have to currently be or previously have been in a romantic, dating, or sexual relationship with another person for such individual to be considered a family or household member of such other person if such individual cohabits or, within the previous 12 months, cohabited with such other person and any children of either of them then residing in the same home with such other person.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB1852) (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101890D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1853 Deputy Hunter D. Reedy Memorial Bridge; designating as bridge on Adwolfe Rd., etc. over I-81.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Deputy Hunter D. Reedy Memorial Bridge. Designates the bridge on Railroad Drive in Smyth County the"Deputy Hunter D. Reedy Memorial Bridge."

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Read third time and passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1853) (in the House)
- Read second time (in the House)
- Transportation Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Transportation with substitute (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25105389D-H1 (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1853) (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25103373D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the House)

VA - HB1854 Persons with legitimate interest; parent whose rights have previously been terminated, custody, etc.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Party with legitimate interest parent whose rights have previously been terminated.Allows a parent whose rights previously have been terminated to be considered a party with a legitimate interest for the purposes of filing a custody or visitation petition, provided that the child whose custody or visitation is at issue (a) is at least 14 years of age; (b) has had a permanency goal previously achieved by adoption; and (c) has had his adoptive parents die or each of such child's adoptive parents has permanently been relieved of custody of such child and each adoptive parent has had his parental rights terminated; and (d) is in the custody of a local board of social services, and provided that the parent whose rights had previously been terminated has (1) complied with the terms of any written post-adoption contact and communication agreement entered into and (2) maintained a positive, continuous relationship with the child since termination. Under current law, a party with a legitimate interest does not include any person whose parental rights have been terminated by court order, either voluntarily or involuntarily.

Actions:

January 31, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (96-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to (in the House)

- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 25, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1854) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (21-Y 1-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25105463D-H1 (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 19, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1854) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Civil (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102024D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1855 Public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school; threats to bomb or damage.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Threats to bomb or damage; false information as to danger; public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school; penalty. Provides that for any person who (i) makes and communicates to another by any means any threat to bomb, burn, destroy, or in any manner damage a public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school, as defined in relevant law, or (ii) communicates to another, by any means, information, knowing the same to be false, as to the existence of any peril of bombing, burning, destruction, or damage to a public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school, the punishment includes a term of confinement of at least six months, 30 days of which is a mandatory minimum. Under current law, a person who is 15 or older is guilty of a Class 5 felony and a person who is under 15 is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for such violation, but no minimum term or mandatory minimum term of confinement is provided in current law.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1855) (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102078D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1856 Amber warning lights; certain department of social services vehicles.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Amber warning lights; certain department of social services vehicles. Authorizes the use of amber warning lights on vehicles used by a local department of social services to respond to a request for assistance from law-enforcement agency personnel.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Reported from Transportation (13-Y 0-N 1-A) (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (96-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Reported from Transportation (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Assigned Trans sub: Highway Safety and Policy (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101894D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the House)

VA - HB1857 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; boards; appointment requirements; years of experience.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; boards; appointment requirements; years of experience. Lowers from at least five years to at least three years the years of experience required for the appointment of (i) home inspectors to the Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; (ii) hearing aid specialists, otolaryngologists, opticians, and ophthalmologists to the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians; (iii) real estate appraisers to the Real Estate Appraiser Board; (iv) alternative onsite sewage system operators, alternative onsite sewage system installers, and onsite soil evaluators to the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals; and (v) cemetery operators to the Cemetery Board.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in General Laws (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 2-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned GL sub: Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102066D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

VA - HB1858 Limitation on prosecution of felony due to lapse of time after finding of probable cause; certified misdemeanors.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Limitation on prosecution of felony due to lapse of time after finding of probable cause; certified misdemeanors. Provides that the existing statutory speedy trial protections applicable to a felony prosecution also apply to a misdemeanor certified to circuit court pursuant to relevant law. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 2nd reading) (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

February 5, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Criminal (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102300D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1859 Unlawful picketing or parading to obstruct or influence justice; penalty.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Arnold, Jonathan E. (R)

Summary:

Unlawful picketing or parading to obstruct or influence justice; penalty. Provides that any person who, with the intent of interfering with, obstructing, or impeding the administration of justice, or with the intent of influencing or intimidating in the discharge of his duty any judge, juror, witness, court officer, or court employee, pickets or parades in or near a residence occupied or used by such judge, juror, witness, court officer, or court employee is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also provides that the provisions regarding the issuance and service of summons in place of a warrant do not apply to such violations.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1859) (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25103155D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1885 Juvenile/adult adjudicated delinquent/convicted of violent juvenile felony; immigration status.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Williams, Wren M. (R)

Summary:

Department of Juvenile Justice; inquiry and report of immigration status; juvenile or adult adjudicated delinquent or convicted of violent juvenile felony. Requires the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice or other person in charge of a secure facility where a juvenile or adult has been committed upon an adjudication of delinquency or a finding of guilt for a violent juvenile felony to ascertain whether such juvenile or adult is in the United States illegally and, if such juvenile or adult is found to be in the United States illegally, to communicate such information to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Under current law, such immigration inquiries are required of jail officers or correctional officers in charge of state, local, or regional correctional facilities.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101915D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB1904 Certified nurse midwives, licensed certified midwives, etc.; coverage for nursery services.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Willett, Rodney T. (D)

Summary:

Department of Health; coverage for nursery services; certified nurse midwives; licensed certified midwives; nurse practitioners. Directs the Department of Health to amend its regulations on coverage for nursery services to (i) allow certified nurse midwives, licensed certified midwives, or pediatric nurse practitioners with pediatric privileges and a neonatal resuscitation certification from the American Academy of Pediatrics, including endotracheal intubation training, to be on the 24-hour on-call duty roster for nursery care if a physician is not available and (ii) permit physicians to provide consultation via telehealth when a certified nurse midwife, licensed certified midwife, or pediatric nurse practitioner is providing coverage for the 24-hour on-call duty roster.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Moved from Uncontested Calendar to Regular Calendar (in the House)
- Read second time (in the House)
- Health and Human Services Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Delegate Willett Amendment agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute as amended (in the House)
- Printed as engrossed 25105564D-EH1 (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1904) (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Health and Human Services with substitute (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25105564D-H1 (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1904) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102337D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

VA - HB1910 Public elementary and secondary schools; nutritional standards for school meals and other foods.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Hillary Pugh Kent (R)

Summary:

Public elementary and secondary schools; nutritional standards for school meals and other foods; nutrition requirements; certain color additives prohibited. Prohibits any public elementary or secondary school from offering or making available to any student any food served as a part of a school meal or any competitive food, as defined in applicable law, that contains any of the seven

color additives listed in the bill. The bill directs the Board of Education to amend its nutritional guidelines for competitive foods promulgated pursuant to relevant law in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Public Education (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (96-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Education Amendment agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House as amended (in the House)
- Printed as engrossed 25101008D-E (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Reported from Education with amendment(s) (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1910) (in the House)
- Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25101008D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB1933 Workers' compensation; presumption as to death or disability from throat cancer.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Destiny LeVere Bolling (D)

Summary:

Workers' compensation; throat cancer. Provides that for the purposes of the workers' compensation presumption as to death or disability from certain types of cancer, throat cancer includes cancer that forms in the tissues of the pharynx, larynx, adenoid, tonsil, esophagus, trachea, nasopharynx, oropharynx, or hypopharynx. This bill applies only to diseases diagnosed on or after July 1, 2025.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1933) (in the House)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Appropriations Amendment agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House as amended (in the House)
- Printed as engrossed 25101643D-E (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Reconsidered by subcommittee by voice vote (in the House)
- Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (7-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reported from Appropriations with amendment(s) (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Assigned Approps sub: Compensation and Retirement (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1933) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Reported from Labor and Commerce and referred to Appropriations (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting and referred to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25101643D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB2004 Local meals and prepared food and beverage taxes; maximum rate.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate McNamara, Joseph P. (R)

Summary:

Local meals and prepared food and beverage taxes; maximum rate. Provides a cap on the maximum allowable tax rate that localities may impose on meals and prepared food and beverages. The bill sets the maximum rate at no more than four percent, unless a higher rate of no more than six percent is authorized via a referendum in the locality. The new limitation applies to localities beginning January 1, 2028. In the case of a town, the maximum rate is limited by the amount of any food and beverage tax imposed by the county in which the town is located. The bill requires that no town shall impose any rate if, when added to the county food and beverage tax rate, such tax rate exceeds the four or six percent limit, as applicable.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Finance (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1 (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB2004) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100561D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB2010 Children; admissibility of statements in certain cases.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Admissibility of statements by children in certain cases. Increases from younger than 13 years of age to younger than 15 years of age the child age range for the hearsay exemption for an out-of-court statement made by a child at the time of trial or hearing who is the alleged victim of an offense against children describing any act directed against the child relating to such alleged offense.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Criminal (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100240D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB2011 Voter registration; cancellation of registration by voter.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Walker, Wendell S. (R)

Summary:

Voter registration; cancellation of registration by voter; effective for the immediately proceeding election. Provides that any valid authorization for cancellation submitted by a registered voter prior to the day of the immediately proceeding election shall be effective in such election. Under current law, when submitted by any means other than when notarized or in person, such cancellation must be made at least 22 days prior to an election in order to be valid in that election.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Privileges and Elections (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2011) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (2-Y 6-N) (in the House)

January 19, 2025

- Assigned PE sub: Election Administration (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102509D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the House)

VA - HB2014 Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry; registration intervals for Tier I and Tier II offenses.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry; registration intervals for Tier I and Tier II offenses. Requires any person who is required to register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry and who is convicted of a Tier I or Tier II offense to register yearly. The bill also requires any person convicted of providing false information or failing to provide registration information where such person was included on the Registry for a Tier II offense to register twice a year.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Public Safety (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2014) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB2014) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100740D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Public Safety (in the House)

VA - HB2015 Firearms-related offenses; mandatory minimum sentence; penalty.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Firearms-related offenses; mandatory minimum sentence; penalty. Increases from five to 10 years for a second or subsequent offense the mandatory minimum sentence for use or display of a firearm during the commission of certain felonies.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Public Safety (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2015) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100974D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Public Safety (in the House)

VA - HB2016 Veterans; provision of copies of vital records.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Department of Veterans Services; provision of copies of veteran vital records. Requires the Board of Health to provide a copy of a veteran's vital records to the Department of Veterans Services upon the Department's request when a veteran or his surviving spouse requires a certified copy of a vital record to obtain service-connected benefits.

Actions:

January 28, 2025

- Incorporated by Health and Human Services (HB2748-Laufer) (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2016) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102880D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

VA - HB2019 Shenandoah, Town of; new charter (previous charter repealed).

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Gilbert, C. Todd (R)

Summary:

Charter; Town of Shenandoah. Establishes a new charter for the Town of Shenandoah in Page County and repeals the current charter, which was created in 1926. The proposed charter sets out the organization of the town's government and contains powers typically granted to towns.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Local Government (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns (21-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #1 (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25101483D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (in the House)

VA - HB2020 Highway maintenance; Town of New Market.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Gilbert, C. Todd (R)

Summary:

Highway maintenance; Town of New Market. Adds the Town of New Market to the list of localities authorized to receive state funds for the performance of certain highway maintenance projects.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Reported from Transportation and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (96-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2020) (in the House)
- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Passed by for the day (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Passed by for the day (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Reported from Transportation (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Assigned Trans sub: Transportation Infrastructure and Funding (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25101489D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the House)

VA - HB2051 Division superintendents, etc.; annual meetings on school grounds w/ local law enforcement.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate W. Chad Green (R)

Summary:

School safety audit committees; annual meetings on school grounds with local law enforcement permitted. Permits each division superintendent or his designee and the school safety audit

committee established by the division superintendent to meet annually on the grounds of any public school in the local school division with the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality or a designee from the local law-enforcement agency to discuss the annual school safety audit completed for such school.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Public Education (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Education Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from Education with substitute (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25105584D-H1 (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 18, 2025

- Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25104092D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB2052 Certain gov't. & civics courses; civics diploma seal of excellence, instruction on local government.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate W. Chad Green (R)

Summary:

Certain government and civics courses; civics diploma seal of excellence; instruction on local government. Requires the Board of Education to include in the Standards of Learning for Virginia and United States Government for grade 12 and requires each school board to provide as a part of any

Virginia and United States Government course or civic education course offered to students in grade 12 an explanation of the purpose, role, responsibility, and identity of local constitutional officers and local governing bodies, including city councils, town councils, boards of supervisors, and school boards. The bill also requires the Board to consider in its criteria for awarding a diploma seal for excellence in civics education and understanding of the state and federal constitutions and the democratic model of government the successful completion of government or civics courses that include instruction on the structures and functions of local government.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Education (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2052) (in the House)
- Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100060D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB2057 Voter registration; automatic registration of hunting, fishing, and milk distributor license.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate W. Chad Green (R)

Summary:

Voter registration; automatic registration of hunting, fishing, and milk distributor license and concealed handgun permit applicants; penalty. Provides for automatic voter registration by the clerk of any circuit court of the Commonwealth, the Department of Wildlife Resources, and the Milk Commission upon the application for any hunting, fishing, or milk distributor license or Virginia resident concealed handgun permit.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Privileges and Elections (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2057) (in the House)

January 19, 2025

- Assigned PE sub: Election Administration (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101529D (in the House)

- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the House)

VA - HB2080 Registration decals; discontinued.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Austin, Terry L. (R)

Summary:

Registration decals; discontinued. Discontinues the requirement for and issuance of decals displaying the expiration month and year of motor vehicle registration to be displayed on license plates. The bill also removes the requirement for the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue appropriately designated license plates for motor vehicles held for rental. The bill does not eliminate existing requirements that vehicles are to be registered. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Reported from Transportation with amendments and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2080) (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (96-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Moved from Uncontested Calendar to Regular Calendar (in the House)
- Read second time (in the House)
- Delegate Austin Amendment agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House as amended (in the House)
- Printed as engrossed 25100643D-E (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Reported from Transportation (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2080) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Assigned Trans sub: Department of Motor Vehicles (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100643D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the House)

VA - HB2092 Buchanan, Town of; amending charter, town elections, etc.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Austin, Terry L. (R)

Summary:

Charter; Town of Buchanan. Updates the charter of the Town of Buchanan in Botetourt County to reflect the shift to November municipal elections as required by general law. The bill also updates the town manager's residency requirements, requires the town manager to appoint the town clerk, and repeals the provisions of the town's charter relating to the appointment of commissioners of the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Actions:

January 31, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Local Government (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (96-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Counties, Cities and Towns Amendment agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House as amended (in the House)
- Printed as engrossed 25100265D-E (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- VOTE: (in the House)
- Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with amendment(s) (20-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #1 (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100265D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (in the House)

VA - HB2097 Health insurance; coverage requirements for prostate cancer screenings.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Austin, Terry L. (R)

Summary:

Health insurance; coverage requirements for prostate cancer screenings. Updates existing mandated coverage requirements for prostate cancer screenings to reflect updated tests and guidelines from the American Cancer Society, while also removing certain references to American Cancer Society Guidelines. Updated coverage requirements apply to health care coverage companies, the health care coverage plan for state employees, and the state plan for medical assistance services. This bill is a recommendation of the Health Insurance Reform Commission.

