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Introduction

This publication presents a summary of legislation considered by the Virginia General Assembly at its 2014 Regular Session through adjournment *sine die* on **March 8, 2014.** Detailed information on any piece of legislation in Virginia may be found on the Virginia Legislative Information System (http://lis.virginia.gov).

Bill summaries are organized by alphabetical subject areas that correspond to titles in the Code of Virginia. Bills that affect more than one Code title have been placed under the dominant subject area of the legislation. Bills that do not amend the Code of Virginia are also listed under the subject headings.

Within each subject heading, the bills are further differentiated as *Passed, Failed*, or *Carried Over*. Passed bills are subject to review and veto by the Governor; thus, some of the bills listed as passed in this volume may be amended and some may not become law. The General Assembly sometimes incorporates provisions from one bill into another bill, so even if a bill has failed, one or more of its provisions may exist in legislation that has been passed.

Five special categories of legislation follow the bills listed by subject area: constitutional amendment resolutions, other resolutions, miscellaneous noncodified bills (including the budget and bonds), charter bills, and study resolutions.

Administration of Government

Passed

PHB167 Virginia Business One Stop electronic portal program; participation by State Corporation Commission. Requires the State Corporation Commission (SCC) and the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (the Department), by December 1, 2014, to implement a hyperlink from the SCC's eFile system to the Business Permitting Center that will facilitate the collection of a user's information to populate any forms that will be required to be completed at a future date. The measure also requires that the SCC and the Department meet as necessary to further such collaboration. The Secretary of Commerce and Trade is directed to oversee the Department's implementation of the provisions. The Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Secretary of Technology shall have the opportunity to participate in such meetings. Patron - Ramadan

PHB193 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; participation in meetings in event of emergency or personal matters. Removes the requirement that a public body approve by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting the remote participation in the meeting by one of its members. The bill instead requires the public body to have adopted a written policy allowing for and governing participation of its members by electronic communication means. Once adopted, the public body shall apply this policy strictly and uniformly, without exception, to its entire membership, and without regard to the identity of the member requesting remote participation or the matters that will be considered or voted on at the meeting. Patron - Minchew

PHB201 Center for Rural Virginia Board of Trustees; membership. Adds the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Center for Rural Virginia. This bill is identical to SB 83. Patron - Landes

PHB219 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; record exemption for certain letters of recommendation for promotion. Adds a record exemption for educational institutions for confidential letters and statements of recommendation placed in the records of educational agencies or institutions respecting an application for promotion.

Patron - Albo

PHB321 Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program. Creates the Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program, a pilot program administered by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to improve outreach by state government to the private sector. The objectives of the Program are to (i) strengthen coordination and interaction between state government and the private sector on issues relevant to entrepreneurs and small business concerns and (ii) make state government programs and operations simpler, easier to access, more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of small business concerns and entrepreneurs. Under the bill, entrepreneurs-in-residence serve without compensation but, at the discretion of the head of the agency they were appointed to serve, may receive reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The bill also provides that the Secretary may contract with a public institution of higher education for the management and oversight of the Program.

The Program was created by Chapter 788 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013 but will not become effective unless reenacted by the 2014 Session of the General Assembly. The Program has a 2017 sunset date. This bill is identical to SB 362. *Patron - Landes*

PHB340 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Fund. Allows moneys in the Fund to be used by local governments, local governmental agencies, and local school divisions for the purpose of assisting with the incremental cost of local government-owned alternative fuel vehicles.

Patron - Taylor

PHB354 Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations; powers and duties. Clarifies that the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations may advise the General Assembly regarding methods of providing support for ongoing veterans services and programs and addressing veterans issues on an ongoing basis. Patron - Cox

PHB380 Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); disclosure pursuant to court order or subpoena. Provides that nothing in FOIA shall have any bearing upon disclosures required to be made pursuant to any court order or subpoena, nor shall any discretionary exemption from mandatory disclosure be construed to make records covered by such discretionary exemption privileged under the rules of discovery, unless disclosure is otherwise prohibited by law. Patron - Surovell

PHB439 Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act; applicability to Virginia citizens. Expands the protections of the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act to Virginia citizens and makes Virginia citizens eligible for an award from the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund, provided they meet the requirements of the Act, including where the disclosure results in a recovery of at least \$5,000. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - LeMunyon

PHB445 Administrative Process Act; standard procedures for adoption of waste load allocations by the State Water Control Board. Establishes minimum procedural requirements for the adoption of all waste load allocations, including public notice, public comment opportunity, a stakeholders advisory group process, agency response to comments, and a public meeting. Historically, waste load allocations were established under various procedures on a case-by-case basis. The bill requires that a comprehensive listing of all total maximum daily load waste load allocations adopted or approved by the State Water Control Board prior to July 1, 2014, be set forth in the Water Quality Management Planning Regulation (9VAC25-720). The bill also provides that any amendment prior to July 1, 2025, of the Water Quality Management Planning Regulation waste load allocations for nitrogen or phosphorus related to chlorophyll-a water quality criteria for multiple James River basin facilities shall be undertaken in accordance with the Administrative Process Act.

PHB520 State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; membership. Removes the Governor's Special Advisor on Children's Services from and adds a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge to be appointed by the Governor to the State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families. The bill clarifies technical appointment processes.

Patron - Bell, Richard P.

Patron - Bulova

PHB522 Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; appeals. Requires community policy and management teams to establish policies and procedures for appeals by youth and their families of decisions made by local family assessment and planning teams regarding services to be provided to the youth and family pursuant to an individual family services plan.

Patron - Bell, Richard P.

PHB703 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; record exemption for administrative investigations by public institutions of higher education. Exempts from FOIA administrative investigations conducted by a public institution of higher education relating to individual employment discrimination complaints or audits/investigations of any officer, department, or program at such institutions. This bill is identical to SB 78.

Patron - Gilbert

PHB712 Department of Treasury; Risk Management Division; liability coverage for certain pro bono attorneys. Provides for inclusion under the state's risk management plan of attorneys providing pro bono legal services under a Virginia State Bar approved program. The bill requires the Virginia State Bar to pay the cost of coverage for eligible attorneys. This bill is identical to SB 486.

Patron - Loupassi

 ${f ilde PHB728}$ Discriminatory and retaliatory action against whistle blower; remedies. Provides that no employer may discharge, threaten, or otherwise discriminate or retaliate against a whistle blower, in whole or in part, because the whistle blower is requested or subpoenaed by an appropriate authority to participate in an investigation, hearing, or inquiry by an appropriate authority or in a court action. The bill also provides that any whistle blower may bring a civil action for prohibited actions against him in the circuit court of the jurisdiction where the whistle blower is employed. The bill provides that in a proceeding commenced against any employer for unlawful retaliation against a whistle blower, the court, if it finds that a violation was willfully and knowingly made, may impose upon such employer that is a party to the action, whether a writ of mandamus or injunctive relief is awarded or not, a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500, which amount shall be paid into the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund. The bill also provides that the court may order remedies, including reinstatement to the same position or, if the position is filled, to an equivalent position; back pay; full reinstatement of fringe benefits and seniority rights; or any combination of such remedies. The bill also provides that the whistle blower may be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs. The bill also imposes a three-year statute of limitations for such actions.

Patron - Lingamfelter

Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security; transfer of certain powers and duties. Renames the Secretary of Public Safety as the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and reassigns duties currently assigned to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security relating to homeland security. The bill renames the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security as the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs. The bill also incorporates portions of the JLARC report relating to improvements to Virginia's homeland security activities. The bill contains numerous amendments to accomplish this transfer of powers and duties. The bill contains an emergency clause and is identical to SB 381.

Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB749 Virginia Information Technologies Agency; private institutions of higher education. Provides for the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) to allow private institutions of higher education chartered in Virginia and granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to purchase directly from contracts established for state agencies and public bodies. The bill also requires VITA to seek the assistance of the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia and the Division of Purchases and Supply of the Department of General Services in establishing and maintaining a list of private educational institutions authorized to make such purchases. This bill is identical to SB 392. Patron - Rust

PHB750 Virginia Information Technologies Agency. Includes local, wide area, metropolitan, and all other data networks in the definition of "communications services" for the purposes of state agency procurement. This bill is identical to SB 393.

Patron - Rust

PHB784 Various boards; membership and terms. Reduces the number of nonlegislative citizen members who serve on the Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board from nine to seven by eliminating the position for an elected official who serves on a planning district commission and eliminating one of the two current representatives of a utility or transportation industry utilizing geographic data. The bill specifies that vacancies on the Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board that occur other than by expiration of term are to be filled for the unexpired term and that no person is eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two terms.

Patron - Cole

PHB790 Department of General Services; inventory of all real property owned by the Commonwealth. Requires the Department of General Services to provide a listing of certain real property owned by the Commonwealth on the Department's website. The bill requires that the description of such property include parcel identification consistent with national spatial data standards in addition to a street address as available and reported to the Department.

Patron - LeMunyon

PHB837 Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); state agencies to post notice of allowable charges for producing records. Requires state agencies in the executive branch to post on their respective public government websites the following statement: "A public body may make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for the requested records. No public body shall impose any extraneous, intermediary, or surplus fees or expenses to recoup the general costs associated with creating or maintaining records or transacting the general business of the public body. Any duplicating fee charged by a public body shall not exceed the actual cost of duplication. All charges for the supplying of requested records shall be estimated in advance at the request of the citizen as set forth in subsection F of § 2.2-3704 of the Code of Virginia." Patron - Keam

PHB864 Virginia Small Business Financing Authority; definition of eligible business and business enterprise. Expands the definition of an eligible business under the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority to include any forprofit enterprise that exists for the primary purpose of developing or operating a qualified energy project or is required by state or federal law to develop or operate a qualified pollution

control project. The definition of a business enterprise is expanded to include any entity acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, or operating a qualified energy project or a qualified pollution control project. A qualified energy project is a solar-powered or wind-powered electricity generation facility located in the Commonwealth on premises owned or leased by an eligible customer-generator if the electricity generated from it is sold exclusively to the eligible customergenerator under a power purchase agreement used to provide third party financing of the costs of such a renewable generation facility (third party power purchase agreement) pursuant to a pilot program established under Chapter 382 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013. A qualified pollution control project means environmental pollution control and prevention equipment certified by the business enterprise or eligible business as being needed to comply with the federal Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Patron - Yancey

Virginia Indian tribes. Provides for the Secretary of the Commonwealth to serve as liaison to Virginia Indian tribes on behalf of the Governor.

Patron - Peace

PHB932 Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; administration of the Virginia Jobs Investment Program. Changes the administration of the Virginia Jobs Investment Program from the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. This bill is identical to SB 492.

Patron - Landes

PHB948 Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; limitation of certain term contracts; exception. Provides that limitations imposed upon single project fees procured by competitive negotiation shall not apply to environmental, location, design, and inspection work regarding highways and bridges by the Commissioner of Highways or architectural and engineering services for rail and public transportation projects by the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. This bill is identical to SB 461. Patron - Filler-Corn

PHB1009 Workforce development. Recasts the Virginia Workforce Council as the Virginia Board of Workforce Development. The Governor is authorized to appoint a Chief Workforce Development Advisor, and related responsibilities of the Governor are assigned to the Chief Workforce Development Advisor, who shall serve as lead staff to the Board. The Office of the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System will provide staff support to accomplish the federally mandated requirements of the federal Workforce Investment Act. Staff support for the other duties and functions of the Board are to be provided by personnel from the Offices of the Secretaries of Education and Commerce and Trade pursuant to a memorandum of agreement. The bill decreases the membership from 31 to 26 and authorizes the Governor to select his designee from among the cabinet level officials appointed to the Board. The bill also directs the establishment of an executive committee of the Board, which shall establish meeting agendas, approve reports to the Governor, and respond to certain urgent issues between scheduled Board meetings. The Board is also authorized to establish such other committees as it deems necessary including (i) a committee to accomplish the federally mandated requirements of the WIA, (ii) an advanced technology committee, (iii) a performance and accountability committee, and (iv) a military transition assistance committee.

The bill also establishes the Advanced Manufacturing Advisory Council to advise the Governor, General Assembly, and the Board and to coordinate services, resources, and requests among agencies and institutions of higher education involved or requesting to be involved in the delivery of education and advanced manufacturing workforce training. Finally, the measure repeals the Advantage Virginia Incentive Program, Fund, and Foundation.

Patron - Byron

PHB1053 Office of the State Inspector General; powers and duties; internal auditors. Provides that the performance review of a state agency, nonstate agency, or independent contractor of a state agency conducted by the Office of the Inspector General include assessment of the effectiveness, efficiency, or economy of the agency's programs. The bill gives the State Inspector General the discretion to refer certain complaints to the internal audit department of public institutions of higher education. The bill provides that the State Inspector General may provide assistance for investigations as may be requested by the public institution of higher education. In addition, the bill exempts from mandatory disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act the investigative notes, correspondence and information furnished in confidence, and records otherwise exempted by law that are provided to or produced by or for internal auditors appointed by the head of a state agency or the board of visitors of a public institution of higher education. The bill contains technical amendments. HB 287 is incorporated into this bill.

Patron - Miller

PHB1069 Department of Human Resource Management; grievance procedures for certain employees of the Departments of Corrections and Juvenile Justice. Clarifies that employees of the Departments of Corrections and Juvenile Justice may appeal their terminations for abuse only through the Department of Human Resource Management applicable grievance procedures, which shall not include successive grievance steps or the formal hearing provided in § 2.2-3005. Patron - Taylor

PHB1074 Virginia Racing Commission. Transfers responsibility for the Virginia Racing Commission to the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry. Currently, the Virginia Racing Commission is under the authority of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

Patron - Scott

PHB1109 Virginia Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments; membership. Increases the membership of the Virginia Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments from seven to eight by adding one faculty member of a public institution of higher education as a nonvoting member. The bill sets the quorum for the Commission at three voting members.

Patron - Bulova

PHB1140 Department of General Services; disposition of certain surplus materials. Permits surplus materials from the Department of Defense Excess Property Program or other surplus property programs administered by the Commonwealth to be transferred or sold to Virginia charitable corporations granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and operating as an educational institution devoted to emergency management training, preparedness, and response.

Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB1180 Fort Monroe Authority; powers and duties; land and utility ownership. Removes the power of the

Fort Monroe Authority to exercise the powers of the Commonwealth over its Area of Operation, which consists of land acquired or to be acquired from the federal government by the Authority or the Commonwealth, but continues to allow the Authority to serve as the Commonwealth's management agent in such matters. The bill also authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Authority to (i) impose civil penalties for violations of regulations concerning the use of, access to, and visitation of property under its control and (ii) enter into agreements for the ownership and operation of utility services. *Patron - Helsel*

PHB1191 Secretary of Commerce and Trade; annual reports evaluating the effectiveness of certain economic development incentive programs. Requires the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to submit an annual report to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and the House Appropriations and Finance Committees on the effectiveness of economic development incentive programs administered by the Commonwealth. The report would cover a three-year period. Certain state agencies administering economic development programs would be required to report to the Secretary the amount of grants made available under the program, number of jobs created, actual average wages paid, amount of capital investment, and similar data.

Patron - Massie

PHB1211 State and Local Government Conflict of **Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests** Act; Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory **Council.** Establishes the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council composed of 15 members: four appointments each by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Senate Committee on Rules, and Governor; one designee of the Attorney General, one representative of the Virginia Association of Counties, and one representative of the Virginia Municipal League. The Council will elect its chairman and vice-chairman. The Council will review and post online the disclosure forms filed by lobbyists and persons subject to the conflict of interests acts and provide formal opinions and informal advice, education, and training. The bill requires the filing of the disclosure forms twice a year. It provides that the Division of Legislative Services will staff the Council, and the Council will transmit complaints of conflict law violations to the ethics advisory panels of the House of Delegates and Senate. The bill prohibits tangible gifts with a value of more than \$250 or a combination of tangible gifts with a value of more than \$250 to certain officers and employees of state or local governmental or advisory agencies or to legislators from a lobbyist; lobbyist's principal; or a person, business, or organization who is a party to or seeking to become a party to certain governmental contracts. The bill also clarifies the distinction between gifts and other things of value received for travel, reduces a number of disclosure provision thresholds from \$10,000 to \$5,000, and requires the disclosure of gifts to immediate family members. Gifts from a relative or personal friend are not subject to disclosure, but a lobbyist; lobbyist's principal; or a person, business, or organization who is a party to or seeking to become a party to certain governmental contracts cannot be considered a personal friend. Finally, the bill provides that the provisions of the conflict of interests acts do not preclude prosecution for any criminal law violation, including bribery. This bill incorporates HB 15 and HB 271 and is identical to SB 649. Patron - Gilbert

PHB1212 Political contributions and gifts; prohibition in connection with the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund. Provides that the Governor, his campaign committee, and any political action committee established on his behalf shall not knowingly solicit or accept a contribution,

gift, or other item with a value greater than \$50 from persons and entities seeking loans or grants from the Fund. The bill also restricts such gifts and contributions from persons and entities seeking loans or grants from the Fund. The bill provides that any violation shall result in a civil penalty of \$500 or up to two times the amount of the contribution or gift, whichever is greater. This bill is identical to SB 650.

Patron - LeMunyon

PHB1233 Address Confidentiality Program; victims of stalking. Makes victims of stalking eligible for the Address Confidentiality Program. Under current law, only victims of domestic violence are eligible for participation. The bill also allows the Office of the Attorney General to cancel a program participant's certification if the participant obtains a name change through an order of the court and does not provide notice and a copy of the order to the Office of the Attorney General within seven days after entry of the order.

Patron - Toscano

Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Rules to each appoint three legislative members, of whom two members shall be alternate members. Alternate legislative members must possess the same qualifications as the principal legislative members. No legislative member may appoint his alternate member.

Patron - Watkins

PSB78 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; record exemption for administrative investigations by public institutions of higher education. Exempts from FOIA administrative investigations conducted by a public institution of higher education relating to individual employment discrimination complaints or audits/investigations of any officer, department, or program at such institutions. This bill is identical to HB 703. *Patron - Ruff*

PSB83 Center for Rural Virginia Board of Trustees; membership. Adds the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Center for Rural Virginia. This bill is identical to HB 201. Patron - Ruff

PSB161 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; participation in meetings in event of emergency or personal matters. Provides that if a public body does not approve of the remote participation of one of its members in the event that an emergency or personal matter prevents such an attendance, the public body must record the reason for the disapproval in the meeting minutes.