Actions:

January 30, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2097) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Labor and Commerce Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25105622D-H1 (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #1 (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25101620D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB2168 Felony homicide; certain drug offenses, penalty.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Gilbert, C. Todd (R)

Summary:

Felony homicide; certain drug offenses; penalty. Provides that a person is guilty of felony homicide, which constitutes second degree murder and is punishable by confinement of not less than five nor more than 40 years, if the underlying felonious act that resulted in the killing of another involved the manufacture, sale, gift, or distribution of a Schedule I or II controlled substance to another and (i) such other person's death results from his use of the controlled substance and (ii) the controlled substance is the proximate cause of his death. The bill provides that venue for a prosecution of this crime shall lie in the locality where the underlying felony occurred, where the use of the controlled substance occurred, or where death occurred. The bill also provides that if a person gave or distributed a Schedule I or II controlled substance only as an accommodation to another individual who is not an inmate in a community correctional facility, local correctional facility, or state correctional facility, or in the custody of an employee thereof, and not with intent to profit thereby from any consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient of the controlled substance to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such controlled substance, he is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2168) (in the House)

January 9, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB2168) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100616D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB2169 Admission to bail; rebuttable presumptions against bail for an alien illegally present in the U.S.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Gilbert, C. Todd (R)

Summary:

Admission to bail; rebuttable presumptions against bail for an alien illegally present in the United States. Creates a rebuttable presumption against bail for an alien illegally present in the United States charged with certain criminal offenses enumerated in the bill. The bill also requires the court to consider specified factors when determining whether the presumption against bail has been rebutted and whether there are appropriate conditions of release.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2169) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103398D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB2197 Electric utilities; renewable energy standard eligible sources.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Electric utilities; renewable energy standard eligible sources; zero-carbon electricity generating nuclear facilities. Provides that, for the purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard, eligible sources include zero-carbon electricity generating nuclear facilities located in the Commonwealth.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Labor and Commerce (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #3 (in the House)

January 19, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (HB2197) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100698D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB2199 Richlands, Town of; amending charter, relates to ordinance.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Morefield, James W. (R)

Summary:

Charter; Town of Richlands. Amends the charter for the Town of Richlands in Tazewell County by requiring that proposed ordinances be presented, rather than read, at two regular meetings prior to adoption. The bill also requires the town manager to reside within the town within a contractually stated grace period, rather than during the tenure of office.

Actions:

January 31, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Local Government (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (96-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns (20-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #1 (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103981D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (in the House)

VA - HB2200 Electric utilities; renewable portfolio standard program, deficiency payments.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Electric utilities; renewable portfolio standard program; deficiency payments. Removes provisions requiring deficiency payments by certain electric utilities that are unable to meet the compliance obligation of the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) program requirements or if the cost of renewable energy certificates necessary to comply with RPS program requirements exceeds $45 per megawatt hour.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Labor and Commerce (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (7-Y 4-N) (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (HB2200) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #3 (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100700D (in the House)

- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB2203 Housing and Community Development, Dept. of; consolidation of varying due dates for certain reports.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Department of Housing and Community Development reports; consolidation. Consolidates varying due dates for certain reports relating to the Department of Housing and Community Development to October 1 and requires such reports be submitted as part of one annual report, to be presented to the Governor and the General Assembly. The bill creates a requirement for (i) an annual report on the outcomes associated with closed projects that received a grant from the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund and requires the Department to use such report to create and maintain a public facing performance dashboard with such information to be updated annually and (ii) a comprehensive annual report on the state's homeless programs. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Read third time and passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from General Laws (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2203) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100708D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

VA - HB2205 Vehicle owners; proof of financial responsibility in the future.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Department of Motor Vehicles; proof of financial responsibility in the future. Clarifies when a vehicle owner is required to furnish proof of financial responsibility or proof of financial responsibility in the future. The bill specifies the forms required when providing proof of financial responsibility in the future.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Transportation (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Assigned Trans sub: Department of Motor Vehicles (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2205) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101464D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the House)

VA - HB2207 Higher educational institutions, public; material aid or support to terrorist activities, etc.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Public institutions of higher education; presence of or material aid or support to terrorist activities, organizations, and states prohibited. Prohibits from accessing, occupying, or otherwise having a physical presence on any campus of a public institution of higher education any (i) terrorist organization, (ii) state or non-state sponsor of terrorism, (iii) representative of a terrorist organization, as those terms are defined by the bill, or (iv) individual who, knowingly and with the intent set forth in the bill, solicits or attempts to solicit any individual to engage in terrorist activity, become a member of terrorist organization, or provide funds or other material support or resources, as that term is defined by the bill, to support, facilitate, or aid or abet terrorist activity or a terrorist organization. The bill prohibits any public institution of higher education from (a) granting access to campus, (b) providing or facilitating the provision of funds or other material supports or resources, (c) making or facilitating the donation of material support or resources, or (d) entering into any contract providing for the exchange of services or material support or resources to any of the individuals or organizations described in clauses (i) through (iv). Finally, the bill sets forth certain exceptions for individuals that lack the requisite intent and knowledge, as set forth in the bill, to be subject to the prohibitions.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Rules (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2207) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102906D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

VA - HB2209 State pharmacy benefits manager; DMAS to select & contract with a third-party administrator to serve

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Department of Medical Assistance Services; state pharmacy benefits manager. Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services by December 31, 2025, to select and contract with a third-party administrator to serve as the state pharmacy benefits manager to administer all pharmacy benefits for Medicaid recipients, including recipients enrolled in a managed care organization. The bill enumerates requirements for the Department's contract with the state pharmacy benefits manager and prevents the state pharmacy benefits manager from having a business conflict of interest with any Medicaid provider or vendor.

Actions:

January 28, 2025

- Incorporated by Health and Human Services (HB2610-Callsen) (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2209) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends incorporating into HB2610-Callsen (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned sub: Social Services (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103027D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

VA - HB2210 Real Estate Board; membership, qualifications.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Real Estate Board; membership; qualifications. Increases from five to 10 years the amount of time a licensed real estate broker or salesperson must be actively engaged in the profession in order to serve as a member of the Real Estate Board. The bill also provides additional qualifications and requirements specific to those members who are licensed real estate brokers or salespersons.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2210) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103454D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

VA - HB2211 Mine rescue team vehicles; authorized to be equipped with flashing red and white warning lights.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Flashing red and white warning lights; emergency vehicle exemptions; mine rescue team vehicles. Authorizes vehicles operated by mine rescue teams that are certified by the Mine Safety and Health Administration under federal law to (i) be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating red or red and white combination warning lights and (ii) disregard certain regulations regarding the operation of vehicles without being subject to criminal prosecution while responding to an emergency, provided that the operator of such vehicle has received certain training and recertifies every two years. The bill adds responding to mine rescue incidents to the list of circumstances in which such lighted warning lights shall be displayed.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Transportation (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2211) (in the House)

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Assigned Trans sub: Highway Safety and Policy (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100137D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the House)

VA - HB2212 Stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed. Requires the State Water Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality to apply in a locality that is located outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed the regulations establishing minimum design criteria for measures that were in effect prior to July 1, 2014 to control (i) nonpoint source pollution and (ii) localized flooding and stream channel erosion.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2212) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (7-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Assigned ACNR sub: Chesapeake (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101853D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (in the House)

VA - HB2215 Damage or trespass to public services or utilities; penalty.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Damage or trespass to public services or utilities; penalty. Provides that any person who intentionally destroys or damages any facility, fixtures, equipment, or information technology system used to provide, process, transmit, furnish, or maintain public services, utilities, or other critical infrastructure is guilty of a Class 3 felony. Under current law, any person convicted of intentionally destroying or damaging public services or utilities is guilty of a Class 4 felony. If the destruction or damage to such

public services, utilities, or other critical infrastructure can be repaired for less than $1,000, such act is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Current law provides that repairable damage is a Class 3 misdemeanor. The bill also makes it a Class 3 felony if such destruction or damage might threaten the release of increased radioactive materials or ionizing radiation. If exposure to such increased release of radioactive materials or ionizing radiation causes injury to another person, the person causing the damage or destruction is guilty of a Class 2 felony; however, it is a Class 1 felony if such damage or destruction causes the death of another person.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2215) (in the House)

January 9, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB2215) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100937D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB2216 Elections, State Board of; appointment of Commissioner of Elections.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

State Board of Elections; appointment of Commissioner of Elections. Changes the appointing authority of the Commissioner of Elections from the Governor to the State Board of Elections, with an affirmative vote of four of the five State Board members required for the appointment or removal of the Commissioner, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The bill also changes the start of the four-year term of the Commissioner from July 1 of the year following a gubernatorial election to the second year following such election. The bill exempts the Department of Elections from provisions allowing the Governor to appoint a chief deputy and a confidential assistant for policy or administration. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Commissioner, the bill provides that the Director of Operations of the Department will perform the duties of the Commissioner until such vacancy is filled by the State Board. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.

Actions:

February 3, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (94-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Passed by for the day (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2216) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Privileges and Elections (20-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 2-N) (in the House)

January 19, 2025

- Assigned PE sub: Election Administration (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100943D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the House)

VA - HB2221 Prisoners; Department of Corrections-issued identification, report.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Rae Cousins (D)

Summary:

Prisoners; Department of Corrections-issued identification; report. Requires the Department of Corrections, in conjunction with the Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Registrar of Vital Records, and any other relevant government agency to provide to a prisoner who has been confined for at least 90 days and does not possess a government-issued identification card, birth certificate, and social security card with a certified copy of such prisoner's birth certificate, his social security card, and a government-issued identification card, prior to such prisoner's release or discharge into the community. The bill also specifies what identifying information must be included on a prisoner's Department of Corrections Offender Identification form provided to a prisoner who is unable to obtain a government-issued identification card prior to his release or discharge and provides that such form shall satisfy certain requirements for the purposes of obtaining a government-issued identification card for the 120 days immediately following the release or discharge of the prisoner identified on such form. The bill also directs the Department of Corrections, in coordination with the State Board of Local and Regional Jails to form a workgroup to study various topics related to the implementation of procedures to assist a prisoner in a local or regional correctional facility with obtaining a government-

issued identification card and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Public Safety, and the Senate Committees on Rehabilitation and Social Services and Finance and Appropriations by November 1, 2025.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with amendments and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Public Safety Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Reported from Public Safety with substitute (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25106422D-H1 (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (6-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned PS sub: Public Safety (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104315D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Public Safety (in the House)

VA - HB2239 Public facilities, certain; entitlement to sales tax revenues, extends sunset.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Rae Cousins (D)

Summary:

Entitlement to sales tax revenues from certain public facilities; sunset. Extends from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2028, the period of time during which authorized localities may issue bonds on or after January 1, 2013, for the construction of public facilities and retain sales and use tax revenue generated within such facilities to pay off such bonds.

Actions:

January 29, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (59-Y 39-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from Finance (13-Y 9-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 18, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB2239) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1 (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102670D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB2270 Juveniles; commitment of serious offenders.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Commitment of serious juvenile offenders. Allows a juvenile and domestic relations district court to qualify a transferred juvenile as a serious offender and commit him to the Department of Juvenile Justice regardless of whether he meets existing criteria regarding criminal background if, upon the court's review of the juvenile's entire criminal history, such qualification is otherwise justified. Under current law, only a circuit court is allowed to make such qualification and commitment. The bill requires the committing juvenile and domestic relations district court or circuit court to document its reasoning for such commitment in writing.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Criminal (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100746D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB2271 Postrelease supervision; a revocation hearing for violation, etc.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Revocation of postrelease supervision. Provides that a revocation hearing for a violation of postrelease supervision shall be conducted by the circuit court of the original sentencing jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions regarding revocation hearings for a suspended sentence or probation violation. Under current law, revocation hearings for violations of postrelease supervision are conducted by the Virginia Parole Board following the same procedures as a parole violation.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Public Safety (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 2-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned PS sub: Public Safety (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100759D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Public Safety (in the House)

VA - HB2272 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; Virginia Parole Board meetings.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Virginia Freedom of Information Act; Virginia Parole Board; meetings. Provides that except for a public meeting convened for conducting the final deliberation and vote regarding whether the Virginia Parole Board will grant parole to a prisoner, a meeting of the Virginia Parole Board members,

regardless of whether such members invite staff or other guests to participate in such meeting, shall not be deemed a meeting subject to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Public Safety (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 2-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned PS sub: Public Safety (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2272) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101697D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Public Safety (in the House)

VA - HB2273 Deer, elk, or bear; Director of DWR or his designee has exclusive authority to provide kill permits.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Kill permits for deer, elk, or bear; local authority. Clarifies that the Director of the Department of Wildlife Resources or his designee has the exclusive authority to provide written authorization to kill deer, elk, or bear and prohibits a locality from amending, abridging, or limiting such authorization.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (7-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Assigned ACNR sub: Agriculture (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2273) (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102811D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (in the House)

VA - HB2279 Attorney General; prosecuting violations of criminal law related to human/sex trafficking offenses.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate David Owen (R)

Summary:

Authority of Attorney General; criminal cases; human and sex trafficking. Authorizes the Attorney General to prosecute violations of criminal law relating to human and sex trafficking offenses in connection with racketeering.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100228D (in the House)
- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100228D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB2294 Virginia Social Media Regulation Act; established, penalties.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mark Earley (R)

Summary:

Virginia Social Media Regulation Act established; penalties. Establishes the Virginia Social Media Regulation Act for the purpose of prohibiting minors in Virginia from possessing an account on any social media platform, defined in the bill, without the express consent of a parent or guardian. The bill requires a social media company to provide a minor's parent or guardian with access to the minor's account and all posts and information on such account. The bill also places prohibitions on the type of data and personal information a social media platform may collect from a minor account holder and prohibits the use of any practice, design, or feature on a social media company's platform that the company knows, or should reasonably know, could cause a minor account holder to have an addiction to the social media platform. Lastly, the bill provides that any violation of the Virginia Social Media Regulation Act shall constitute a prohibited practice and be subject to the enforcement provisions of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in General Laws (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2294) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102118D (in the House)

- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

VA - HB2297 School boards; employment of school resource officers in each public elementary & secondary school.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mark Earley (R)

Summary:

School boards; employment of school resource officers in each public elementary and secondary school. Requires each school board to enter into a collaborative agreement with the local law-enforcement agency to employ at least one school resource officer in each public elementary and secondary school in the local school division and provides that no school board shall be granted any full or partial waiver from such staffing requirements. The bill contains a contingent effective date that states that the foregoing requirement shall become effective beginning with the fiscal year in which funding has been provided pursuant to the general appropriation act to fully fund such requirement.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Education (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Impact statement from CLG (HB2297) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2297) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102107D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB2343 Placing swastika on certain property with intent to intimidate; penalty.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Placing swastika on certain property with intent to intimidate; penalty. Makes it a Class 6 felony for any person or persons, with the intent of intimidating another person or group of persons, to place or cause to be placed a swastika on (i) the private property of another without permission or (ii) a highway or other public place in a manner having a direct tendency to place another person in reasonable fear or apprehension of death or bodily injury.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2343) (in the House)

January 9, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB2343) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102393D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB2344 Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities; program extension.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities; program extension. Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to take all steps necessary to implement the federal extension option for the federal Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities to allow children four years of age or younger to receive services through such program.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Appropriations (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 2-N) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Health and Human Services and referred to Appropriations (20-Y 1-N) (in the House)
- Assigned Approps sub: Health & Human Resources (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (7-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2344) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned sub: Social Services (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102784D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

VA - HB2345 Child day-care facility investment and child day-care expense reimbursement; income tax credits.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Child day-care facility investment and child day-care expense reimbursement tax credits. Allows a taxpayer to claim a nonrefundable income tax credit for 25 percent of amounts incurred for eligible child day-care expenses of the taxpayer's employees that are either paid directly by the taxpayer or reimbursed by such taxpayer to the taxpayer's employees during the taxable year. The bill also increases from $25,000 to $50,000 the amount for which a taxpayer may claim a credit for establishing a child day-care facility for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026. Finally, approval of applications for the credits shall be limited to those that are assumed to result in no more than $200,000 of credits in any fiscal year. Under current law, such limit is $100,000.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Finance (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 2-N) (in the House)

January 25, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB2345) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102783D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB2348 Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; flood-related disclosures.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Phil Hernandez (D)

Summary:

Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; flood-related disclosures. Requires the owner of residential real property located in the Commonwealth who has actual knowledge that the dwelling unit is located within certain flood hazard areas or floodplains to disclose such fact to the purchaser. The bill also removes from the disclosure statement provided by the Real Estate Board that is

furnished to the purchaser of residential real property that the owner makes no representation with respect to whether the property is located in one or more special flood hazard areas.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in General Laws (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2348) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (7-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101973D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

VA - HB2397 Virginia Growth and Opportunity Act; expands eligibility for grants.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Glass, Jackie H. (D)

Summary:

Virginia Growth and Opportunity Act; eligibility for grants. Expands eligibility for regional councils to receive Virginia Growth and Opportunity Grants. The bill would allow regional councils to apply for and utilize grant funds for regional activities that substantially promote the objectives of the council's economic growth and diversification plan where there exists a demonstrable gap in services that negatively impacts a region's ability to grow one or more trade sector industry clusters.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (56-Y 43-N) (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- General Laws Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from General Laws with substitute (13-Y 9-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25105665D-H1 (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2397) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 2-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned GL sub: Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100157D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

VA - HB2434 Voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Tim Griffin (R)

Summary:

Elections; voter identification; identification containing a photograph required. Requires presentation of a form of identification containing a photograph in order to vote. The bill repeals the provisions of law permitting a voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification to vote after signing a statement, subject to felony penalties for false statements, that he is the named registered voter he claims to be. Instead, the bill provides that such voter is entitled to cast a provisional ballot.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Privileges and Elections (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (5-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 26, 2025

- Assigned PE sub: Election Administration (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102502D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the House)

VA - HB2441 SW Va. Higher Ed. Ctr. Bd. of Trustees; authority to permit campus officers to carry firearms.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees; authority to permit campus security officers to carry firearms in performance of official duties; conditions. Authorizes the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees to permit campus security personnel employed in its campus security department to carry firearms in the performance of their official duties, provided that such campus security personnel are considered armed security officers, as such term is defined in relevant law, and comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements attendant to such designation, including registration and training.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Education (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2441) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101883D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB2447 Line of Duty Act & Va. Law Officers' Retirement Sys.; enhanced benefits for certain fire personnel.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Line of Duty Act; Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; enhanced benefits for certain fire personnel. Adds the State Fire Marshal and personnel of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs who, as a regular component of their official duties, are exposed to hazards or threats to their life and health to the lists of those eligible for benefits under the Line of Duty Act and for membership in the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Appropriations (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned Approps sub: Compensation and Retirement (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned Approps sub: Transportation & Public Safety (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Virginia Retirement System (HB2447) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101565D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Appropriations (in the House)

VA - HB2454 Public school accountability system; Three"E" Readiness Framework.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Rasoul, Sam (D)

Summary:

Board of Education; public school accountability system; Three"E" Readiness Framework; include and incentivize work-based learning experiences. Directs the Board of Education to revise its Three"E" Readiness Framework: Employment, Enlistment, and Enrollment, adopted pursuant to the public school accountability system to measure high school student postsecondary readiness, to include as an indicator of postsecondary readiness and incentivize participation in and completion of work-based learning experiences.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 2nd reading) (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

February 6, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (52-Y 46-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from Education (12-Y 10-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 2-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2454) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104601D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB2458 Vehicles used for agricultural purposes; reflectors/reflectorized material on rear end of trailers.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Vehicles used for agricultural purposes. Provides that trailers and semitrailers used for certain agricultural purposes may be operated without tail lights or brake lights on the highways of the Commonwealth between sunrise and sunset, provided that such trailer or semitrailer has affixed to the rear end either (i) two or more reflectors of a type approved by the Superintendent of State Police or (ii) at least 100 square inches of solid reflectorized material. The bill also clarifies that the prohibition on operating a vehicle without registering it or displaying the issued license plates also applies to the failure to display a permanent farm use placard assigned to such vehicle. Existing law authorizes a court to dismiss a summons for such a violation if proof of compliance is provided to the court on or before the court date.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House (in the House)
- Passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Transportation Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Transportation with substitute (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25106089D-H1 (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Assigned Trans sub: Department of Motor Vehicles (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102015D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the House)

VA - HB2459 New solar generation facilities; certificate of convenience and necessity, bond required.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

New solar generation facilities; certificate of convenience and necessity; bond required. Provides that the State Corporation Commission shall only issue a certificate of convenience and necessity for a public utility to construct, enlarge, or acquire a solar generation facility that has a size of over one acre if the public utility has filed with the Commission a bond for performance payable to the Commonwealth. The amount of such bond shall be determined by the Commission depending on the size of the solar generation facility but shall not be less than $10,000.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Labor and Commerce (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101997D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB2461 Disaster Assistance Fund; established.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Disaster Assistance Fund; established. Establishes the Disaster Assistance Fund for the purpose of addressing life, safety, and housing costs related to a disaster that are not covered by any form of federal assistance, private donations, or insurance. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund require authorization by the General Assembly. In addition to all other appropriations to the Fund, the bill also directs proceeds generated from the Commonwealth's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auction that occurred in December 2023 and deposited into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Fund with the Department of Environmental Quality and all interest accrued to such fund.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Appropriations (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2461) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102940D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Appropriations (in the House)

VA - HB2478 Elections; absentee voting; drop-off locations for return of absentee ballots.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Eric R. Zehr (R)

Summary:

Elections; absentee voting; drop-off locations for return of absentee ballots; 24-hour video surveillance requirement. Requires 24-hour video surveillance of all absentee ballot drop-off locations.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Privileges and Elections (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (2-Y 6-N) (in the House)

January 26, 2025

- Assigned PE sub: Election Administration (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2478) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102500D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the House)

VA - HB2498 Virginia Gaming Commission; established, penalties, report.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Krizek, Paul E. (D)

Summary:

Virginia Gaming Commission; established. Establishes the Virginia Gaming Commission as an independent agency of the Commonwealth, exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government, to oversee and regulate all forms of legal gambling in the Commonwealth except for the state lottery. The bill sets eligibility requirements for the appointment of a Commissioner and Virginia Gaming Commissioner Board members, provides powers and duties of such Commissioner and Board members, and provides for the transfer of current employees of relevant state agencies to the Commission. The bill contains numerous technical amendments.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Appropriations (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2498) (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from General Laws with substitute and referred to Appropriations (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25105578D-H1 (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB2498) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Assigned GL sub: ABC/Gaming (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2498) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB2498) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100172D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

VA - HB2519 Income tax, state; deductions for in vitro fertilization.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Taylor, Kim A. (R)

Summary:

Income tax deductions; in vitro fertilization. Allows an income tax deduction for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for an individual or married couple filing jointly for expenses incurred for in vitro fertilization, as defined in the bill.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Finance (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 25, 2025

- Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB2519) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103756D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB2522 DVS; powers and duties of Commissioner, identification of incarcerated veterans.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Fowler, Hyland F."Buddy" (R)

Summary:

Department of Veterans Services; powers and duties of Commissioner; identification of incarcerated veterans. Provides that the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services shall utilize, in consultation with the Department of Corrections, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Re-Entry Search Services system to identify veterans incarcerated in state, local, or community correctional facilities to prepare such veterans for release and reentry, reduce recidivism and

homelessness, provide behavioral health resources, and refer eligible veterans to behavioral health dockets.

Actions:

January 31, 2025

- Incorporated by Public Safety (HB2071-Thomas) (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends incorporating into HB2071-Thomas (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Assigned PS sub: Public Safety (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Referred from General Laws and referred to Public Safety (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2522) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101385D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

VA - HB2524 Income tax, state; subtractions of military benefits.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Fowler, Hyland F."Buddy" (R)

Summary:

Taxable income; subtractions; military benefits. Removes the current cap of $40,000 of military benefits that may be subtracted from Virginia taxable income for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, such that the total amount of military benefits may be subtracted from such income.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Finance (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 25, 2025

- Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB2524) (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101389D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB2544 Tax preferences; codifies certain provisions in effect pursuant to the appropriation act.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Watts, Vivian E. (D)

Summary:

Codification of tax preferences in effect pursuant to the appropriation act. Codifies certain tax and fee provisions that are in effect under current law pursuant to provisions of the appropriation act. The provisions are (i) an annual vehicle registration fee increase of $2 that is used for emergency medical services, (ii) a clarification of the amount of sales tax revenue pledged to public facility projects, (iii) a sales and use tax exemption for tangible personal property purchased by a federally funded research and development center, (iv) an additional $20 recordation fee that is used for conservation purposes, and (v) a clarification that aviation fuel is not subject to the regional gas tax.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (90-Y 7-N) (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Reported from Finance (18-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB2544) (in the House)

January 10, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104179D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB2610 State pharmacy benefits manager; DMAS to select & contract with a third-party administrator to serve

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Katrina Callsen (D)

Summary:

Department of Medical Assistance Services; state pharmacy benefits manager; independent evaluation; report. Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services by December 31, 2027, to select and contract with a third-party administrator to serve as the state pharmacy benefits manager to administer all pharmacy benefits for Medicaid recipients, including recipients enrolled in a managed care organization. The bill enumerates requirements for the Department's contract with the state pharmacy benefits manager. The bill's contract requirement has a delayed effective date of

January 1, 2027, provided that the Department receives the necessary approval or federal financial participation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In addition, the bill directs the Department to engage an independent consultant to evaluate the possible implementation of a contract with a third-party pharmacy benefits manager pursuant to the bill and to report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health and Human Services and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health by December 15, 2025. This bill incorporates HB 2209.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health (in the Senate)

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Health and Human Services Substitute rejected (in the House)
- Appropriations Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Reported from Appropriations with substitute (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25106608D-H2 (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2610) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Health and Human Services with substitute and referred to Appropriations (20-Y 1-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25105973D-H1 (in the House)
- Incorporates HB2209(Kilgore) (in the House)
- Assigned Approps sub: Health & Human Resources (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2610) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (7-Y 1-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned sub: Social Services (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104589D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

VA - HB2621 Phase I Utilities; securitized asset costs.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ballard, Jason S. (R)

Summary:

Phase I Utilities; securitized asset costs. Authorizes Appalachian Power to petition the State Corporation Commission for a financing order for securitized asset costs, as defined in the bill. The bill creates the securitized asset cost charge and provides that the revenues generated by this charge, known as securitized asset cost property, are a property right that can be transferred and pledged as security for the securitized asset cost bonds. The bill establishes the procedures for creating, perfecting, and enforcing the security interest in securitized asset cost property. The bill also provides that, for Appalachian Power, certain rate adjustments shall not occur during the months of November through February and any such adjustments issued between September and December shall become applicable beginning on March 1 of the following year. The bill makes changes to certain provisions governing biennial rate reviews for Appalachian Power, including permitting the utility to recover storm recovery costs incurred after January 1, 2024 that are not currently included in rates or otherwise recovered through a securitization order, considering the implementation of residential seasonal rates, and considering alternatives to budget billing. The bill excludes certain costs from being recovered through a rate adjustment clause. The bill requires the State Corporation Commission to invite the public to comment on any biennial rate case for Appalachian Power. Finally, the bill permits certain large retail customers to opt out of financing its pro rata obligation for securitized asset cost charges by electing to fully satisfy its obligation.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (81-Y 17-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)
- Labor and Commerce Substitute rejected (in the House)
- Floor substitute printed 25106694D-H2 (Ballard) (in the House)
- Delegate Ballard Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Passed by temporarily (in the House)
- Delegate Shin Amendment agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - floor substitute as amended (in the House)
- Printed as engrossed 25106694D-EH2 (in the House)

February 2, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (21-Y 1-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25106173D-H1 (in the House)
- Incorporates HB1588(Williams) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (9-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #3 (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25103840D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB2625 Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; powers.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Morefield, James W. (R)

Summary:

Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; powers. Provides for the board of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority to adopt policies for the procurement of goods and services and requires such policies to incorporate certain provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. In addition, the bill authorizes the Director of the Department of General Services to lease vehicles and construction and forestry equipment to the Authority.

Actions:

January 23, 2025

- Stricken from docket by General Laws (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2625) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104587D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

VA - HB2643 Estimated tax; failure by individual, trust, or estate to pay.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate McNamara, Joseph P. (R)

Summary:

Estimated tax; failure by individual, trust, or estate to pay. Increases from $150 to $1,000 the maximum underpayment of estimated tax for which no addition to tax shall be added.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (12-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed House (99-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Read first time (in the House)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from Finance (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB2643) (in the House)
- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104724D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB2646 Income tax, state; eligibility of companies for apportionment modification.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Morefield, James W. (R)

Summary:

Income tax; eligibility of companies for apportionment modification; certification by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. Extends from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2031, the date after which a corporation or pass-through entity that did not have any existing property or payroll in Virginia as of January 1, 2018, shall constitute an eligible company if such entity (i) either (a) spends at least $5 million on new capital investment in a qualified locality or qualified localities and creates at least 10 new jobs in such locality or localities or (b) creates at least 50 new jobs in a qualified locality or qualified localities, (ii) is a traded-sector company, and (iii) is certified by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority as generating a positive fiscal impact.