Patron - Favola

PSB166 Fort Monroe Authority; powers and duties. Removes the power of the Fort Monroe Authority to exercise the powers of the Commonwealth over its Area of Operation, which consists of land acquired or to be acquired from the federal government by the Authority or the Commonwealth. The bill expands the power of the Authority's Board to adopt regulations concerning the use of properties under Authority control and provides that a violation of such regulations is punishable by a civil penalty, paid to the Authority, of up to \$100 for the first violation and \$250 for a subsequent violation. Patron - Locke

PSB358 Administrative Process Act; date of adoption or readoption of a regulation for purposes of appeal. Clarifies the date of adoption or readoption for purposes of an

appeal under the Rules of Supreme Court of Virginia as the date of publication in the Register of Regulations. *Patron - Edwards*

PSB362 Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program. Creates the Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program, a pilot program administered by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to improve outreach by state government to the private sector. The objectives of the Program are to (i) strengthen coordination and interaction between state government and the private sector on issues relevant to entrepreneurs and small business concerns and (ii) make state government programs and operations simpler, easier to access, more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of small business concerns and entrepreneurs. Under the bill, entrepreneurs-in-residence serve without compensation but, at the discretion of the head of the agency they were appointed to serve, may receive reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The bill also provides that the Secretary may contract with a public institution of higher education for the management and oversight of the Program. The Program was created by Chapter 788 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013 but will not become effective unless reenacted by the 2014 Session of the General Assembly. The Program has a 2017 sunset date. The bill is identical to HB 321.

Patron - Saslaw

PSB381 Secretary of Public Safety; Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security; transfer of certain powers and duties. Renames the Secretary of Public Safety as the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and reassigns duties currently assigned to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security relating to homeland security. The bill renames the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security as the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs. The bill also incorporates portions of the JLARC report relating to improvements to Virginia's homeland security activities. The bill contains numerous amendments to accomplish this transfer of powers and duties. The bill contains an emergency clause and is identical to HB 730.

Patron - Reeves

PISB392 Virginia Information Technologies Agency; private institutions of higher education. Provides for the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) to allow private institutions of higher education chartered in Virginia and granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to purchase directly from contracts established for state agencies and public bodies. The bill also requires VITA to seek the assistance of the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia and the Division of Purchases and Supply of the Department of General Services in establishing and maintaining a list of private educational institutions authorized to make such purchases. This bill is identical to HB 749. Patron - Vogel

PSB393 Virginia Information Technologies Agency. Includes local, wide area, metropolitan, and all other data networks in the definition of "communications services" for the purposes of state agency procurement. This bill is identical to HB 750.

Patron - Vogel

PSB461 Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; limitation of certain term contracts; exception. Provides that limitations imposed upon single project fees procured by competitive negotiation shall not apply to environmental, location, design, and inspection work regarding highways and bridges by the Commissioner of Highways, or architectural and engineering services for rail and public trans-

portation projects by the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. This bill is identical to HB 948. Patron - Vogel

PSB464 Department of Human Resource Management; state health plan. Removes "part-time state employees" from the definitions under the state health plan established by the Department of Human Resource Management.

Patron - Watkins

PSB486 Department of Treasury; Risk Management Division; liability coverage for certain pro bono attorneys. Provides for inclusion under the state's risk management plan of attorneys providing pro bono legal services under a Virginia State Bar approved program. The bill requires the Virginia State Bar to pay the cost of coverage for eligible attorneys. This bill is identical to HB 712.

Patron - Norment

PSB492 Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; administration of the Virginia Jobs Investment Program. Changes the administration of the Virginia Jobs Investment Program from the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. This bill is identical to HB 932. Patron - McWaters

PSB587 Virginia Human Rights Act; causes of action for age discrimination. Provides that no employer employing more than five but less than 20 persons shall discharge any such employee on the basis of age if the employee is 40 years of age or older. Currently, the protection against age discrimination applies to an employer employing more than five but less than 15 persons. Federal law applies the same protection to workplaces with 20 or more employees. Patron - Barker

PSB649 State and Local Government Conflict of **Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests** Act; Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council. Establishes the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council composed of 15 members: four appointments each by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Senate Committee on Rules, and Governor; one designee of the Attorney General, one representative of the Virginia Association of Counties, and one representative of the Virginia Municipal League. The Council will elect its chairman and vice-chairman. The Council will review and post online the disclosure forms filed by lobbyists and persons subject to the conflict of interests acts and provide formal opinions and informal advice, education, and training. The bill requires the filing of the disclosure forms twice a year. It provides that the Division of Legislative Services will staff the Council, and the Council will transmit complaints of conflict law violations to the ethics advisory panels of the House of Delegates and Senate. The bill prohibits tangible gifts with a value of more than \$250 or a combination of tangible gifts with a value of more than \$250 to certain officers and employees of state or local governmental or advisory agencies or to legislators from a lobbyist; lobbyist's principal; or a person, business, or organization who is a party to or seeking to become a party to certain governmental contracts. The bill also clarifies the distinction between gifts and other things of value received for travel, reduces a number of disclosure provision thresholds from \$10,000 to \$5,000, and requires the disclosure of gifts to immediate family members. Gifts from a relative or personal friend are not subject to disclosure, but a lobbyist; lobbyist's principal; or a person, business, or organization who is a party to or seeking to become a party to certain governmental contracts cannot be considered a personal friend. Finally, the bill provides that the provisions of the conflict of interests acts do not preclude prosecution for any criminal law violation, including bribery. This bill incorporates SB 20, SB 21, SB 23, SB 143, SB 149, SB 218, SB 219, SB 265, SB 274, SB 410, and SB 652 and is identical to HB 1211.

Patron - Norment

PSB650 Political contributions and gifts; prohibition in connection with the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund. Provides that the Governor, his campaign committee, and any political action committee established on his behalf shall not knowingly solicit or accept a contribution, gift, or other item with a value greater than \$50 from persons and entities seeking loans or grants from the Fund. The bill also restricts such gifts and contributions from persons and entities seeking loans or grants from the Fund. The bill provides that any violation shall result in a civil penalty of \$500 or up to two times the amount of the contribution or gift, whichever is greater. This bill is identical to HB 1212.

Patron - Norment

PSB651 Office of the Attorney General; employment of outside counsel where a conflict of interests exists. Requires the Attorney General's office to enter into an agreement with outside counsel to provide legal services in a matter when the Attorney General certifies to the Governor that it would be improper for his office to do so because a conflict of interests exists. The compensation for the legal services provided shall be based upon a reasonable fee and shall be expended from funds appropriated to the Attorney General's office. This bill incorporates SB 220.

Patron - Norment

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EHB15 State and Local Government Conflict of **Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests** Act; gifts; disclosures. Requires the disclosure on statements of economic interests for legislators and certain state and local government officers of gifts in excess of \$100 made to immediate family members if such gift is made by a business, governmental entity, or individual that has transacted or is transacting business with the Commonwealth or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions within 12 months from the date of the gift. "Immediate family member" is defined, for the purposes of gifts, to include (i) the filer's spouse; (ii) dependents residing with the filer; (iii) the filer's or his spouse's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, and sister; and (iv) any person habitually cohabiting with the filer in a relationship analogous to a marriage. The bill requires that legislators disclose gifts in excess of \$100 accepted during a regular session of the General Assembly within five business days of the acceptance of the gift. The bill also requires the disclosure on statements of economic interests for legislators and certain state and local government officers of liabilities owed by businesses in which the filer or an immediate family member holds an ownership interest. This bill was incorporated into HB 1211.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

Adds a records exemption for administrative investigations; local inspectors general. Adds a records exemption for administrative investigations conducted by a local inspector general or other local investigator appointed by the local governing body of any county, city, or town or a school board who by charter, ordinance, or statute has responsibility for conducting an investigation relating to

allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse by any officer, employee, department, or program of the locality or school division. *Patron - Farrell*

□ HB204 Secretary of the Commonwealth; centralized filing of disclosure forms; gift and material change in financial reports; establishment of searchable database. Centralizes the filing of economic interest disclosure forms in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Currently only state officers and employees file such statements with the Secretary; local officers and employees file with the clerk of the locality, members of the Senate file with the Clerk of the Senate, and members of the House of Delegates file with the Clerk of the House. The bill also requires the electronic filing of (i) monthly gift reports beginning on July 15, 2015, and (ii) quarterly material change in financial status reports beginning on July 1, 2015. Under the bill, the Secretary of the Commonwealth must establish and maintain a searchable electronic database comprising the disclosure forms and reports and available to the public through the Internet. Beginning July 1, 2015, all disclosure forms and reports shall be required to be filed electronically. In addition, the bill establishes a ban on a single gift with a value greater than \$100 or combination of gifts with an aggregate value greater than \$500 from a single donor within a single filing period. Gifts that consist of educational programs or professional development are not included in determining the total value of gifts received.

Patron - Krupicka

rephramment of historically underutilized business zones (HUB zones). Requires the Department of General Services and the Virginia Information Technologies Agency to develop procurement regulations for the utilization of small businesses located in historically underutilized business zones (HUB zones). The bill also authorizes public bodies to establish programs to facilitate the participation of small businesses in HUB zones. Such programs must be in writing and comply with any enhancement or remedial measures authorized by the Governor in the case of state agencies or the chief executive of a local governing body in the case of local agencies.

Patron - Dance

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ITHB245 State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act; prohibited contracts between the Governor and certain of his appointees. Prohibits a business or contractual relationship between the Governor and a Secretary or agency head appointed by the Governor while they are serving in office.

Patron - Surovell

EHB246 Prohibited conduct; Governor and Attorney General; parties to litigation with the state; penalties. Prohibits acceptance by the Governor or Attorney General of campaign contributions or gifts worth more than \$50 from parties who oppose the state in ongoing litigation and prohibits

making such contributions and gifts. The bill imposes civil penalties.

Patron - Surovell

FHB247 Political contributions and gifts; prohibition in connection with the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund. Provides that the Governor, his campaign committee, and any political action committee established on his behalf shall not knowingly solicit or accept a contribution, gift, or other item with a value greater than \$50 from persons and entities seeking loans or grants from the Fund. The bill also restricts such gifts and contributions from persons and entities seeking loans or grants from the Fund. The restrictions apply only if the stated or expected value of the loan or grant is \$500,000 or more. The bill provides that any violation shall result in a civil penalty of \$500 or up to two times the amount of the contribution or gift, whichever is greater. Patron - Surovell

FHB248 Employment of special counsel; fees. Imposes a cap on the compensation that may be paid to a special counsel appointed to handle certain legal matters where it would be improper or uneconomical for the Attorney General, or the Attorney General is unable, to handle such matters. The cap is set at the same amount allowed for a court-appointed attorney defending a felony charge that may be punishable by incarceration for a period of more than 20 years. Patron - Surovell

FHB286 State Inspector General; appointment. Provides that the General Assembly appoints the State Inspector General. Currently, the Governor appoints the State Inspector General. The bill contains technical amendments. Patron - Landes

FHB287 Office of the State Inspector General; powers and duties. Clarifies that the powers and duties of the State Inspector General to conduct performance reviews of state agencies include assessing the effectiveness, efficiency, or economy of state programs. The bill gives the State Inspector General the discretion to refer certain complaints to the internal audit department of public institutions of higher education. *Patron - Landes*

FHB290 Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; job order contracting. Makes technical changes to the provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act related to job order contracting.

Patron - Albo

FHB339 Virginia Freedom of Information Act FOIA); certain proprietary records of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. Provides an exemption for confidential proprietary information and trade secrets, including commercial or financial information, balance sheets, revenue and cost projections, and detailed freight origin and destination information provided by a private transportation business to the Virginia Department of Transportation or the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for any purpose authorized or regulated by state law, including obtaining and administering grants or other financial assistance for transportation projects, provided such information is exempt from disclosure under federal laws governing transportation or the federal Freedom of Information Act.

Patron - Anderson

FHB348 Governor's Development Opportunity Fund; eligibility for grants. Expands eligibility for grants from the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund to include counties or cities in which at least 40 percent of the assessed

value of all real estate situated in the locality is exempt from local property taxation pursuant to federal law or Article X, Section 6 or 6-A of the Constitution of Virginia.

Patron - James

Grant Fund. Establishes the Downtown Tunnel Construction Relief Grant Fund to provide grants of up to \$1,500 to businesses that have suffered economic damage as a result of road closures due to the construction of the Downtown Tunnel Project. The Fund would be administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. The act has a July 1, 2015, sunset.

Patron - James

HB366 Virginia Tourism Authority; Blue Ridge Highlands region. Requires the Virginia Tourism Authority to designate the Blue Ridge Highlands region to enhance tourism development efforts.

Patron - Head

FHB384 Local mandates; identification of sources of funding. Requires the assessment performed by state agencies to include the identification of sources of funding for the mandate.

Patron - Dance

ment; prohibited discrimination; sexual orientation. Prohibits discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. The bill expressly provides that "sexual orientation" does not include any person's attraction towards persons with whom sexual conduct would be illegal due to the age of the parties. The bill also codifies existing prohibited discrimination in public employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran. The bill contains technical amendments. Patron - Simon

FHB421 Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; term contracts for certain architectural and engineering services. Increases the term contract limits for architectural and engineering services from \$1 million to \$2.5 million per project for state agencies and from \$5 million to \$10 million per term.

Patron - Minchew

FHB463 State health plan; participation by local school divisions. Provides for the participation by employees of a school division in the state employee health plan. After a period of three plan years, the local school board shall be required to make an irrevocable election whether to participate in the state employee health plan. The total cost of participation shall be borne by the local school board and the employee of the school division.

Patron - Yost

FHB474 Virginia Human Rights Act; childbirth or related medical conditions. Provides that no employer may discharge any employee on the basis of childbirth or related medical conditions, including lactation. Currently, the protection against discrimination on the basis of childbirth or related medical conditions applies to an employer employing more than five but less than 15 persons.

Patron - McQuinn

FHB510 Use of federal funds; appropriation required. Prohibits state agencies and state officials, officers, and employees from disbursing, allotting, collateralizing, encumbering, committing, or otherwise using federal moneys or funds unless there is in effect an appropriation enacted by the General Assembly that specifically describes or defines the federal moneys or funds and how they are to be used. Patron - Morris

FHB521 Comprehensive services for at-risk youth and families; state and local advisory team; membership. Provides that nonstate agency members of state and local advisory teams established to advise the State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families shall be limited to no more than two consecutive three-year terms.

Patron - Bell, Richard P.

EHB532 Governor; state agencies' use of public media to influence proposed executive or legislative action **prohibited**; exception. Requires the Governor to ensure that no state agency uses or attempts to use appropriated funds or grant or contract funds to solicit pressure on state or local government officials through the use of public media. The bill excludes (i) the publication of notices in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.), the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (§ 56-556 et seq.), or the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (§ 56-575.1 et seq.); (ii) the soliciting of public comment or soliciting as may be required or permitted by law; or (iii) other ministerial acts if there is no attempt to use appropriated funds in violation. The bill defines "public media" and "state agency" and provides that the provisions of the bill shall not be construed to inhibit the necessary flow of information and communication between the executive and legislative branches of government but are intended to prevent any inappropriate or undue influence on executive or legislative matters or processes.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

EHB533 Governor; state agencies' use of public media to influence proposed executive or legislative action prohibited; exception. Requires the Governor to ensure that neither the Virginia Department of Transportation nor the Commonwealth Transportation Board uses or attempts to use appropriated funds or grant or contract funds to solicit pressure on state or local government officials in relation to pending or proposed executive or legislative matters relating to any proposed safety-related or congestion management-related highway project or program through the use of public media. The bill excludes (i) the publication of notices in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.), the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (§ 56-556 et seq.), or the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (§ 56-575.1 et seq.); (ii) the soliciting of public comment or soliciting as may be required or permitted by law; or (iii) other ministerial acts if there is no attempt to use appropriated funds in violation. The bill defines "public media" and provides that the provisions of the bill shall not be construed to inhibit the necessary flow of information and communication between the executive and legislative branches of government but are intended to prevent any inappropriate or undue influence on executive or legislative matters or processes. Patron - Marshall, R.G.

Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; disclosure of certain gifts. Requires disclosure of the receipt of any gift of more than \$1,000 within 30 days of acceptance of the gift (i) by candidates for and members of the

General Assembly, (ii) by candidates for and holders of the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, and (iii) by state officers and employees required to file the long form statement of economic interests.

Patron - Plum

FHB549 Virginia Public Procurement Act; transportation construction services. Provides that for the award of transportation construction projects, certain specified factors other than price may be considered.

Patron - Filler-Corn

THB562 Virginia Human Rights Act; public employment; prohibited discrimination; sexual orientation. Prohibits discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. The bill expressly provides that "sexual orientation" does not include any person's attraction towards persons with whom sexual conduct would be illegal due to the age of the parties. The bill also codifies existing prohibited discrimination in public employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran. The bill contains technical amendments. Patron - Villanueva

EHB571 Office of the State Inspector General; powers and duties; records exempt under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Clarifies that the powers and duties of the State Inspector General to conduct performance reviews of state agencies also include assessing the effectiveness, efficiency, or economy of state programs. The bill gives the State Inspector General the discretion to refer certain complaints to the internal audit department of public institutions of higher education. The bill also exempts from the mandatory disclosure provisions of FOIA investigative notes, correspondence and information furnished in confidence, and records otherwise exempted by law that are provided to or produced by or for internal auditors appointed by (i) state agency heads or (ii) the board of visitors of public institutions of higher education. The bill contains technical amendments. Patron - Landes

Interests Act; statements of economic interests. Removes the exception from disclosure of gifts from a personal friend of the filer. The bill also includes the immediate family members of the officer or employee under the prohibition against accepting gifts for services performed within the scope of or that reasonably tend to influence the officer or employee in the performance of his duties. In addition, the bill (i) limits any payment for or reimbursement for actual travel, lodging, or subsistence expenses incurred in connection with such appearance, speech, or article to the per diem deduction allowable under § 162 of the Internal Revenue Code and (ii) provides for a mandatory fine of \$2,500 for certain violations.