The bill also extends from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2031, the date prior to which an eligible company may (a) acquire property in or create jobs in any qualified locality or qualified localities and (b) subtract the value of such property acquired from the property factor or the value of such payroll attributable to such jobs created from the payroll factor from the numerator used in determining its taxable income apportionable to the Commonwealth.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Finance (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB2646) (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104551D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB2654 Unlawful dissemination of intimate images of another; creates a tiered system of penalties.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Williams, Wren M. (R)

Summary:

Unlawful dissemination of intimate images of another; penalties.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Assigned Courts sub: Criminal (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2654) (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (HB2654) (in the House)

January 14, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25105054D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB2661 Public schools; student enrollment, recruitment prohibited.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Public schools; student enrollment; recruitment prohibited. Prohibits any school board, school board member, or school board employee from recruiting or otherwise incentivizing a student who resides outside of the local school division to enroll in a public school in such local school division.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Education (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104784D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB2665 Electric utilities; rate cps, Commission on Electric Utility Regulation, utility rate reviews.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Morefield, James W. (R)

Summary:

Electric utilities; rate caps; Commission on Electric Utility Regulation; utility rate reviews. Requires the State Corporation Commission to establish capped rates for Appalachian Power. The bill requires the capped rates to be the rates in effect for each Phase I electric utility as of July 1, 2025. The bill authorizes the Commission to adjust such capped rates in connection with the electric utility's recovery of fuel and purchased power costs. The bill's capped rates expire on July 1, 2027.

The bill requires the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation (the Commission) to review and make recommendations regarding certain petitions filed by Appalachian Power with the State Corporation Commission. For each such review, the bill requires the Commission to convene a subcommittee that includes one nonlegislative citizen member from each planning district commission within the Phase I Utility's service territory, each of whom is appointed by the relevant planning district commission. The Commission shall submit its recommendation to the State Corporation Commission no later than 90 days following the date such petition is filed. The bill prohibits the Commission from adopting any recommendation if a majority of the members of the subcommittee vote against the recommendation. The bill requires the State Corporation Commission to consider the recommendations of the Commission.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Labor and Commerce (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25105010D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB2676 Electric utilities; renewable energy definition and facilities.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Electric utilities; renewable energy definition and facilities. Amends the definition of"renewable energy" for the purposes of electric utility regulation to include fuel cells. The bill also adds any renewable energy generation facility located in the coalfield region of the Commonwealth to the list of projects for which a utility may seek a rate adjustment clause.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Labor and Commerce (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (HB2676) (in the House)
- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #3 (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104606D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB2699 Natural gas utilities; retail supply choice, report.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Natural gas utilities; retail supply choice; work group; report. Allows every person access to distribution service or retail natural gas from a natural gas utility authorized to provide natural gas service to the area where the service will be received. The bill prohibits a public entity from adopting an ordinance, resolution, or any other requirement that limits or prohibits customers from acquiring natural gas service and supply from both utility and non-utility gas companies. The bill prohibits public entities from denying building permits solely based on a proposed utility provider and directs public entities to ensure that all applicable permits and fees are reasonable, as compared to other utility providers, and do not restrict an applicant's ability to use the services of an authorized utility provider. The bill also directs the Department of Energy to convene a work group for the purposes of evaluating the impact of critical infrastructure sectors on natural gas service or natural gas supply choice and the impact of any public entity restricting a critical infrastructure sector from acquiring fuel and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations by November 1, 2025.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Labor and Commerce (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N) (in the House)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #3 (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25102175D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HB2700 Income tax, state; subtractions of military benefits.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Taxable income; subtractions; military benefits. Removes the current cap of $40,000 of military benefits that may be subtracted from Virginia taxable income for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, such that the total amount of military benefits may be subtracted from such income.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Finance (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends incorporating into HB2524-Fowler (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 25, 2025

- Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (HB2700) (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25103813D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

VA - HB2733 Students; statewide mobile application for reporting of suspicious activity.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Geary Higgins (R)

Summary:

Department of Education; statewide mobile application for student reporting of suspicious activity. Requires the Department of Education, with such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act or provided from any other source, and alone or in partnership with another state agency or a nonprofit organization, or a combination thereof, to develop or procure a multiplatform compatible mobile application that is made available at no cost to each public elementary and secondary school student and that permits each such student to report suspicious activity, including by attaching screenshots, other photographs, and videos, to the appropriate school and local law-enforcement officials for analysis and potential response. The bill requires the Department to assist each school board to coordinate student awareness of and access to such mobile application but provides that no school board shall bear any cost or additional administrative burden relating to such mobile application.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Appropriations (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2733) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Education with substitute and referred to Appropriations (14-Y 8-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25106388D-H1 (in the House)
- Incorporates HB2765(Obenshain) (in the House)
- Assigned Approps sub: Elementary & Secondary Education (in the House)
- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2733) (in the House)
- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25103718D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB2745 Vacant and blighted or derelict property; locality allowed to sell.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Sale of certain vacant and blighted or derelict property. Allows a locality where certain vacant and blighted or derelict property is located to petition the circuit court to appoint a special commissioner to execute the necessary deed or deeds to convey the real estate, in lieu of a sale at public auction, to the locality, to the locality's land bank entity, or to an existing nonprofit entity designated by the locality to carry out the functions of a land bank. The bill provides that the locality shall require any purchaser by covenants in the deed or other security instrument to (i) begin repair or renovation of the property within six months of purchase and (ii) complete all repairs or renovations necessary to bring the property into compliance with the local building code within a period not to exceed two years of the purchase. The provisions of the bill apply only to property that is owned by a person that is not a United States citizen or United States entity or an entity that is owned or controlled by a person who is not a United States citizen.

Actions:

January 31, 2025

- Failed to report from Counties, Cities and Towns with substitute (9-Y 13-N) (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104823D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (in the House)

VA - HB2765 Students; statewide anonymous reporting mobile application.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Department of Education; statewide anonymous student reporting mobile application. Requires the Department of Education, with such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act or provided from any other source, and alone or in partnership with another state agency or a nonprofit organization, or a combination thereof, to (i) develop or procure a multiplatform compatible mobile application that permits any public elementary and secondary school student to submit anonymous reports relating to the health or safety of self or others, including threats of violence that are made on social media; (ii) train or contract for the training of individuals to respond to each such anonymous report in a timely and effective manner, including responding to the student and notifying the appropriate school official, local law-enforcement agency, or public safety answering point (PSAP), as that term is defined in relevant law; (iii) train students, parents, PSAP responders, law-enforcement officials, and school officials throughout the Commonwealth on the proper use of such mobile application; and (iv) provide permissible users with access to such mobile application at no cost.

Actions:

January 29, 2025

- Incorporated by Education (HB2733-Higgins) (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2765) (in the House)
- Subcommittee recommends incorporating into HB2733-Higgins (Voice Vote) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25102800D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

VA - HB2766 Protective orders; violation of child protective order, penalties.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Violations of protective orders; child protective order; penalties. Changes the punishment and sentencing requirements for a violation of a preliminary child protective order and a protective order entered in a dispositional order related to abused, neglected, or abandoned children or children without parental care to the same penalties as violations of preliminary, emergency, and permanent family abuse protective orders, including enhanced penalties for certain violations. Under current law, (i) the maximum penalty for violations of child protective orders constitutes contempt of court; however, if the violation involves an act or acts of commission or omission that

endanger the child's life or health, or results in bodily injury to the child, it is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor and (ii) the court is not required to enter a permanent family abuse protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) upon a conviction of a violation of a preliminary child protective order.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 26, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2766) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25102810D (in the House)
- Impact statement from VCSC (HB2766) (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

VA - HB2767 Concealed handgun permit; demonstrated competence.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Concealed handgun permit; demonstrated competence. Adds a firearms safety or training course conducted by U.S. LawShield or any firearms safety or training course or class available to the general public offered by a nationally recognized firearms safety training organization to the list of qualifications that satisfy the demonstration of competence requirement for the issuance of a Virginia resident or nonresident concealed handgun permit. The bill also directs the Department of State Police to publish on its public website a list of organizations conducting such trainings that the Department deems adequate.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Public Safety (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (6-Y 4-N) (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2767) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned PS sub: Firearms (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25102817D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Public Safety (in the House)

VA - HB2776 Virginia Public Procurement Act; prohibition on boycotting Israel.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; prohibition on boycotting Israel.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Rules (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2776) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25105353D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

VA - HB2780 Virginia Electric Utility Regulation Act; definitions.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Electric Utility Regulation.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Labor and Commerce (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (HB2780) (in the House)
- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N) (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #3 (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25105362D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

VA - HJ1 Constitutional amendment; fundamental right to reproductive freedom (first reference).

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Herring, Charniele L. (D)

Summary:

Constitutional amendment (first reference); fundamental right to reproductive freedom. Provides that every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom and that the right to make and effectuate one's own decisions about all matters related to one's pregnancy cannot be denied, burdened, or otherwise infringed upon by the Commonwealth, unless justified by a compelling state

interest and achieved by the least restrictive means. The amendment prohibits the Commonwealth from penalizing, prosecuting, or otherwise taking adverse action against an individual for exercising the individual's right to reproductive freedom or for aiding another individual in the exercise of such right, unless justified by a compelling state interest.

Actions:

January 31, 2025

- Read third time (in the Senate)
- Agreed to by Senate (21-Y 18-N) (in the Senate)
- Read third time (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Reading waived (on 2nd reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the Senate)

January 14, 2025

- Taken up (in the House)
- Privileges and Elections Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)
- Agreed to by House (51-Y 48-N) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Passed by for the day (in the House)

November 13, 2024

- Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (12-Y 9-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25101522D-H1 (in the House)

VA - HJ2 Constitutional amendment; qualifications of voters, right to vote, persons not entitled to vote.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bennett-Parker, Elizabeth B. (D)

Summary:

Constitutional amendment (first reference); qualifications of voters; right to vote; persons not entitled to vote. Provides that every person who meets the qualifications of voters set forth in the Constitution of Virginia shall have the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth and that such right shall not

be abridged by law, except for persons who have been convicted of a felony and persons who have been adjudicated to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting. A person who has been convicted of a felony shall not be entitled to vote during any period of incarceration for such felony conviction, but upon release from incarceration for that felony conviction and without further action required of him, such person shall be invested with all political rights, including the right to vote. Currently, in order to be qualified to vote a person convicted of a felony must have his civil rights restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority. The amendment also provides that a person adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction as lacking the capacity to understand the act of voting shall not be entitled to vote during this period of incapacity until his capacity has been reestablished as prescribed by law. Currently, the Constitution of Virginia provides that a person who has been adjudicated to be mentally incompetent is not qualified to vote until his competency is reestablished.

Actions:

January 31, 2025

- Read third time (in the Senate)
- Agreed to by Senate (21-Y 18-N) (in the Senate)
- Read third time (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Reading waived (on 2nd reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Received (in the Senate)
- Laid on Clerk's Desk (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the Senate)

January 14, 2025

- Taken up (in the House)
- Motion to pass by Delegate Cherry Amendment #1 agreed to (52-Y 47-N) (in the House)
- Delegate Cherry Amendment #1 passed by (in the House)
- Motion to pass by Delegate Cherry Amendments #2, #3 agreed to (51-Y 48-N) (in the House)
- Delegate Cherry Amendments #2, #3 passed by (in the House)
- Engrossed by House (in the House)
- Agreed to by House (55-Y 44-N) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Passed by for the day (in the House)

November 13, 2024

- Reported from Privileges and Elections (12-Y 9-N) (in the House)

VA - HJ9 Constitutional amendment; marriage between two adult persons.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Sickles, Mark D. (D)

Summary:

Constitutional amendment (first reference); marriage between two individuals; repeal of same-sex marriage prohibition; affirmative right to marry. Repeals the constitutional provision defining marriage as only a union between one man and one woman as well as the related provisions that are no longer valid as a result of the United States Supreme Court decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. 644 (2015). The amendment provides that the right to marry is a fundamental right inherent in the liberty of persons and prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from denying the issuance of a marriage license to two parties contemplating a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of such parties. The Commonwealth and its political subdivisions are required to recognize any lawful marriage between two parties and to treat such marriages equally under the law, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such parties. The amendment provides that religious organizations and clergy acting in their religious capacity have the right to refuse to perform any marriage.

Actions:

January 31, 2025

- Read third time (in the Senate)
- Agreed to by Senate (24-Y 15-N) (in the Senate)
- Read third time (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Reading waived (on 2nd reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Privileges and Elections (10-Y 5-N) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Received (in the Senate)
- Laid on Clerk's Desk (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the Senate)

January 14, 2025

- Taken up (in the House)
- Privileges and Elections Substitute agreed to (in the House)
- Engrossed by House - committee substitute (in the House)
- Agreed to by House (58-Y 35-N 2-A) (in the House)

January 13, 2025

- Passed by for the day (in the House)

November 13, 2024

- Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (16-Y 5-N) (in the House)
- Committee substitute printed 25101510D-H1 (in the House)

VA - HJ14 Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe of Virginia; General Assembly to extend state recognition.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate McQuinn, Delores L. (D)

Summary:

Recognition of the Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe of Virginia. Extends state recognition to the Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe of Virginia within the Commonwealth.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Rules (in the House)

VA - HJ32 Secretariat of Rural Affairs; JLARC to study need for and feasibility of creating position.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Study; JLARC; creation of Secretariat of Rural Affairs; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the need for and feasibility of creating a Secretariat of Rural Affairs in the Commonwealth.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Rules (in the House)

VA - HJ63 Cannabis; Virginia Cannabis Control Authority to study creation of a retail market.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Study; Virginia Cannabis Control Authority; creation of a retail cannabis market; report. Requests the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority to study the creation of a retail cannabis market in the Commonwealth and draft regulations governing the indoor cultivation, processing, manufacturing,

testing, packaging, labeling, distribution, sale, and delivery of cannabis. The resolution requires that such regulations include (i) appropriate application and license fees; (ii) reasonable restrictions on cannabis advertising; (iii) restrictions on product size and potency; (iv) transaction limits; (v) comprehensive enforcement mechanisms; (vi) provisions regarding tax collection and revenue allocation; (vii) provisions regarding participation in the retail marijuana market by persons in socioeconomically disadvantaged communities; and (viii) any other restrictions or requirements necessary to protect public health and safety, prevent diversion, and enforce regulated sales. The resolution requires the Authority to include certain persons in its study and to submit its executive summaries and reports to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Rules (in the House)

VA - HJ82 State park; DCR to study feasibility of establishing in Washington County.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Study; Department of Conservation and Recreation; state park in Washington County; report. Requests the Department of Conservation and Recreation to study the feasibility of establishing a state park in Washington County at the Mendota Trail and Abrams Falls located within the Holston River Watersheds.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Rules (in the House)

VA - HJ449 Hybrid and electric trucks; Department of Transportation to study options for taxation.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Austin, Terry L. (R)

Summary:

Study; Department of Transportation; taxation of hybrid and electric trucks; report. Requests the Department of Transportation to study options for taxation of hybrid and electric trucks to account for the shortfall in gas and diesel tax revenues that will result from the use of such vehicles.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Rules (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101547D (in the House)

- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

VA - HJ457 Constitutional amendment; tax exemption for motor vehicles owned for personal, noncommercial use.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Constitutional amendment (first reference); personal property tax; exemption for motor vehicles owned for personal, noncommercial use. Requires the General Assembly to exempt from personal property taxes motor vehicles owned by an individual for personal, noncommercial use, provided that for the first year following the effective date of such law, the exemption shall be equal to 20 percent of the tax rate imposed by a locality on tangible personal property, and shall increase by an additional 20 percent of such rate for each year thereafter until such time that the exemption is equal to 100 percent. For purposes of the exemption,"motor vehicle" includes only automobiles, pickup trucks, and motorcycles. The amendment provides that the exemption is applicable on the date the motor vehicle is acquired or the effective date of the amendment, whichever is later, but is not applicable for any period of time prior to the effective date.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Privileges and Elections (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25101128D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the House)

VA - HJ458 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; designating as April 24, 2025 & each succeeding year thereafter.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Obenshain (R)

Summary:

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. Designates April 24, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day in Virginia.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Rules (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102781D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

VA - HJ460 Washington County; DCR to study feasibility of establishing state park in Holston River Watershed.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Study; Department of Conservation and Recreation; state park in Washington County; report. Requests the Department of Conservation and Recreation to study the feasibility of establishing a state park in Washington County at the Mendota Trail and Abrams Falls located within the Holston River watershed.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Rules (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101854D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

VA - HJ461 Rural Affairs, Secretariat of; JLARC to study need for and feasibility of creating position.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Study; JLARC; creation of Secretariat of Rural Affairs; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the need for and feasibility of creating a Secretariat of Rural Affairs in the Commonwealth.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Left in Rules (in the House)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102029D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

VA - HJ492 Constitutional amendment; right to work (first reference).