Patron - Watts

ized filing of disclosure statements; establishment of searchable database. Centralizes the filing of economic interest disclosure statements in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Currently only state officers and employees file such statements with the Secretary; local officers and employees file with the clerk of the locality, members of the Senate file with the Clerk of the Senate, and members of the House of Delegates file with the Clerk of the House. In addition, the bill requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to establish and maintain a searchable electronic database com-

prising all disclosure statements and available to the public through the Internet. The bill also provides for civil penalties for late and incomplete disclosure filings to be assessed and collected by the Secretary.

Patron - Campbell

EHB667 Department of the Treasury; risk management plan for volunteer health care providers. Directs the Division of Risk Management of the Department of the Treasury to establish a risk management plan for volunteer health care providers certified by the Department of Health. *Patron - Marshall, R.G.*

EHB711 Department of Human Resource Management; universal leave system for classified employees. Requires the Director of the Department of Human Resource Management to develop a universal leave system for classified employees to be effective January 1, 2015. The bill sets out the provisions that must be included in a universal leave system and requires the Director to report on the development of this new leave system on or before December 1, 2014. Patron - Campbell

FHB713 State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; publicly available database for statements of economic interests; civil penalties. Requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to establish a central database online and available to the public for statements of economic interests required by law to be filed by state and local government officers and employees and General Assembly members. The bill also sets civil penalties for failure to file and incomplete filing of such statements.

Patron - Campbell

FJHB739 Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act and the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act; inclusion of deputy sheriffs; discriminatory and retaliatory action prohibited; remedies. Clarifies that deputy sheriffs employed by city or county sheriff's offices are included under the term "employees" under the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act and the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act. The bill also provides that a whistle blower may bring a civil action for violation of discriminatory and retaliatory action provisions of the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act. If the court finds that a violation was willfully and knowingly made, it shall impose on the officer, employee, or member in his individual capacity a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500. The bill also establishes a three-year statute of limitations and authorizes the court to order other appropriate remedies.

Patron - Lingamfelter

FHB769 Virginia Public Procurement Act; project labor agreements by certain state agencies. Provides, under certain conditions, that when engaged in procuring products or services or letting contracts for construction, manufacture, maintenance, or operation of any project paid for in whole or in part by state funds, or when overseeing or administering such procurement, neither the Commonwealth Transportation Board nor any state transportation agency nor any construction manager acting on behalf of such entities shall, in their bid specifications, project agreements, or other controlling documents, provide an incentive in the scoring of such bids that favors entities entering into project labor agreements. The bill sets out exceptions to this requirement.

Patron - Hugo

FHB787 Freedom of Information Act; application to the State Corporation Commission; exemptions; proceed-

ings for enforcement. Provides that the State Corporation Commission (Commission) is a public body for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), but exempts records of the Commission to the extent such records relate to activities of the Commission other than administrative activities. The bill provides, however, that disclosure of records related to the Commission's administrative activities shall not be required if (i) such records are otherwise covered by applicable legal privileges; (ii) disclosure of such records could threaten the safety or security of the Commission's employees, physical plant, or information technology assets or data; or (iii) such records are not publicly available from other public bodies under the laws of the Commonwealth. The bill also provides that records held by the clerk of the Commission related to business entities shall be held confidential in accordance with laws and regulations applicable specifically to such records. The bill defines "administrative activities" as matters related to the Commission's operational responsibilities and operational functions, including its revenues, expenditures, financial management and budgetary practices, personnel policies and practices, and procurement policies and practices. "Administrative activities" does not include the Commission's formal or informal regulatory or legal proceedings or activities, records related to which shall be governed, inter alia, by laws and regulations applicable specifically to such regulatory and legal proceedings or activities or in accordance with applicable legal privileges. The bill also grants the Commission certain exemptions from the open meeting provisions of FOIA. Finally, the bill designates the venue for FOIA petitions against the Commission. The bill reverses a case holding that FOIA is not applicable to the Commission (Christian v. State Corporation Commission, November 2011).

Patron - LeMunyon

EHB789 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; participation in meetings in event of emergency or personal matters. Removes the requirement that a public body approve by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting the remote participation in the meeting by one of its members in the event that an emergency or personal matter prevents his attendance in person at the meeting.

Patron - LeMunyon

FHB797 Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; definition of small business. Changes the definition of small business to require the business to have 250 or fewer employees and average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years. Currently, a small business is required to meet one or the other of these conditions.

Patron - Lopez

FHB815 Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination; sexual orientation. Adds discrimination based on sexual orientation as an unlawful discriminatory housing practice. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. "Sexual orientation" does not include sexually deviant disorders (paraphilias) as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistic Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5). Patron - Lopez

FHB816 Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices. Adds lawful source of income to the list on the basis of which it is unlawful to discriminate in fair housing practices. The bill defines lawful source of income as any income used by a person to pay for the purchase or lease of a dwelling, including (i) public assistance, (ii) any manner of gross income, (iii) federal supplemental security income benefits, (iv) child support, and (v) any federal, state, or local

housing assistance, regardless of whether the funds are paid directly to the person or to a landlord or other third party for the benefit of the person. The bill also authorizes the governing body of any county, city, or town to enact an ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Fair Housing Law, provided such ordinance includes protections against discrimination that are at least as protective as those provided by the law.

Patron - Lopez

FHB852 State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; application of the Administrative Process Act. Provides that the State Executive Council in exercising certain powers and duties is subject to the Administrative Process Act.

Patron - Gilbert

FHB892 State employment; questions about criminal convictions, arrests, and charges. Prohibits state agencies from including on any employment application a question inquiring whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions. Subject to certain exceptions, a state agency shall not inquire whether a prospective employee has been convicted of, arrested for, or charged with a crime prior to interviewing the prospective employee. During an interview, the state agency may ask if the prospective employee has a conviction of, has been arrested for, or has been charged with a specific crime or type of crime that bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Patron - Krupicka

Technology Advisory Council (ITAC), with input from the Health Information Technology Standards Advisory Committee, to adopt standards that allow consumers to have safe, secure, machine-readable access to their data held by a government agency, including health claims data held by the Department of Medical Assistance Services, Standards of Learning data held by the Department of Education, and tax records held by the Department of Taxation. The bill requires ITAC to submit an annual report to the General Assembly identifying all agencies that have adopted the standards.

Patron - McClellan

HB937 Freedom of Information Act; application to the State Corporation Commission; exemptions; proceedings for enforcement. Provides that the State Corporation Commission (Commission) is a public body for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), but exempts records of the Commission to the extent such records relate to (i) the Commission's exercise of the powers and duties prescribed to it by the Constitution of Virginia or by any law relating to the regulation or control of persons engaged in any activity or conduct that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under any provision of Title 6.2, 13.1, 38.2, or 56; (ii) any person subject to licensure or regulation by the Commission; (iii) the Commission's exercise of the powers and duties prescribed to it by Chapter 26 (§ 58.1-2600 et seq.) of Title 58.1 that are not matters required by law to be entered on any public assessment roll or book or are not generally available to the public through regulatory disclosure or otherwise; (iv) portions of drawings, plans, or maps that reveal critical structural components, interconnectivity, security equipment and systems, network monitoring, network operation center, and other equipment and systems related to public utility infrastructure; (v) confidential proprietary records, including balance sheets and financial statements, voluntarily provided by a private business pursuant to a promise of confidentiality from the Commission; (vi) trade secrets, as defined in the Uniform Trade Secrets Act (§ 59.1336 et seq.) of a private business that are not generally available to the public through regulatory disclosure or otherwise; (vii) other information submitted by a private business where, if these records were made public, the financial interest of the Commission or private business would be adversely affected; or (viii) any records otherwise exempted from public disclosure. The bill also grants the Commission certain exemptions from the open meeting provisions of FOIA. Finally, the bill designates venue for FOIA petitions against the Commission. The bill reverses a case holding that FOIA is not applicable to the Commission (*Christian v. State Corporation Commission*, November 2011).

Patron - Surovell

employment of special counsel for the State Board of Elections under certain circumstances. Provides that whenever the Attorney General is entitled to have his name printed on the ballot in a general or special election, he shall recuse himself from providing legal services to the State Board of Elections and employ special counsel to provide such services. The bill requires the compensation for the special counsel to be paid out of the appropriation for the Attorney General's office.

Patron - Brink

EHB963 Secretary of Education; annual report.

Requires the Secretary of Education, on or before October 1 of each year, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Commonwealth's efforts to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education; career readiness; and career and professional certification at all levels of education.

Patron - Simon

employees. Gives local school boards an election to have all their employees and retirees, as well as the dependents of employees and retirees, eligible to participate in the state employee health insurance plan in lieu of the current state-administered local health insurance plan. The local school board shall be responsible for whatever portion of the cost of such insurance is not paid by the employee, except any portion that the General Assembly elects to pay.

Patron - Kilgore

FHB1033 Risk management plan for impounding structures. Requires the Division of Risk Management, with the approval of the Governor, to establish a risk management insurance plan to provide protection against claims made against a landowner on whose property a dam owned, maintained, or operated by a soil and water conservation district has been situated. The plan would protect the landowner against liability for damage to the property of others or injury to persons resulting from the failure of the dam.

Patron - Orrock

FHB1060 Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; appointment of chief executive officer. Provides that the Governor and not the Authority board of directors shall appoint the executive director of the Authority. The bill further provides that the chief executive officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Patron - Kilgore

EHB1082 State and Local Conflict of Interests Act; school boards; unlawful hiring practices. Exempts Planning District 23 from the prohibition on (i) school boards employing or paying any teacher or other school board employee from the public funds, federal, state or local, and (ii) division superintendents recommending to the school board the employment of

any teacher or other employee, if the teacher or other employee is the father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, sonin-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, or brother-in-law of the division superintendent or of any member of the school board. Patron - Davis

HB1130 Virginia - Korea Advisory Board. Establishes the Virginia - Korea Advisory Board to advise the Governor on ways to improve mutually beneficial trade relationships between the Commonwealth and the Republic of Korea (South Korea).

Patron - Keam

HB1132 Virginia Housing Trust Fund. Requires that two percent of any surplus in the general fund be deposited into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund not to exceed \$10 mil-

Patron - Lopez

FHB1190 Individual income tax credit; return of **budget surplus.** Establishes beginning with taxable year 2014 a refundable individual income tax credit that is a portion of the general fund surplus for the corresponding fiscal year. If more than \$50 million in general fund surplus remains after assignments of the surplus for the Revenue Stabilization Fund, the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund, the Transportation Trust Fund, and other mandatory assignments, then a refundable income tax credit would be allowed for the corresponding taxable year equal to the remaining surplus divided by the number of individual income tax returns filed for the most recent taxable year. In such case, an amount equal to the surplus that is to be returned to individual taxpayers would be held in reserve for appropriation by the General Assembly and not further assigned by the Comptroller. If less than \$50 million in general fund surplus remains after such mandatory assignments, no tax credit would be available for the corresponding taxable year and the remaining surplus would be assigned by the Comptroller for nonrecurring expenditures. The credit could be claimed only by those individuals who were required under Virginia law to file an individual income tax return and filed such return.

Patron - LeMunyon

HB1192 Attorney General; prosecution of certain **criminal cases.** Provides that with the concurrence of the local attorney for the Commonwealth, the Attorney General may institute or conduct criminal prosecutions in the circuit courts of the Commonwealth for violations of unlicensed activity for any profession or occupation regulated under Title 54.1 and for unlicensed activity by any private security services business regulated under the authority of the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Patron - Massie

FHB1194 Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; establishment of minority-owned and women-owned state purchasing program. Provides for the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, in conjunction with the Department of General Services, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, and the Department of Transportation, to develop a program establishing a requirement that at least 15 percent of all state purchases be made from minority-owned or women-owned businesses that are also certified as small businesses.

Patron - James

FIHB1213 Office of the Attorney General; employment of outside counsel where a conflict of interests exists. Requires the Attorney General's office to enter into an agreement with outside counsel to provide legal services in a matter when the Attorney General certifies to the Governor that it would be improper for his office to do so because a conflict of interests exists. The compensation for the legal services provided shall be based upon a reasonable per hour fee and shall be expended from funds appropriated to the Attorney General's office.

Patron - Anderson

FHB1214 Prohibited conduct; Governor and Attorney General; parties to litigation with the state; penalties. Prohibits acceptance by the Governor or Attorney General of campaign contributions or gifts worth more than \$50 from parties who oppose the state in ongoing litigation and prohibits making such contributions and gifts. The bill imposes civil penalties.

Patron - Yancev

Patron - Mason

HB1218 Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates; membership. Provides that of the 15 to 20 nonlegislative citizen members of the Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates appointed by the Governor, at least one such member shall have served in the armed forces of the United States or in the organized reserve forces of any of the armed services of the United States or of the Virginia National Guard.

FIHB1256 Detention and removal of a citizen from the Commonwealth by the federal government. Provides that the Secretary of Public Safety shall request from the U.S. Secretary of Defense that, when an agency of the federal government detains any United States citizen pursuant to 50 U.S.C. § 1541 et seq. as provided by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (P.L. 112-81, § 1021 [providing for detention of any person "who planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored those responsible for those attacks" or "who was a part of or substantially supported al-Qaeda, the Taliban, or associated forces that are engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners, including any person who has committed a belligerent act or has directly supported such hostilities in aid of such enemy forces"]), the U.S. Secretary of Defense shall provide notification within 24 hours of the detention to both the Secretary of Public Safety and the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality in which the citizen is detained and that the U.S. Secretary of Defense or his designee shall seek authorization from the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality in which the citizen is detained prior to removal of the citizen from the locality. The bill also provides that if the federal agency detaining any citizen pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act fails to comply with either such request, funds appropriated for implementation or continuation of memoranda of understanding entered into by cabinet secretaries shall be contingent upon authorization by an act of the General Assembly in a subsequent year. Finally, the bill authorizes the Governor to terminate any memorandum of understanding for noncompliance.

Patron - Cline

EHB1258 Virginia Small Business Financing Authority; definition of eligible business. Removes the requirement that an eligible business granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code be operating in Virginia and replaces it with a requirement that the $\S 501(c)(3)$ business (i) has received \$10 million or less in annual gross receipts under generally accepted accounting principles for each of its last three fiscal years or lesser time period if it has been in existence less than three years, (ii) has fewer than 250 employees, and (iii) has a net worth of \$2 million or less.

Patron - Villanueva

THB 1263 The Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates; membership. Requires one of the citizen members appointed by the Governor to serve on the Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates to be a person who served and has been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States or in the organized reserve forces of any of the armed services of the United States or of the Virginia National Guard. Patron - Ramadan

HB1264 Volunteer health care providers. Provides that the Department of Health shall certify up to 200 health care providers as volunteer health care providers upon satisfactory evidence that the applicant (i) is a resident of the Commonwealth; (ii) holds a current, valid license as a doctor of medicine or osteopathy issued by the Board of Medicine or holds a license as a dentist issued by the Board of Dentistry; (iii) is deemed to be an employee of the federal Public Health Services as a free clinic health professional providing qualifying health services; and (iv) provides documentation indicating that he has provided at least four hours of qualifying health services at a free clinic or free clinic offsite program per week for four consecutive weeks during the three-month period immediately preceding the date of application. The bill also provides that volunteer healthcare providers shall be exempt from civil liability for any injury or wrongful death of any person resulting from the provision of any health care provided in his professional capacity unless such act or omission was the result of the volunteer health care provider's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The bill further provides that the Attorney General may represent personally or through one of his assistants any health care provider in any civil matter in which a defense of immunity from liability is raised.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

THB 1265 Department of the Treasury; risk management plan for volunteer health care providers. Directs the Division of Risk Management of the Department of the Treasury to establish a risk management plan for up to 200 volunteer health care providers certified by the Department of Health.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

FHB1270 Center for Rural Virginia; broadband report. Creates the Center for Rural Virginia, pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-2720, to prepare a rural broadband underserved area report.

Patron - Minchew

 ${f f f f f SB20}$ Secretary of the Commonwealth; lobbyist dis**closure.** Redesigns the Lobbyist's Disclosure Statement to clarify information requested and increase compliance. Among other things, the redesigned form (i) requires a lobbyist to include a list of all House of Delegates or Senate bills and procurement transactions for which he has lobbied, as well as the expenses related to such lobbying activity, and (ii) changes the manner in which entertainment and gift expenses are reported. The bill requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to review each Lobbyist's Disclosure Statement for completeness and accuracy and, if the statement is not properly completed, reject the entire filing and return it to the lobbyist. The bill clarifies that any lobbyist who files the statement electronically is not required to submit a paper copy and extends from 10 days to 30 days the late-filing grace period after which the lobbyist is assessed an additional \$50 per day civil penalty. This bill was incorporated into SB 649.

Patron - Smith

ESB21 Statements of Economic Interests; disclosure thresholds. Lowers the value above which state and local government officers and members of the General Assembly must

disclose specific economic interests on their Statements of Economic Interests from \$10,000 to \$5,000. This bill was incorporated into SB 649.

Patron - Smith

ESB23 State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; gifts; disclosures. Requires the disclosure on statements of economic interests for legislators and certain state and local government officers of gifts in excess of \$1,000 made to immediate family members if such gift is made by a registered lobbyist or a business, governmental entity, or individual that has transacted or is transacting business with the Commonwealth or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions within 12 months from the date of the gift. "Immediate family member" is defined, for the purposes of gifts, to include (i) the filer's spouse; (ii) dependents residing with the filer; and (iii) the filer's or his spouse's parent, child, and grandchild. This bill was incorporated into SB 649.

Patron - Ålexander

FSB44 State and Local Conflict of Interests Act; disclosure; gifts. Requires the Governor and Attorney General to disclose gifts to the members of their immediate families by appending additional information to their statements of economic interests.

Patron - Watkins

ESB121 Prohibited conduct by state and local government officers and employees; retaliation. Prohibits a state or local government officer or employee from using his public position to retaliate or threaten retaliation against any person for expressing views on matters of public concern or for exercising any right that is otherwise protected by law.

Patron - Garrett

FSB143 Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council. Creates the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council to furnish advisory opinions, conduct training seminars and educational programs, and publish such educational materials and other appropriate information regarding the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act. The Council is required to report annually on its activities and findings, including recommendations for any legislative changes. This bill was incorporated into SB 649.

Patron - Edwards

ESB153 Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; special education programs. Expands eligibility for services through the Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families program to students who transfer from an approved private school special education program to a public school special education program established and funded jointly by a local governing body and school division located within Planning District 16 for the purpose of providing special education and related services when the public school special educational program is able to provide services comparable to those of an approved private school special educational program, and the student would require placement in an approved private school special educational program but for the availability of the public school special educational program.