Primary Sponsor: Delegate O'Quinn, Israel D. (R)

Summary:

Constitutional amendment (first reference); right to work. Provides that it is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person because of such person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Privileges and Elections (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Assigned PE sub: Constitutional Amendments (in the House)

January 15, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104827D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the House)

VA - HJ502 Governor; portrait.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Herring, Charniele L. (D)

Summary:

Governor; portrait. Establishing a committee for the purpose of commissioning a portrait of Governor Glenn Youngkin for display in the Capitol.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Taken up (in the House)
- Engrossed by House (in the House)
- Agreed to by House (96-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Rules (14-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104689D (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

VA - HR455 Commending the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Commending the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth.

Actions:

January 20, 2025

- Engrossed by House (in the House)
- Agreed to by House by voice vote (in the House)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and laid on Speaker's table; Offered 01-13-2025 25101502D (in the House)

VA - HR466 Commending the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission.

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kilgore, Terry G. (R)

Summary:

Commending the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission.

Actions:

January 20, 2025

- Engrossed by House (in the House)
- Agreed to by House by voice vote (in the House)

January 10, 2025

- Prefiled and laid on Speaker's table; Offered 01-13-2025 25101503D (in the House)

VA - SB33 Certified registered nurse anesthetists; supervision during an operation or procedure.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mamie E. Locke (D)

Summary:

Supervision of certified registered nurse anesthetists; work group; report. Clarifies that supervision of a certified registered nurse anesthetist requires that a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or dentistry is present during an operation or procedure or is immediately available to respond and provide patient care as needed. The bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in collaboration with the Board of Medicine, Board of Nursing, and Department of Health Professions, to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to evaluate and make recommendations to increase the anesthesia provider workforce in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the work group to report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health and Human Services by November 1, 2024.

VA - SB108 Income tax, state; standard deduction.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Virginia taxable income; standard deduction. Removes the sunset on elevated standard deduction amounts for single individuals and married persons that was scheduled to expire for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB152 Electric utilities; retail competition, aggregated competitive purchasers.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Electric utilities; retail competition; aggregated competitive purchasers. Creates a limited exception to the requirement that the State Corporation Commission must find that a petition for certain competitive purchasers to aggregate their demands to become qualified to purchase retail electric energy is consistent with the public interest in order for the Commission to approve such petition. The bill provides that a customer seeking such approval may remunerate the utility for any adverse effects to the incumbent utility or its remaining utility customers contrary to the public interest as determined by the Commission. The bill also provides that such customers shall not be denied permission to procure retail electric energy from a competitive supplier and that such remuneration fee shall be recalculated by the Commission on a triennial basis from when a customer commences a competitive service agreement.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

VA - SB163 Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; powers.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; powers. Provides for the Attorney General to provide legal services in civil matters upon the request of the executive director or board of directors of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority. The bill also provides for the board of the Authority to adopt policies for the procurement of goods and services and requires such policies to incorporate certain provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. In addition, the bill (i) makes the provisions of the Virginia Personnel Act and the policies of the Department of Human Resource Management applicable to employees of the Authority and (ii) authorizes the Director of the Department of General Services to lease vehicles and construction and forestry equipment to the Authority.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB226 Highway use fee; DMV to convene work group to determine tiered flat rate system, report.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Department of Motor Vehicles; highway use fee; tiered flat rate system; work group; report. Directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to convene a work group to determine the feasibility of implementing a tiered flat rate system to accurately determine the correct amount of highway use fee to be charged at the point of sale of a motor vehicle. The bill directs the work group to complete its work and report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the Senate and House Committees on Transportation no later than November 15, 2024.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Appropriations (in the House)

VA - SB251 Content manufacturing tax credit; removes sunset for the motion picture credit, redesignates credit.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hashmi, Ghazala F. (D)

Summary:

Content manufacturing tax credit. Removes the sunset for the motion picture tax credit, which currently is set to expire after taxable year 2026, and expands and redesignates the tax credit as the content manufacturing tax credit. The bill increases the total amount of credits that can be allocated to taxpayers to $46.5 million beginning in fiscal year 2024; however, should less than $100 million worth of certain new investments, as described by the bill, occur in Virginia by January 1, 2027, the cap will be reduced to $10 million per fiscal year.

The bill also amends the definition of the"qualifying expenses" eligible for the content manufacturing tax credit to mean certain amounts spent in connection with the production of an eligible project filmed in the Commonwealth. The bill defines"eligible project" to be the production of a motion picture or an episodic television series.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB351 Advanced practice registered nurses and licensed certified midwives; joint licensing.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Boysko, Jennifer B. (D)

Summary:

Board of Medicine; Board of Nursing; joint licensing of advanced practice registered nurses and licensed certified midwives. Moves the professions of advanced practice registered nurses and licensed certified midwives from being licensed jointly by the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing to being licensed by the Board of Nursing only.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB359 Consumer Data Protection Act; social media platforms, addictive feed.

Primary Sponsor: Senator VanValkenburg, Schuyler T. (D)

Summary:

Consumer Data Protection Act; social media platforms; addictive feed. Prohibits a person that operates a social media platform that has knowledge that a user of the social media platform is a child under the age of 18 from using an addictive feed, defined in the bill, unless such social media platform obtains verifiable parental consent.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Communications, Technology and Innovation (in the House)

VA - SB431 School boards; expands availability of allowable alternatives for pupil transportation.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Schools boards; pupil transportation; alternatives; requirements. Expands the availability of allowable alternatives to traditional school bus transportation services relating to the transportation of students to and from school or school-related activities.

The bill expands the entities with whom and the purposes for which a school board may enter into agreements to provide transportation of pupils to include other school boards and comprehensive community colleges for the purposes of transporting students to and from concurrent or dual enrollment programs, career and technical education programs, joint and regional schools, and college partnership laboratory schools. The bill permits any school board to (i) provide, or contract with a privately operated entity to provide, for the purpose of transporting students to and from schools on a regularly scheduled basis a vehicle designed (a) to carry between 11 and 15 passengers, (b) as a specific type of school bus, in accordance with relevant federal and state laws and regulations, and (c) to carry nine passengers or fewer and (ii) in accordance with the provisions set forth in the bill, adopt a resolution to utilize alternative transportation providers,

coordinators, and management services to supplement traditional school bus service. The bill requires any vehicle provided or obtained pursuant to clause (i) to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and undergo scheduled and random inspections by the Department of State Police. The bill establishes requirements for the contents of police reports relating to any school transportation-related accident to account for the use of alternative modes of school transportation to supplement traditional school bus service. The bill contains provisions prohibiting any school board from hiring, employing, or entering into any agreement with any person for the purposes of operating any vehicle to transport students unless such person meets certain requirements, including those requirements specific to persons who operate school busses.

Finally, the bill permits any school board of a school division for which providing transportation by school bus is not cost effective to use a portion of its transportation funding to provide a grant to any parent of a student who provides student transportation to and from school and establishes several conditions in relation to such provision, including directing the Board to adopt policies and procedures relating to the award of such grants.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB432 Consumer Data Protection Act; protections for children.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Consumer Data Protection Act; protections for children. Requires a controller or processor to obtain verifiable parental consent, defined in the bill, prior to registering any child with the operator's product or service or before collecting, using, or disclosing such child's personal data and prohibits a controller from knowingly processing the personal data of a child for purposes of (i) targeted advertising, (ii) the sale of such personal data, or (iii) profiling in furtherance of decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects concerning a consumer. The bill also amends the definition of child for purposes of the Consumer Data Protection Act to include any natural person younger than 18 years of age.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB557 Renewable energy portfolio standard; eligibility of hydrogen and nuclear resources.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Renewable energy portfolio standard; eligibility of hydrogen and nuclear resources. Provides that, for the purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard, eligible sources include (i) hydrogen resources that are produced from zero-carbon generating facilities located in the Commonwealth and (ii) zero-carbon nuclear generating facilities located in the Commonwealth that were placed into service after July 1, 2024.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (in the Senate)

VA - SB562 Captured coal mine methane; pilot program, renewable energy portfolio standard.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Pilot program for captured coal mine methane; renewable energy portfolio standard. Directs the State Corporation Commission to establish a pilot program for American Electric Power (Phase I Utility) and Dominion Energy (Phase II Utility) to submit proposals to deploy electricity generation from captured coal mine methane. Under the bill, reasonable and prudent costs incurred under the captured coal mine methane project shall be recovered through utility base rates. Additionally, the bill provides that electricity generated using captured coal mine methane with a non-combustion electric generator under the captured coal mine methane project shall be considered an eligible resource for purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard program.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (in the Senate)

VA - SB563 Regional career and technical education program; establishing in Planning District 2.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Department of Education; Virginia Community College System; regional career and technical education program. Directs the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System, the Virginia Board of Workforce Development, the Board of Education, the school board and division superintendent of Tazewell County Public Schools, and representatives of the governing boards of comprehensive community colleges located in Tazewell County and contiguous counties to study the feasibility of and make recommendations on developing a plan for establishing a regional career and technical education program for all students in grade levels six through 12 who reside in Planning District 2.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Rules (in the House)

VA - SB619 Public elementary and secondary schools; compulsory attendance policies and procedures.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Public elementary and secondary schools; compulsory attendance policies and procedures; educational neglect defined. Revises the policies and procedures relating to addressing the nonattendance or nonenrollment of a child subject to compulsory education requirements by expanding the definition of"abused or neglected child" to include educational neglect and, therefore, requiring any teacher, attendance officer, or other person employed by such child's school, to report such neglect to the appropriate authority in accordance with pertinent law. The bill defines"educational neglect" as the failure or refusal to provide necessary education for a child who is subject to compulsory attendance in accordance with relevant law and is enrolled in a public school and has missed 10 percent or more of the academic year, including by (i) causing or allowing the child to become chronically absent, defined as any student who has missed 10 percent or more of the academic year for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences, or (ii) failing or refusing to enroll a child in any school who is not otherwise exempt from school attendance if (a) such failure or refusal to enroll continues after the school notifies and institutes proceedings against the parent and (b) the time elapsed between the institution of proceedings and the continued noncompliance to date exceeds 10 percent of the academic year.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB678 Intercollegiate athletics; student-athletes, compensation and representation for name, image, etc.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Rouse, Aaron R. (D)

Summary:

Intercollegiate athletics, student-athletes; compensation and representation for name, image, or likeness.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB682 Health professions; universal licensure, requirements.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Health professions; universal licensure; requirements. Requires health regulatory boards within the Department of Health Professions to recognize licenses or certifications issued by other United States jurisdictions, as defined in the bill, as fulfillment for licensure or certification in the Commonwealth if certain conditions are met. The bill also requires such health regulatory boards to recognize work experience as fulfillment for licensure or certification in the Commonwealth if certain conditions are met. The bill does not apply to licensure for physicians or dentists.

Actions:

November 19, 2024

- Left in Rules (in the Senate)

VA - SB688 Offshore wind capacity; development, prohibited cost recovery.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Development of offshore wind capacity; prohibited cost recovery.

Actions:

November 18, 2024

- Left in Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

VA - SB749 K-12 schools and institutions of higher education; student participation in women's sports; civil cause of action.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Tammy Brankley Mulchi (R)

Summary:

K-12 schools and institutions of higher education; student participation in women's sports; civil cause of action. Requires each interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural, or club athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, or any other school that is a member of the Virginia High School League, or by a public institution of higher education to be expressly designated as one of the following based on the biological sex of the students who participate on the team or in the sport: (i) males, men, or boys; (ii) females, women, or girls; or (iii) coed or mixed if participation on such team or sport is open to both males and females. The bill requires that the biological sex of any student seeking to participate on such an expressly designated team be affirmed by a signed physician's statement. The bill prohibits any such team or sport that is expressly designated for females from being open to students whose biological sex is male.

The bill prohibits any government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, or athletic association or organization from entertaining a complaint, opening an investigation, or taking any

other adverse action against any such school or institution of higher education based on a violation of the provisions of the bill and creates a cause of action for any school or institution of higher education that suffers harm as a result of a violation of the bill. Finally, the bill creates a civil cause of action for any student who suffers harm as a result of a knowing violation of a provision of the bill by a school or institution or as a result of the student's reporting a violation of a provision of the bill by a school, institution, athletic association, or organization.