Patron - Stuart

ESB174 Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; term contracts for certain architectural and engineering services. Increases the term contract limits for architectural and engineering services to \$2.5 million per

project for state agencies and \$10 million per term. Currently, these limits are \$1 million and \$5 million, respectively. Patron - Black

ESB187 Biennial appropriation act. Provides that the Commonwealth's biennial appropriations shall start on July 1 of odd-numbered years beginning with the biennial appropriation act for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019. The bill requires that the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, would not be a part of any biennial appropriation act (i.e., it would be a single-year transitional budget).

Patron - McDougle

FSB212 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; working papers and correspondence of members of the General Assembly. Limits the record exemption for working papers and correspondence of members of the General Assembly by providing that such records are protected to the extent they pertain to the drafting or amending of legislation. The bill also provides that any new disclosures required by members of the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of this bill shall apply to such records received or created on or after July 1, 2014.

Patron - Petersen

FSB220 Office of the Attorney General; employment of outside counsel where a conflict of interests exists. Requires the Attorney General's office to enter into an agreement with outside counsel to provide legal services in a matter when the Attorney General certifies to the Governor that it would be improper for his office to do so because a conflict of interests exists. For criminal matters, outside counsel shall be an Attorney for the Commonwealth and for civil matters, outside counsel shall be a county or city attorney. The compensation for the legal services provided shall be expended from funds appropriated to the Attorney General's office and paid directly to the local jurisdiction. This bill was incorporated into SB 651.

Patron - Petersen

ESB227 Virginia - Korea Advisory Board. Establishes the Virginia - Korea Advisory Board to advise the Governor on ways to improve mutually beneficial trade relationships between the Commonwealth and the Republic of Korea (South Korea). The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a 2014 general appropriation act.

Patron - Petersen

FSB243 Virginia Tourism Authority; Blue Ridge Highlands region. Requires the Virginia Tourism Authority to designate the Blue Ridge Highlands region to enhance tourism development efforts.

Patron - Edwards

FSB248 Nondiscrimination in state employment. Prohibits discrimination in state employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a special disabled veteran or other veteran covered by the Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended. The bill also defines "sexual orientation" and "gender identity."

Patron - McEachin

FSB252 Insurance; state and local employees. Requires the state health plan to provide means for coverage of one additional adult. The total cost for such additional adult must be paid for by the state employee. The bill also expands the list of people who may be provided certain types of insurance by a locality, adding the dependents of officers and

employees of a locality, as well as the dependents of those employed by commissions and other entities controlled by or working closely with a locality, to the list of people to whom a locality may provide accident and health insurance. The bill expands the potential eligibility for health insurance programs to include the dependents of eligible members of volunteer fire or rescue companies and the dependents of retired officers and employees. The bill requires any locality providing insurance to dependents of employees to provide the same programs to dependents of constitutional officers in some cases. *Patron - McEachin*

ESB265 State and Local Conflict of Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act. Provides for centralized filing of disclosure forms under both Acts with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and development of a searchable electronic database. The bill also requires disclosure of gifts to immediate family members and makes other clarifying changes. This bill was incorporated into SB 649. Patron - Ebbin

ISB274 State and Local Government Conflict of **Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests** Act; limitations on gifts; disclosure of gifts; ethics expert. Limits the total value of all gifts received by a state official or employee and by a legislator to no more than \$100 in a single calendar year. Gifts given by relatives do not count toward that limit. Meals at which a majority of the time was spent discussing work related to the legislator or state or local official or employee's role as a legislator or state or local government official or employee and gifts given by nonprofit organizations do not count toward the limit, but are still required to be disclosed. Gifts received by immediate family do count toward the limit if they are given for the purpose of influencing the state officer or employee or the legislator. The bill makes changes to the disclosure forms necessary to reflect this limit. The bill also requires the office with which disclosure forms are filed to designate an ethics expert in that office to respond to questions from the persons required to disclose. This bill was incorporated into SB 649.

Patron - Favola

ESB280 Adjutant General. Provides for the Adjutant General of the Department of Military Affairs to report directly to the Governor rather than through the Secretary of Public Safety.

Patron - Cosgrove

ESB292 Downtown Tunnel Construction Relief Grant Fund. Establishes the Downtown Tunnel Construction Relief Grant Fund to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to businesses that have suffered economic damage as a result of road closures due to the construction of the Downtown Tunnel Project. The Fund would be administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. The act has a July 1, 2015, sunset.

Patron - Lucas

structures. Requires the Division of Risk Management, with the approval of the Governor, to establish a risk management insurance plan to provide protection against claims made against a landowner on whose property a dam owned, maintained, or operated by a soil and water conservation district has been situated. The plan would protect the landowner against liability for damage to the property of others or injury to persons resulting from the failure of the dam.

Patron - Watkins

 ${f f f f SB326}$ Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act and the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act; inclusion of deputy sheriffs; discriminatory and retaliatory action prohibited; remedies. Clarifies that deputy sheriffs employed by city or county sheriff's offices are included under the term "employees" under the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act and the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act. The bill also provides that a whistle blower may bring a civil action for violation of discriminatory and retaliatory action provisions of the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act. If the court finds that a violation was willfully and knowingly made, it shall impose on the officer, employee, or member in his individual capacity a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500. The bill also establishes a three-year statute of limitations and authorizes the court to order other appropriate remedies.

Patron - Deeds

ESB369 State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; membership. Increases the membership of the State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families by adding a third private provider representative, a representative of a child advocacy group or organization, a representative of a mental health advocacy group with a specialization in children's mental health, and a representative of a public provider of children's mental health services.

Patron - Favola

Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; lobbyist disclosure; prohibited gifts. Establishes a ban on gifts or aggregate of gifts that are reasonably expected to be in excess of \$100 in value for certain state and local government officers and employees and members of the General Assembly from any single source except a relative or personal friend. The gift ban also applies to the immediate family members of an officer, employee or member of the General Assembly. In addition, the bill (i) removes the current disclosure requirement for gifts over \$50 and (ii) provides circumstances for consideration in determining whether the individual providing a gift is a personal friend. This bill was incorporated into SB 649.

Patron - McWaters

ESB426 State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; regulations. Provides that the State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families may promulgate regulations necessary to carry out its powers and duties. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Hanger

Diversity; employment services organizations. Includes employment services organizations in the development and operation of any state procurement program or program goals and targets for small, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses.

Patron - Hanger

FSB447 Department of Treasury; Risk Management Division; liability coverage for certain pro bono attorneys. Provides for inclusion under the state's risk management plan attorneys providing pro bono legal services under a Virginia State Bar approved program. The bill requires the Virginia State Bar to pay the cost of coverage for eligible attorneys. Patron - Norment

Interests Act; filing of quarterly disclosure required for certain officers and employees. Requires the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Justices of the Supreme Court, and other persons occupying offices or positions of trust or employment in state government to file disclosure statements of economic interests quarterly rather than annually. Patron - Smith

ESB632 Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; establishment of minority-owned and womenowned state purchasing program. Provides for the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, in conjunction with the Department of General Services, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, and the Department of Transportation, to develop a program establishing a requirement that at least 15 percent of all state purchases be made from minority-owned or women-owned businesses that are also certified as small businesses.

Patron - Lucas

FSB645 Virginia Public Procurement Act; transportation construction services. Provides that for the award of transportation construction projects, certain specified factors other than price may be considered. The bill also provides that construction may be procured using either competitive sealed bidding or competitive negotiation and requires the public body to set forth in writing that the method selected is practicable or fiscally advantageous to the public. In addition, the bill establishes instances where the determination of the public body is presumed to be appropriate. Under current law, construction may only be procured by competitive bidding except under certain circumstances.

Patron - McEachin

General; parties to litigation with the state; penalties. Prohibits acceptance by the Governor or Attorney General of campaign contributions or gifts worth more than \$50 from parties who oppose the state in ongoing litigation and prohibits making such contributions and gifts. The bill imposes civil penalties. This bill was incorporated into SB 649.

Patron - Norment

FSB660 Office of the Attorney General; Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act; funds recovered. Authorizes the Division of Debt Collection in the Office of the Attorney General to pursue claims and recoveries owed to the Commonwealth under the Fraud Against Taxpayers Act (FATA). Under the bill, the Division is authorized to retain as special revenue up to 30 percent of the funds recovered. The bill excludes investigations, litigation, or recoveries related to matters handled under the authority granted to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to the provisions of federal regulations.

Patron - Edwards

Carried Over

THB289 Virginia Public Procurement Act; cooperative procurement. Eliminates the limitation for cooperative procurement for construction in excess of \$200,000 by a local public body from the contract of another local public body that is more than a straight line distance of 75 miles from the territorial limits of the local public body procuring the construction.