Actions:

January 23, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (9-Y 6-N) (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Public Education (in the Senate)

December 1, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100377D (in the Senate)
- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100377D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB768 School-based mental and behavioral health services; DOE to survey local education agencies, report.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Favola, Barbara A. (D)

Summary:

Department of Education; survey of local education agencies on school-based mental and behavioral health services; report. Requires the Department of Education (the Department) to survey each local education agency (LEA) in the Commonwealth to determine (i) how public schools governed by such LEA currently grant access to local departments of social services and community services boards and other community-based providers of mental and behavioral health services and (ii) what school-based mental and behavioral health services are made available by such LEA. The bill requires the Department to utilize the results of and feedback from the survey to inform the continued development and improvement of guidelines for school professionals to support students and families by connecting them with community resources that provide mental and behavioral health services. The bill requires the Department to report to the Commission on Youth by November 1, 2025, any findings and recommendations that result from the survey.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB768) (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 20, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

December 17, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101253D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB782 Income tax, state; deductions and earned income tax credit, removes sunset.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Income tax; deductions and earned income tax credit; sunset. Removes the current January 1, 2026 expiration date for the standard deduction in the amount of $8,500 for single individuals and $17,000 for married individuals. Current law provides that on and after January 1, 2026, the standard deduction shall revert back to the amounts that existed before taxable year 2019, which was $3,000 for individuals and $6,000 for married individuals.

The bill also removes the current January 1, 2026 expiration date from the partially refundable credit that an individual or married individuals may claim against their Virginia income tax liability in an amount equal to 15 percent of the federal earned income tax credit claimed by an individual or married individuals for federal earned income tax purposes.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Incorporates SB845(Stuart) (in the Senate)
- Incorporates SB951(McDougle) (in the Senate)

January 19, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (SB782) (in the Senate)

December 27, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103608D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB783 Consumer Data Protection Act; protections for children.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Consumer Data Protection Act; protections for children. Requires a controller or processor to obtain verifiable parental consent, defined in the bill, prior to registering any child with the controller's or processor's product or service or before collecting, using, or disclosing such child's personal data. The bill also amends the definition of child for purposes of the Consumer Data Protection Act to include any natural person younger than 18 years of age.

Actions:

January 29, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology (8-Y 6-N 1-A) (in the Senate)

January 10, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB783) (in the Senate)

December 27, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103105D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB784 Public school accountability system; BOE shall revise its Three"E" Readiness Framework, etc.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Board of Education; public school accountability system; Three"E" Readiness Framework; include and incentivize work-based learning experiences. Directs the Board of Education to revise its Three"E" Readiness Framework: Employment, Enlistment, and Enrollment, adopted pursuant to the public school accountability system to measure high school student postsecondary readiness, to include as an indicator of postsecondary readiness and incentivize participation in and completion of work-based learning experiences, with the maximum number of points for such indicator awarded to students who participate in a minimum of 90 hours of work-based learning experiences.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)

February 5, 2025

- Reported from Education (11-Y 9-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB784) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Education and Health Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Committee substitute printed 25105094D-S1 (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (37-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health with substitute (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Public Education (in the Senate)

January 14, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB784) (in the Senate)

December 27, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103079D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB785 Real Estate Board; transfer of license, fee.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Real Estate Board; transfer of license; fee. Prohibits the Real Estate Board from charging a fee for the transfer of a licensee between offices within a licensed real estate firm.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Read third time (in the House)
- Passed House (94-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 6, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)
- Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- General Laws and Technology Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB785) (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25104967D-S1 (in the Senate)

December 27, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103601D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB800 Budget Bill.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Lucas, L. Louise (D)

Summary:

Budge Bill. Amends items of and adds items to Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Appropriations (in the House)

February 6, 2025

- Budget amendments available (SB800AS3) (in the Senate)
- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Passed by temporarily (in the Senate)
- Contested committee amendment. agreed to (P.14 Item 51 #1s) (in the Senate)
- Contested committee amendment agree to (P.74 Item 240.10 #1s) (in the Senate)
- Contested committee amendment agreed to (Page 147 Item 377 #1s) (21-Y 19-N) (in the Senate)
- Contested committee amendment agreed to (P.260 Item 4-14 #5s) (in the Senate)
- Uncontested committee amendments agreed to (voice vote) (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (38-Y 2-N) (in the Senate)

February 5, 2025

- Motion for Special and Continuing Order (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Budget amendments available (SB800AS2) (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

February 2, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendments (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Budget amendments available (SB800AS1) (in the Senate)

December 18, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103938D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB806 State Air Pollution Control Board; regulations; low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle standards.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Stuart, Richard H. (R)

Summary:

State Air Pollution Control Board; regulations; low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle standards. Repeals the State Air Pollution Control Board's authority to implement low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle standards that apply for vehicles with a model year of 2025 and later.

Actions:

January 21, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (8-Y 7-N) (in the Senate)

December 30, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103070D (in the Senate)
- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103070D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (in the Senate)

VA - SB831 Pregnant individuals; DMAS to seek federal authority to implement presumptive eligibility.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Locke, Mamie E. (D)

Summary:

Department of Medical Assistance Services; presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals; qualified entities. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek federal authority to implement presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals, in addition to the existing hospital presumptive eligibility program and, if the Department receives such authority, allows the Department to authorize qualified entities to make determinations of presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 20, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB831) (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB831) (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25104815D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 14, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health (in the Senate)

December 31, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100849D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB832 Rental assistance voucher pilot program; established, report.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Locke, Mamie E. (D)

Summary:

Department of Housing and Community Development; rental assistance voucher pilot program. Establishes the rental assistance voucher pilot program within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing direct rental assistance to qualifying households, as defined by the bill, in the form of rental assistance vouchers. The bill directs the Department to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the implementation and impact of the rental assistance voucher program. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB832) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 4-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25104864D-S1 (in the Senate)

December 31, 2024

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101506D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB873 Richlands, Town of; amending charter, relates to ordinance.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Charter; Town of Richlands. Amends the charter for the Town of Richlands in Tazewell County by requiring that proposed ordinances be presented, rather than read, at two regular meetings prior to adoption. The bill also requires the town manager to reside within the town within a contractually stated grace period, rather than during the tenure of office.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (in the House)
- Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #1 (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the Senate)

January 14, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (37-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Reported from Local Government (13-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 3, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103022D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Local Government (in the Senate)

VA - SB874 Local sales and use tax; Pulaski County authorized to levy additional taxes for school projects.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Local sales and use tax; capital projects for schools; Pulaski County. Adds Pulaski County to the list of localities that are authorized to levy an additional general retail sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent to provide revenue solely for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools within such locality.

Actions:

January 15, 2025

- Incorporated by Finance and Appropriations (SB1307-McPike) (12-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 14, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (SB874) (in the Senate)

January 3, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103018D (in the Senate)

- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB875 State pharmacy benefits manager; DMAS to select & contract with a third-party administrator to serve

Primary Sponsor: Senator Rouse, Aaron R. (D)

Summary:

Department of Medical Assistance Services; state pharmacy benefits manager. Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services by December 31, 2026, to select and contract with a third-party administrator to serve as the state pharmacy benefits manager to administer all pharmacy benefits for Medicaid recipients, including recipients enrolled in a managed care organization. The bill enumerates requirements for the Department's contract with the state pharmacy benefits manager.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of amendment waived (in the Senate)
- Finance and Appropriations Amendment agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate as amended (in the Senate)
- Printed as engrossed 25103406D-E (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N 1-A) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendments (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB875) (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N 1-A) (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health (in the Senate)

January 3, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103406D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB894 Personal injury or death by wrongful act; liability of employer to vulnerable victims.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Russet Perry (D)

Summary:

Civil actions; liability of employer for personal injury or death by wrongful act. Provides that in an action for personal injury or death by wrongful act brought by a vulnerable victim, defined in the bill, against an employee, a finding that the employee's employer is vicariously liable for such employee's conduct shall be based on several factors, including the likelihood of the employee coming into contact with such vulnerable victim and the employer's failure to exercise reasonable care over the employee.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)

February 5, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment(s) (17-Y 4-N 1-A) (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (24-Y 13-N) (in the Senate)
- Reconsideration of Passage agreed to (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (25-Y 12-N 1-A) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Passed by temporarily (in the Senate)
- Reconsideration of Committee substitute (37-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute rejected (in the Senate)
- Floor substitute printed 25105995D-S2 (Perry) (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Senator Perry, Russet Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - floor substitute (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute-SB894S1 (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 20, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (13-Y 1-N 1-A) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25105373D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 4, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100507D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

VA - SB921 Large animal veterinary grant program; State Veterinarian to establish, report.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

State Veterinarian; large animal veterinary grant program; report. Directs the State Veterinarian to establish a large animal veterinary grant program no later than July 1, 2026, to provide grants to increase or stabilize the number of large animal veterinarians, as defined in the bill, practicing in areas of the Commonwealth that have been identified by the State Veterinarian as having a shortage of such veterinarians. The bill directs the State Veterinarian to annually select from a pool of applicants no more than four large animal veterinarians to participate in the program and to develop, in consultation with the Board of Veterinary Medicine and relevant stakeholders, selection criteria for applicants to participate in the program. The bill also requires the State Veterinarian to submit a report evaluating the extent to which the program has helped to address the shortage of large animal veterinarians in the Commonwealth to the Board and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources no later than July 1, 2030. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a general appropriation act.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Appropriations (in the House)
- Assigned Approps sub: Commerce Agriculture & Natural Resources (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB921) (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N 1-A) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25106417D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB921) (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- VOTE: (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Assigned ACNR sub: Rural (in the Senate)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102893D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (in the Senate)

VA - SB929 Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund established.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund established. Establishes the Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund and requires any eligible designated funds received under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to be deposited into the Fund. The bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Energy to provide grants for certain projects described in the federal Act relating to the protection of public health, safety, and property from the adverse effects of coal mining practices.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Assigned ACNR sub: Rural (in the Senate)

January 14, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB929) (in the Senate)

January 6, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104046D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (in the Senate)

VA - SB973 Captured waste mine methane pilot program; electric generation, renewable portfolio standard.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Pilot program; electric generation from captured waste mine methane; renewable portfolio standard. Directs the State Corporation Commission to establish a pilot program for American Electric Power and Dominion Energy to submit proposals to deploy electric generation that utilizes, in whole or in part, captured waste mine methane, as defined in the bill. Under the bill, reasonable and prudent costs incurred under the captured waste mine methane pilot program shall be recovered through utility base rates for generation and distribution services. Additionally, the bill provides that electricity generated using captured waste mine methane with a non-combustion electric generator under the captured waste mine methane project shall be considered an eligible resource for purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard program until December 31, 2045.

Actions:

January 21, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (8-Y 7-N) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102427D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (in the Senate)

VA - SB980 Certified community health workers; state plan amendment to provide reimbursement for services.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hashmi, Ghazala F. (D)

Summary:

Department of Medical Assistance Services; work group; state plan amendment; reimbursement for services by certified community health workers. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to convene a work group to (i) design a state plan amendment to provide reimbursement for services provided by certified community health workers, (ii) identify opportunities to expand the use of community health workers by Medicaid managed care organizations, and (iii) determine the feasibility of developing flexible training and certification standards that allow community health workers to use their education and experience to satisfy some of the requirements for qualification as a doula or registered peer recovery specialist. The bill requires the Department to report the work group findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by October 1, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Rules and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (12-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB980) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102196D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the Senate)

VA - SB982 Casino gaming; eligible host localities.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Surovell, Scott A. (D)

Summary:

Casino gaming; eligible host localities. Adds Fairfax County to the list of localities eligible to host a casino in the Commonwealth and provides that any proposed site for a casino gaming establishment considered by Fairfax County shall be (i) located within one-quarter of a mile of an existing station on the Metro Silver Line, (ii) part of a coordinated mixed-use project development consisting of no less than 1.5 million square feet, (iii) within two miles of a regional enclosed mall containing not less than 1.5 million square feet of gross building area, and (iv) outside of the Interstate 495 Beltway.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (24-Y 16-N) (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N) (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from General Laws and Technology and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 3-N 1-A) (in the Senate)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned GL&T sub: Gaming (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB982) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104309D (in the Senate)

- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB1022 State Corporation Commission; time frame for completion of certain transmission lines proceedings.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

State Corporation Commission; time frame for completion of certain transmission lines proceedings. Requires the State Corporation Commission to complete proceedings regarding the approval of certain transmission lines of 138 kilovolts or more within nine months.

Actions:

January 27, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor with letter (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (SB1022) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102878D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

VA - SB1038 Telehealth visits for patients with disabilities; best practice educational training.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Stella Pekarsky (D)

Summary:

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; best practice training; telehealth visits for patients with disabilities. Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to develop and disseminate best practice educational training for health care providers on how to conduct telehealth visits for patients with disabilities. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Assigned sub: Behavioral Health (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (37-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health (in the Senate)

January 20, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1038) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102205D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB1044 Elections; general registrar of each locality to report number of provisional ballots cast.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Roem, Danica A. (D)

Summary:

Elections; election results; reporting; provisional ballots. Requires the general registrar of each locality to report to the Department of Elections for each precinct in his locality the total number of provisional ballots cast, the number of those provisional ballots determined to be valid by the electoral board, and the results of such valid provisional ballots by voters assigned to such precinct. Results from provisional voting and voting at the precinct on election day must be reported separately. The Department shall establish standards for ascertaining and reporting such information. Such standards must direct that all results be posted promptly and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the tenth day after the election day.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1044) (in the Senate)

February 6, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1044) (in the Senate)
- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of amendment waived (in the Senate)
- Privileges and Elections Amendment agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate as amended (in the Senate)
- Printed as engrossed 25104425D-E (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N 1-A) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Reported from Privileges and Elections with amendment and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104425D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the Senate)

VA - SB1059 Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund; claim limits, license threshold amounts.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund; claim limits; license threshold amounts. Increases from $20,000 to $30,000 per claim the individual limit of claims against the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund based upon an unpaid judgment arising out of the improper or dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor in connection with a single transaction involving contracting and increases from $40,000 to $100,000 during any biennium the aggregate claim limit against a single licensed contractor. The bill also raises the thresholds for the value of single contracts or projects and the total value of all construction, removal, repair, or improvements undertaken by a contractor in a 12-month period that govern each class of contractor's licenses.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Read third time (in the House)
- Passed House (94-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 6, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1059) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (37-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102900D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB1076 Appalachian Power; authorized to petition SCC for a financing order for securitized asset costs.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Peake, Mark J. (R)

Summary:

Phase I Utilities; securitized asset costs. Authorizes Appalachian Power to petition the State Corporation Commission for a financing order for securitized asset costs, as defined in the bill. The bill creates the securitized asset cost charge and provides that the revenues generated by

this charge, known as securitized asset cost property, are a property right that can be transferred and pledged as security for the securitized asset cost bonds. The bill establishes the procedures for creating, perfecting, and enforcing the security interest in securitized asset cost property. The bill also prohibits during the months of December, January, and February (i) any increase of Appalachian Power's rates for electric generation and distribution services, (ii) the application of any new rate adjustment clause to such utility's customer's bills, and (iii) any increase of an existing rate adjustment clause applicable to such customers' bills. The bill prohibits Appalachian Power from disconnecting from service any residential customer between July 1, 2025, and December 31, 2026, for nonpayment of bills or fees.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Floor substitute printed 25106773D-S1 (Deeds) (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Senator Deeds, R. Creigh Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - floor substitute (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (39-Y 1-N) (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Reported from Commerce and Labor (11-Y 0-N 4-A) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (SB1076) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102964D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

VA - SB1091 Electric utilities; renewable energy standard eligible sources.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Electric utilities; renewable energy standard eligible sources; zero-carbon electricity generating nuclear facilities. Provides that, for the purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard, eligible sources include zero-carbon electricity generating nuclear facilities located in the Commonwealth.
Actions:

January 27, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (9-Y 6-N) (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (SB1091) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102883D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

VA - SB1142 Line of Duty Act; benefits for campus police and private police officers, definitions.
Primary Sponsor: Senator Obenshain, Mark D. (R)
Summary:
Line of Duty Act; campus police officers; private police officers. Provides employees of contributing nonprofit private institutions of higher education, defined in the bill, with the benefits granted to employees of participating employers under the Line of Duty Act. The bill clarifies that the Line of Duty Act shall not apply to any (i) private institution of higher education that is not a contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education or (ii) private police department, defined in the bill, that is not a contributing private police department. The bill requires each contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education and contributing private police department to pay its pro rata share of the initial costs to implement the bill, as determined by the Virginia Retirement System.
Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Assigned Approps sub: Compensation and Retirement (in the House)

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Appropriations (in the House)

January 24, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)

- Reading of amendments waived (in the Senate)
- Finance and Appropriations Amendments agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute as amended (in the Senate)
- Printed as engrossed 25105031D-ES1 (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Virginia Retirement System (SB1142) (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Virginia Retirement System (SB1142) (in the Senate)
- Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendments (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Committee substitute printed 25105031D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102441D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

VA - SB1172 RS & UT; food for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products, delayed effective date.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Sales and use tax; food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products. Eliminates the remaining one percent local sales and use tax that is imposed on food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products. Under current law, no other sales and use tax is currently applied to such products. The bill requires an equivalent amount of revenue to be distributed to cities and counties on a monthly basis in compensation for the lost tax revenue. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.

Actions:

January 23, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 5-N) (in the Senate)

January 19, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (SB1172) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104584D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB1173 Virginia coordinate systems; updates several references in Code.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Virginia coordinate systems; federal updates. Updates several references in Code to the Virginia Coordinate System of 2022 and aligns state law with federal changes with respect to measurement standards. The bill replaces the U.S. survey foot with the international foot. The provisions of the bill become effective upon the official release by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Geodetic Survey of the State Plane Coordinate System of 2022 and certification in writing to the Virginia Code Commission that such contingency has been met.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Referred from Transportation and referred to General Laws (Voice Vote) (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the House)

January 23, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1173) (in the Senate)
- Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of amendment waived (in the Senate)
- Transportation Amendment agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate as amended (in the Senate)
- Printed as engrossed 25100657D-E (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 20, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Reported from Transportation with amendment (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100657D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the Senate)

VA - SB1174 Elections; prohibited activities, distribution of referendum materials.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Elections; prohibited activities; distribution of referendum materials. Adds"referendum" to the description of materials that are prohibited from being distributed within certain areas while voting and registration activities are being conducted.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1174) (in the Senate)

February 4, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the House)

January 27, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of amendment waived (in the Senate)
- Privileges and Elections Amendment agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate as amended (in the Senate)
- Printed as engrossed 25103618D-E (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Reported from Privileges and Elections with amendment (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1174) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103618D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the Senate)

VA - SB1175 Elections; absentee voting in person, uniform availability.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Elections; absentee voting in person; uniform availability. Requires absentee voting in person to be available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during early voting and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the first Saturday and second Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding all elections. Under current law, local electoral boards have some discretion to decide certain hours and days when absentee voting in person is available.

Actions:

January 21, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N) (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1175) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103642D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (in the Senate)

VA - SB1176 Roanoke, City of; amending charter, appointment of director of real estate valuation.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Charter; City of Roanoke. Amends the charter for the City of Roanoke to allow for the appointment of the City's director of real estate valuation by city council. Currently, the director of real estate valuation is appointed by the city manager.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (in the House)

January 16, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the Senate)

January 14, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (37-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Reported from Local Government (13-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103123D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Local Government (in the Senate)

VA - SB1177 Critical access hospitals; swing beds.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Certificate of public need; exception; critical access hospitals; swing beds. Exempts from the requirement for a certificate of public need hospitals using up to 10 inpatient hospital beds per day as swing beds for the furnishing of services of the type that, if furnished by a nursing home or certified nursing facility, would constitute skilled care services. The bill allows critical access hospitals to calculate the 10-swing-bed per day limitation as an average over the fiscal year of the hospital with certain exceptions. Under current law, critical access hospitals may only use up to 10 percent of beds as swing beds without requiring a certificate of public need. The bill directs the State Commissioner of Health to collect the hospital data pursuant to the provisions of the bill and make it publicly available. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (37-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1177) (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health (in the Senate)

January 7, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103595D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB1179 Motion picture production tax credit; renamed as content manufacturing tax credit, removes sunset.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hashmi, Ghazala F. (D)

Summary:

Motion picture production tax credit; renamed as content manufacturing tax credit; sunset. Removes the sunset for the motion picture tax credit, which currently is set to expire after taxable year 2026, and expands and redesignates the tax credit as the content manufacturing tax credit. The bill increases the total amount of credits that can be allocated to eligible taxpayers from $6.5 million to $11.5 million beginning in fiscal year 2025 and allows unclaimed aggregate credit amounts to be carried over and added to the aggregate credit cap in the following fiscal year. The bill also amends the definition of the"qualifying expenses" eligible for the content manufacturing tax credit to mean certain amounts spent in connection with the production of an eligible project filmed in the Commonwealth, defined as the production of a motion picture or an episodic television series.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104454D (in the Senate)
- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104454D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB1180 Workforce Development and Advancement, Department of; powers and duties.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; powers and duties. Requires the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to ensure that all workforce development programs and workforce education and training programs (i) address an industry need identified on a high-demand occupation or field list created by the Department and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development and Advancement and (ii) include a job placement component in their implementation and operating plans. Publicly funded workforce development and workforce education and training programs may apply for an exemption from such requirements, and the Commissioner shall approve or disapprove such application within 45 days of receipt.

Actions:

January 28, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1180) (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25105655D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 14, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1180) (in the Senate)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100909D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB1209 Photo speed monitoring devices; private vendors compensated for calibration, civil penalty.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Obenshain, Mark D. (R)

Summary:

Photo speed monitoring devices; private vendors; calibration; civil penalty. Requires any private vendor that has entered into an agreement with a law-enforcement agency to provide a photo speed monitoring device and is also compensated for the calibration of such device to calibrate such device in the same manner and to the same specifications as all other devices determining speed, to the extent that such devices utilize the same method of speed detection as such photo speed monitoring device, used by such law-enforcement agency. The bill also (i) requires such a private vendor to provide, within 10 days of a request by a person receiving a summons by mail for a vehicle speed violation recorded by a photo speed monitoring device provided by such private vendor, for proof of calibration for such photo speed monitoring device; (ii) requires such a summons to provide notice of

such right to request such proof of calibration; and (iii) imposes a civil penalty on any private vendor who fails to provides such proof of calibration within such time.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Transportation Substitute rejected (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (13-Y 1-N 1-A) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25106383D-S2 (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Reported from Transportation with substitute and rereferred to Courts of Justice (13-Y 0-N 1-A) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25105650D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1209) (in the Senate)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102448D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the Senate)

VA - SB1248 Fire Prevention Code; prohibition on permit fees for fire departments, etc., for certain localities.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Fire Prevention Code; prohibition on permit fees for fire departments and emergency medical services agencies in certain localities. Prohibits the State Fire Marshal from charging a fee for the approval and administration of permits issued to fire departments and emergency medical services agencies in localities with a total population of less than 10,000 as determined by the most recent federal decennial census by the United States Census Bureau.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 5, 2025

- Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

January 28, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1248) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute rejected (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25105333D-S2 (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1248) (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Committee substitute printed 25105114D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103402D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB1270 Deed fraud; VHDA to evaluate prevalence, develop recommendations for prevention, etc.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Virginia Housing Development Authority; technical advisory group; report. Directs the Virginia Housing Development Authority to convene a technical advisory group to (i) evaluate the prevalence of deed fraud, including notary fraud, seller impersonation, owner impersonation, and fraudulent lien filing; (ii) develop recommendations for the prevention of deed fraud; and (iii) develop measures to enhance protections for property owners from such crimes. The bill also requires the technical advisory group to give consideration to certain policy proposals stated in the bill. The bill requires the technical advisory group to submit its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology no later than November 1, 2025.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)
- Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 31, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- General Laws and Technology Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)

- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N 1-A) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25105891D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Impact statement from CLG (SB1270) (in the Senate)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104437D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB1281 Electric utilities; retail competition.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Electric utilities; retail competition. Authorizes a customer who is a customer of a Phase I Utility that had a typical residential customer bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month that exceeded 125 percent of the statewide average during the most recent calendar year to purchase electric energy from any supplier of electric energy licensed to sell retail electric energy within the Commonwealth. The bill also decreases the period that such a customer who switches from an investor-owned electric utility to a competing supplier is barred from returning as a customer of its utility from five years to 90 days.

Actions:

January 27, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor with letter (8-Y 7-N) (in the Senate)

January 26, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from State Corporation Commission (SB1281) (in the Senate)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102425D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

VA - SB1287 Virginia Gaming Commission; established, penalties, report.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Reeves, Bryce E. (R)

Summary:

Virginia Gaming Commission; established. Establishes the Virginia Gaming Commission as an independent agency of the Commonwealth, exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government, to oversee and regulate all forms of legal gambling in the Commonwealth except for the state lottery. The bill sets eligibility requirements for the appointment of a Commissioner and Virginia Gaming Commissioner Board members, provides powers and duties of such Commissioner and Board members, and provides for the transfer of current employees of relevant state agencies to the Commission. The bill contains numerous technical amendments.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1287) (in the Senate)
- Impact statement from VCSC (SB1287) (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 2-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25105840D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 20, 2025

- Assigned GL&T sub: Gaming (in the Senate)

January 8, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100171D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB1307 Sales and use tax, local; additional tax authorized in all counties and cities to support schools.

Primary Sponsor: Senator McPike, Jeremy S. (D)

Summary:

Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum. Authorizes all counties and cities to impose an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent with the revenue used only for capital projects, defined in the bill, if such levy is approved in a voter referendum, except for those counties and cities (i) where the combined rate of state and local retail sales and use taxes exceeds eight percent or (ii) that impose a meals tax or tax on the sale of food and beverages. The bill also removes the requirement that such tax have an expiration date on either (i) the date of the repayment of any bonds or loans used for such capital projects or (ii) a date chosen by the governing body, but in no case more than 20 years after the date of the approval of the referendum authorizing such tax. Under current law, only Charlotte, Gloucester, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Patrick, and Pittsylvania Counties and the City of Danville are authorized to impose such a tax.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

January 20, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (27-Y 13-N) (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute agreed to (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Incorporates SB874(Hackworth) (in the Senate)
- Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (11-Y 2-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25105039D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 9, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103264D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB1360 Foreign dental program graduates; license to teach dentistry, repeals sunset.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

License to teach dentistry; foreign dental program graduates; repeal sunset. Repeals the July 1, 2025, sunset on the current provision of law allowing the Board of Dentistry to grant, without examination, a faculty license to teach dentistry in an accredited dental program to a graduate of a dental school or college or the dental department of an institution of higher education in a foreign country who has been granted a certification letter from the dean or program director of an accredited dental program confirming that the applicant has clinical competency and clinical experience that meet the credentialing standards of the dental school with which the applicant is to be affiliated.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health Professions (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1360) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100132D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB1361 Nitrous oxide; unlawful for any person to sell, distribute, etc., to persons under 18 years of age,

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Inhaling drugs or other noxious chemical substances or causing, etc., others to do so; distribution of nitrous oxide to persons under 18 prohibited; penalties. Prohibits the sale or distribution of nitrous oxide to persons under 18 years of age with exceptions as defined in the bill. Any person who fails to make diligent inquiry as to whether the person trying to obtain nitrous oxide is 18 years of age or older or sells, distributes, or attempts to sell or distribute nitrous oxide to a person under 18 years of age is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also adds nitrous oxide to the list of noxious chemical substances for which it is unlawful to deliberately smell or inhale with the intent to become

intoxicated, inebriated, excited, or stupefied or to dull the brain or nervous system, or to deliberately cause another person to do so.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1361) (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of amendment waived (in the Senate)
- Courts of Justice Amendment agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate as amended (in the Senate)
- Printed as engrossed 25100989D-E (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1361) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100989D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

VA - SB1362 Real estate brokers, etc.; criminal history information check.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; real estate brokers, sales persons and rental location agents; criminal history information; self-certification. Provides that the Real Estate Board must require each applicant for licensure to submit fingerprints and provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to obtain criminal

history record information regarding such applicant. The bill requires the Board to require an applicant for licensure to self-certify on his application whether he has any prior criminal convictions. The bill provides that if the Board has not yet received an applicant's criminal history record but his application is otherwise complete and Board approved and such applicant has certified that he has no prior criminal history, the Board will issue a real estate license to such applicant. If the Board later receives such applicant's criminal history record and it indicates a previously undisclosed criminal history, the Board shall immediately terminate such applicant's license and refer the application for further review. The bill states that if an applicant certifies on the application that he has a prior criminal history the Board shall refer the application for further review to determine whether a license shall be issued.

Actions:

January 22, 2025

- Stricken at request of Patron in General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25103192D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB1363 Health Professions, Board of; transfer of powers and duties.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Elimination of Board of Health Professions; transfer of powers and duties. Eliminates the Board of Health Professions and transfers certain powers and duties from the Board to the Department of Health Professions.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1363) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health Professions (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100632D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB1364 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of; board, appointment requirements.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; boards; appointment requirements; years of experience. Lowers from at least five years to at least three years the years of experience required for the appointment of (i) home inspectors to the Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; (ii) hearing aid specialists, otolaryngologists, opticians, and ophthalmologists to the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians; (iii) real estate appraisers to the Real Estate Appraiser Board; (iv) alternative onsite sewage system operators, alternative onsite sewage system installers, and onsite soil evaluators to the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals; and (v) cemetery operators to the Cemetery Board.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1364) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (37-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 22, 2025

- Reported from General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25100903D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB1365 Stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed. Requires the State Water Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality to apply in a locality that is located outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed the regulations establishing minimum design criteria for measures that were in effect prior to July 1, 2014 to control (i) nonpoint source pollution and (ii) localized flooding and stream channel erosion.

Actions:

January 28, 2025

- Stricken at request of Patron in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1365) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25101733D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (in the Senate)

VA - SB1366 Compounding drugs; exceptions for distribution within hospital or health system.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Compounding drugs; exceptions for distribution within health system. Allows for the distribution of compounding drugs within a health systems under common ownership when such compounded drug products will be administered only to patients within the hospital or health system.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Education and Health Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health with substitute (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25105191D-S1 (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1366) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health Professions (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1366) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102965D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB1367 Long-acting injectable or extended-release prescription drugs; correctional facilities.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Board of Pharmacy; long-acting injectable or extended-release prescription drugs; correctional facilities. Allows the Board of Pharmacy to register a correctional facility to maintain a floor stock of

long-acting injectable or extended-release prescription drugs for the treatment of mental illness or substance use disorder. The bill requires such long-acting injectable or extended-release prescription drugs be stored in an area accessible only to persons who are licensed to administer such prescription drugs, regardless of whether the prescriber is on site. The bill provides that each correctional facility shall maintain an ongoing perpetual inventory of all such drugs in Schedules II through V and that such perpetual inventory shall (i) accurately indicate the physical count of each drug on hand at the time the inventory is performed and (ii) no less than once per month, include a reconciliation of each drug with a written explanation for any difference between the physical count and the theoretical count.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 26, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1367) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health Professions (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25104319D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB1368 SW Va. Higher Ed. Ctr. Bd. of Trustees; authority to permit campus officers to carry firearms.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees; authority to permit campus security officers to carry firearms in performance of official duties; conditions. Authorizes the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees to permit campus security personnel employed in its campus security department to carry firearms in the performance of their official duties, provided that such campus security personnel are considered armed security officers, as such term is defined in relevant law, and comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements attendant to such designation, including registration and training.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Education (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time and engrossed (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health (14-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Higher Education (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1368) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25104756D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB1369 RS & UT; exemption for prescription medicine and drugs purchased by veterinarians; sunset extension.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Retail sales and use tax; exemption for prescription medicine and drugs purchased by veterinarians; sunset extension. Extends the sunset for the sales and use tax exemption for veterinarians on the purchase of prescription medicines and drugs that are administered or dispensed to patients within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2028.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Finance (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (36-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Reported from Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25104402D (in the Senate)
- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25104402D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB1371 Gift certificates; prohibits imposition of a dormancy fee, etc.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Srinivasan, Kannan (D)

Summary:

Gift certificates; fees; expiration. Prohibits the imposition of a dormancy fee, an inactivity charge or fee, or a service fee with respect to a gift certificate, unless certain requirements of the bill are met, including disclosure requirements. The bill also prohibits the sale or issuance of a gift certificate that is subject to an expiration date, unless the expiration date is not earlier than five years since the gift

certificate was issued or funds were last loaded to the gift certificate and if the terms of expiration are clearly and conspicuously stated.

Actions:

February 4, 2025

- Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Commerce and Labor Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (39-Y 1-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1371) (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25105305D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25103377D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

VA - SB1372 Children; petitions for relief of care & custody, investigation by local dept. of social services.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Petitions for relief of care and custody of a child; investigation by local department of social services; Office of the Children's Ombudsman work group; report. Requires a local department of social services, as a part of its investigation after the referral of a request for a petition for relief of

the care and custody of a child, to (i) refer the parent to the local family assessment and planning team and (ii) create a written report. The bill directs the Department of Social Services, in coordination with the Virginia League of Social Services Executives, to create a template for and provide guidance on what should be included in such written report.

The bill also directs the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to convene a work group composed of relevant stakeholders to (a) determine the factors a court should consider when determining whether there is good cause shown for a petitioner's desire to be relieved of the care and custody of a child and (b) explore the potential benefits and considerations of raising the standard of evidence for granting temporary relief of custody from the current standard of preponderance of the evidence to clear and convincing evidence. The bill directs the work group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice and the Virginia Commission on Youth by November 1, 2025. Certain provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Commission on Youth.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Read second time (in the House)

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the House)
- Reported from Courts of Justice (22-Y 0-N) (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1372) (in the Senate)
- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Rehabilitation and Social Services Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (36-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with substitute (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

- Committee substitute printed 25105903D-S1 (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Rereferred from Rules to Rehabilitation and Social Services (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1372) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25103978D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the Senate)

VA - SB1373 Energy Innovation Pilot Program; established, report.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Energy Innovation Pilot Program established. Establishes the Energy Innovation Pilot Program to foster the development of innovative energy projects by allowing Program participants to provide grid services or other beneficial energy measures. Under the Program, a participant, after obtaining State Corporation Commission approval, is not required to comply with specific state statutes and regulations pertaining to the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale, except for those laws and regulations that are required for worker safety, public safety, or environmental protection, for a period of five years. The bill includes provisions for application requirements, an approval process, Program exit procedures, a test period extension process, suspension or revocation of Commission approval, consumer protections, Commission investigations, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

Actions:

January 24, 2025

- Stricken at request of Patron in Commerce and Labor (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25101678D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor (in the Senate)

VA - SB1374 Continuity of Operations; Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Sec. to study centralized framework.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Study; Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security; feasibility of establishing a centralized Continuity of Operations framework across all state agencies; work group; report. Directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to convene a work group to study the feasibility of

establishing a centralized Continuity of Operations framework across all state agencies mandating the creation and regular updating of agency-specific continuity plans. In conducting its study, the work group shall include consideration of standardized guidelines for digital infrastructure upgrades, remote work capabilities, and staff training on emergency procedures. The bill directs the work group to complete its work and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (37-Y 1-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Rules (12-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102601D (in the Senate)
- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102601D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the Senate)

VA - SB1375 Dynamic stockpile strategy; Div. of Purchases & Supply, et al., to study use in times of emergency.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Study; Division of Purchases and Supply; development of dynamic stockpile strategy; report. Directs the Division of Purchases and Supply, in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management, to study and recommend a dynamic stockpile strategy for use in times of emergencies. The bill directs the Division to complete its work and report its findings and recommendations to the

General Assembly no later than November 30, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (37-Y 1-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Rules (12-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102608D (in the Senate)
- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102608D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the Senate)

VA - SB1379 Research and Clinical Trial Cancer Consortium Initiative; established, report.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Aird, Lashrecse D. (D)

Summary:

Health; Research and Clinical Trial Cancer Consortium Initiative established; report. Establishes the Research and Clinical Trial Cancer Consortium Initiative for the purpose of coordinating, maximizing the efficiency of, and facilitating cancer clinical research and treatment efforts across the Commonwealth. The bill establishes the membership of the Initiative to include three nonlegislative citizen members and representatives of the following institutions relating to cancer clinical research and treatment: (i) the Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, (ii) the University of Virginia Medical Center, (iii) the Leroy T. Canoles Jr. Cancer Research Center at the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University, (iv) the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech Carilion, and (v) Hampton University.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)

February 4, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of amendments waived (in the Senate)
- Education and Health Amendment agreed to (in the Senate)
- Reading of amendment waived (in the Senate)
- Finance and Appropriations Amendment agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate as amended (in the Senate)
- Printed as engrossed 25104483D-E (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1379) (in the Senate)

February 3, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health with amendments and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendment (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1379) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25104483D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB1385 Emergency management and state health regions, etc.; study of makeup and composition.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Favola, Barbara A. (D)

Summary:

Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Health to study the makeup and composition of the emergency management regions, state health regions, and local health districts; report. Directs the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Health to study the makeup and composition of the seven emergency management regions, the five Virginia health regions, and the 35 local health districts to determine the feasibility of mutually beneficial alignment of such regions and districts. The bill directs the Departments to complete their work and report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the House)

January 29, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate (in the Senate)

January 27, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (37-Y 1-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Rules (11-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 13, 2025

- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102789D (in the Senate)
- Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25102789D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Rules (in the Senate)

VA - SB1414 Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program; established, report.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hashmi, Ghazala F. (D)

Summary:

Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program.Establishes the Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program (the Program) to provide matching funds to employers in order to incentivize employers

to contribute to the child care costs of their employees. The Program shall be administered by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (the Foundation). To participate in the Program, an employer shall agree to make child care contributions to the eligible mixed-delivery provider on behalf of the employee and shall provide any other information deemed necessary by the Foundation. To the extent funds are available, the Foundation shall issue a state match directly to such eligible mixed-delivery provider or to a third-party administrator. Program funds shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis; however, the Foundation is encouraged to prioritize awards to proposals involving contributions from small businesses. The bill requires the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation to provide an interim report to the General Assembly by September 1, 2026, and a summative report to the General Assembly by September 1, 2027, on the effectiveness and impact of the Program.

Actions:

February 5, 2025

- Left in Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1414) (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Public Education (in the Senate)
- Reported from Education and Health and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 15, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104008D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB1423 Taxation; rate of interest on omitted taxes and assessments.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Hackworth, T. Travis (R)

Summary:

Taxation; rate of interest. Provides that (i) the rate of interest on omitted taxes and assessments is equal to the Underpayment Rate established by the Internal Revenue Code and (ii) the rate of interest on refunds is equal to the Overpayment Rate for noncorporate taxpayers established by the Internal Revenue Code beginning in the third quarter of calendar year 2025 and thereafter. Current law provides that (a) the rate of interest on omitted taxes and assessments is equal to the Underpayment Rate plus two percent and (b) the rate of interest on refunds is equal to the Overpayment Rate for noncorporate taxpayers plus two percent.

Actions:

January 28, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 4-N) (in the Senate)

January 23, 2025

- Impact statement from TAX (SB1423) (in the Senate)

January 16, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104434D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations (in the Senate)

VA - SB1458 Single license plate; fee to display.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Stanley, William M. (R)

Summary:

Display of single license plate; fee. Authorizes any owner of a passenger car that is otherwise required to display two license plates to display, upon payment of an additional annual fee of $100 at the time of vehicle registration or renewal of vehicle registration and upon receipt of proof of the payment of such fee from the Department of Motor Vehicles, a single license plate on the rear of such vehicle instead of two. The bill authorizes any law-enforcement officer to require the owner to furnish such proof of the payment of such fee. The bill directs the funds from such fees to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

Actions:

January 30, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Transportation (9-Y 6-N) (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104592D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Transportation (in the Senate)

VA - SB1475 Dentists & dental hygienists; work group to assess expedited pathways for licensure, report.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Board of Dentistry; expedited licensure. Directs the Board of Dentistry to convene a work group including the Virginia Dental Association and the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association to assess expedited pathways for licensure for dentists and dental hygienists. Such work group shall (i) review the licensure by credentialing statutes governing dentists and the licensure statutes governing dental hygienists and make recommendations on how such statutes can be updated to reflect an expedited pathway for licensure, and (ii) study options for and make recommendations on a pathway for qualified internationally trained dentists to practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

Actions:

February 6, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services (in the House)
- Assigned sub: Health Professions (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of substitute waived (in the Senate)
- Education and Health Substitute agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 3rd reading) (in the Senate)
- Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 31, 2025

- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 30, 2025

- Reported from Education and Health with substitute (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Committee substitute printed 25105986D-S1 (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1475) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health Professions (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25103862D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)

VA - SB1476 Vacant and blighted or derelict property; locality allowed to sell.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Sale of certain vacant and blighted or derelict property. Allows a locality where certain vacant and blighted or derelict property is located to petition the circuit court to appoint a special commissioner to execute the necessary deed or deeds to convey the real estate, in lieu of a sale at public auction, to the locality, to the locality's land bank entity, or to an existing nonprofit entity designated by the locality to carry out the functions of a land bank. The bill provides that the locality shall require any

purchaser by covenants in the deed or other security instrument to (i) begin repair or renovation of the property within six months of purchase and (ii) complete all repairs or renovations necessary to bring the property into compliance with the local building code within a period not to exceed two years of the purchase.

Actions:

February 7, 2025

- Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with amendment(s) (21-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 6, 2025

- Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (8-Y 0-N) (in the House)

February 5, 2025

- Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #2 (in the House)

February 3, 2025

- Placed on Calendar (in the House)
- Read first time (in the House)
- Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (in the House)

January 30, 2025

- Read third time and passed Senate (32-Y 8-N) (in the Senate)

January 29, 2025

- Read second time (in the Senate)
- Reading of amendment waived (in the Senate)
- Local Government Amendments agreed to (in the Senate)
- Engrossed by Senate as amended (in the Senate)
- Printed as engrossed 25104403D-E (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Reported from Local Government with amendments (11-Y 3-N) (in the Senate)
- Rules suspended (in the Senate)
- Constitutional reading dispensed (on 1st reading) (39-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)
- Passed by for the day (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104403D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Local Government (in the Senate)

VA - SB1477 Disaster Assistance Fund; established.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pillion, Todd E. (R)

Summary:

Disaster Assistance Fund; established. Establishes the Disaster Assistance Fund for the purpose of addressing life, safety, and housing costs related to a disaster that are not covered by any form of federal assistance, private donations, or insurance. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund require authorization by the General Assembly. In addition to all other appropriations to the Fund, the bill also directs proceeds generated from the Commonwealth's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auction that occurred in December 2023 and deposited into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Fund with the Department of Environmental Quality and all interest accrued to such fund.

Actions:

January 29, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology (9-Y 6-N) (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1477) (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25102942D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (in the Senate)

VA - SB1479 Certification of law-enforcement officers; out-of-state certifications recognized, requirements.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Certification of law-enforcement officers; out-of-state certifications recognized; requirements. Provides that the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall recognize the out-of-state law-enforcement certification of an individual seeking employment as a law-enforcement officer in the Commonwealth subject to certain conditions.

Actions:

January 22, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (8-Y 7-N) (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104787D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

VA - SB1480 Consumer-directed services employees; removal of limitation on hours worked per day.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Department of Medical Assistance Services; consumer-directed services employees; removal of limitation on hours worked per day. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend

regulations related to community waiver services for individuals with developmental disabilities to remove the limitation that consumer-directed services employees shall work no more than 16 hours per day. The bill directs the Department to seek all necessary federal approval to effectuate such change.

Actions:

January 29, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N) (in the Senate)

January 28, 2025

- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1480) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104819D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services (in the Senate)

VA - SB1482 Bribes to officers or candidates for office; gratuities for previous acts.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Bribes to officers or candidates for office; gratuities for previous acts. Clarifies that the term"gratuity" includes any gratuity given for a prior official act of any executive, legislative or judicial officer, sheriff or police officer, or any candidate for such office.

Actions:

February 3, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (9-Y 6-N) (in the Senate)

January 24, 2025

- Impact statement from VCSC (SB1482) (in the Senate)
- Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB1482) (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25104820D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice (in the Senate)

VA - SB1493 Contraception; right to access.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Suetterlein, David R. (R)

Summary:

Contraception; right to access.

Actions:

January 23, 2025

- Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (9-Y 6-N) (in the Senate)

January 21, 2025

- Assigned Education sub: Health (in the Senate)

January 17, 2025

- Presented and ordered printed 25105346D (in the Senate)
- Referred to Committee on Education and Health (in the Senate)