Patron - Albo

tary of Community Action Act; duties of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade. Makes the necessary changes to the Community Action Act to reflect the transfer to the Department of Housing and Community Development of the duties of the designated agency under the Community Action Act. As a result, references to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources are changed to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, who is responsible for the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Patron - Head

powers and duties; elimination of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Eliminates the position of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and transfers all powers and duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Secretary of Administration. The bill provides that wherever in the Code of Virginia the term "Secretary of the Commonwealth" is used, it shall be deemed to mean the Secretary of Administration. The bill makes the Secretary of Administration responsible for the Division of Executive Support, formerly the duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Patron - Lingamfelter

□ HB746 State and Local Government Conflict of **Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; gifts; disclosures.** Requires the disclosure on statements of economic interests for legislators and certain state and local government officers of gifts in excess of \$100 made to immediate family members if the gift is made by a business, governmental entity, or individual that has transacted or is transacting business with the Commonwealth or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions within 12 months from the date of the gift. "Immediate family member" is defined, for the purposes of gifts, to include (i) the filer's spouse; (ii) dependents residing with the filer; and (iii) the filer's or his spouse's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, and sister. In addition, the bill provides circumstances for consideration in determining whether the individual providing a gift is a personal friend whose gifts do not require disclosure. The bill requires that legislators disclose gifts in excess of \$1,000 accepted during a regular session of the General Assembly within five business days of the acceptance of the gift. The bill also requires the disclosure on statements of economic interests for legislators and certain state and local government officers of liabilities owed by businesses in which the filer or an immediate family member holds a greater than three percent equity ownership interest. Patron - Kory

CHB788 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; outof-state requests for records. Sets out the process for public bodies to respond to record requests made by out-of-state requesters.

Patron - LeMunyon

Clarifies that for the purposes of FOIA applicable to access to public records, the Office of the Attorney General. Sidered a public body and, except as otherwise expressly provided by law, shall have the same obligations to disclose public records as other custodians of public records. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Brink

CHB955 Administrative Process Act; exemption for certain regulations. Exempts from the full regulatory review process regulations that are necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act, provided the agency (i) provides a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action in

conformance with the provisions of § 2.2-4007.01, (ii) publishes the proposed regulation and provides an opportunity for oral and written comments as provided in § 2.2-4007.03, and (iii) conducts at least one public hearing as provided in § 2.2-4009 prior to the publishing of the proposed regulations. The bill provides that any such regulation shall be adopted, amended, or repealed no later than six months after the Virginia statutory law or appropriation act that necessitated the change becomes effective.

Patron - Head

EHB1159 Political contributions; prohibitions during procurement process. Includes the mayor or chief executive officer of a locality, school superintendent, and any member of a local governing body, planning commission, or school board in the current prohibition against knowingly soliciting or accepting a contribution, gift, or other item with a value greater than \$50 from any bidder, offeror, or private entity who has submitted a bid or proposal pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act, the Public-Private Transportation Act, or the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act during the bidding period. The restrictions only apply if the stated or expected value of the contract is \$5 million or more and do not apply to contracts awarded as the result of competitive sealed bidding. Furthermore, no bidder, offeror, or private entity who has submitted a bid or proposal under such acts shall offer or promise to make such a gift to the mayor or chief executive officer of a locality, school superintendent, or any member of a local governing body, planning commission, or school board. Any violation shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$500 or up to two times the amount of the contribution or gift, whichever is greater.

Patron - Rasoul

Plier Diversity; creation of Department of Minority Business Enterprise and the Department of Business Assistance. Eliminates the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity and re-creates the Department of Minority Business Enterprise and the Department of Business Assistance as those two departments existed prior to January 1, 2014. As such, the bill reassigns the former powers and duties of the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to the Department of Minority Business Enterprise and the Department of Business Assistance. The bill contains numerous technical amendments. Patron - Spruill

© HB1208 Virginia Public Procurement Act; consideration of early payment discounts. Prohibits the consideration of discounts for early payment of invoices offered by any bidder in the determination of the lowest priced bid on any contract awarded using competitive sealed bidding. The bill also provides that no bidder shall be required to offer discounts for early payment of invoices as a condition of any Invitation to Bid, and no bidder shall be declared nonresponsive for failure to offer a discount for early payment of invoices. With respect to competitive negotiation, the bill provides that any offer submitted in response to a Request for Proposal may contain offers for discounts for the early payment of invoices by public bodies; but that, if offered, such discounts shall not be considered in the selection of qualified offerors or in the evaluation of prices submitted by any such offeror. Finally, the bill provides that discounts for prompt payment shall not be considered in the evaluation or made a condition of offers or bids by any state agency or local public body. However, any offered discount may form a part of the award and shall be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer or bid by the offeror or bidder. As an alternative to offering a prompt payment discount in conjunction with the offer or bid, offerors or bidders who are awarded contracts may include

prompt payment discounts on individual invoices. In connection with any discount offered for prompt payment, time shall be computed from the date of the submission of the invoice by the contractor or supplier.

Patron - Albo

women-owned, and minority-owned businesses. Defines "historically Black colleges and universities" and provides that the term "minority-owned business" includes historically Black colleges and universities, regardless of the percentage ownership by minority individuals or, in the case of a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity, the equity ownership interest in the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company or other entity. The bill also requires that programs to facilitate the participation of small businesses and all businesses owned by women, minorities, or service disabled veterans in procurement transactions include a provision for fair and equitable evaluations and opportunities for small businesses and all businesses owned by women, minorities, or service disabled veterans.

Patron - Yancey

CHB1238 Virginia Public Procurement Act; disclosure of cost estimates in solicitations prohibited. Provides that no Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal shall contain the public body's cost estimate for that which is sought to be procured.

Patron - Gilbert

information by law-enforcement agencies. Limits the ability of law-enforcement and regulatory agencies to use technology to collect and maintain personal information on individuals and organizations where a warrant has not been issued and there is no reasonable suspicion of criminal activity by the individual or organization. The bill codifies an opinion of the Attorney General regarding the Virginia Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act.

Patron - Anderson

CHJ94 Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services; report. Directs the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to review current laws in Virginia that purport to assist Virginia's veterans and assess their effectiveness in meeting the needs of Virginia's veterans. Patron - Hugo

Authority; export of Virginia products and services. Authorizes the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to undertake whatever activities the Authority deems appropriate to provide bridge loans and shipment insurance for Virginia exporters. This bill may be known as the Virginia Export Assistance Act.

Patron - Stanley

SB267 Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; certified industrial parks. Provides that the Authority shall develop a program by which local industrial parks may become certified by the Commonwealth. In developing such a program, the Authority shall consider factors such as planning, zoning, engineering, title ownership, and general development readiness. The program shall also certify developments in various categories of industry. Patron - Stanley

©SB387 Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); certain proprietary records of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. Provides an exemption for

confidential proprietary information and trade secrets, including commercial or financial information, balance sheets, revenue and cost projections, and detailed freight origin and destination information provided by a private transportation business to the Virginia Department of Transportation or the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for any purpose authorized or regulated by state law, including obtaining and administering grants or other financial assistance for transportation projects, provided such information is exempt from disclosure under federal laws governing transportation or the federal Freedom of Information Act.

Patron - Reeves

Diversity; creation of Department of Minority Business Enterprise and the Department of Business Assistance. Eliminates the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity and re-creates the Department of Minority Business Enterprise and the Department of Business Assistance as those two departments existed prior to January 1, 2014. As such, the bill reassigns the former powers and duties of the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to the Department of Minority Business Enterprise and the Department of Business Assistance. The bill contains numerous technical amendments. Patron - Alexander

ration Practices Act; limitation on collection and use of personal information by law enforcement. Limits the ability of law-enforcement and regulatory agencies to use technology to collect and maintain personal information on individuals and organizations where a warrant has not been issued and there is no reasonable suspicion of criminal activity by the individual or organization. The bill codifies an opinion of the Attorney General regarding the Virginia Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act.

Patron - Petersen

Agriculture, Animal Care, and Food

Passed

PHB54 Compensation for livestock or poultry. Establishes a \$750 cap on the fair market value that the owner of livestock that has been killed or injured by dogs or hybrid canines is entitled to receive as compensation, provided certain procedures are followed. Currently, such compensation cannot exceed \$400 per animal. This bill is identical to SB 432. Patron - Hodges

PHB740 Duty to seize or kill a dog killing or injuring livestock or poultry. Provides that a local animal control officer or other officer shall have a duty to seize or kill a dog found in the act of killing or injuring livestock or poultry. Current law provides that the officer shall have a duty to kill the dog. Patron - McClellan

PHB795 Transportation of waste kitchen grease; decal. Requires certain persons transporting waste kitchen grease to conspicuously display a decal issued by the Commissioner on the outside of any vehicle used for such purpose. Current law requires the person to display his name and regis-

tration number on the vehicle in letters not less than three inches high. This bill is identical to SB 614. *Patron - Wilt*

PHB988 Coyote control program. Directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to promote programs to those seeking assistance with coyote control concerns. Patron - Cline

PHB1067 Animal shelters; definitions. Substitutes the terms "private animal shelter" for "animal shelter" and "public animal shelter" for "pound." The bill also amends the definitions of "foster care provider," "foster home," and "home-based rescue."

Patron - Orrock

PSB5 Right to Farm Act; restoration of provisions. Restores application of certain provisions of the Right to Farm Act to cities and towns that currently only apply to counties. The proposed amendments were enacted in 2007 (Chapter 444 of the Acts of Assembly of 2007) but were omitted a year later in the 2008 revision of Title 3.1, Agriculture, Horticulture and Food. This bill is a recommendation of the Code Commission. Patron - Edwards

PSB228 Pet dealers; diseased animals; veterinary certificate. Requires a pet dealer to reimburse certain veterinary fees when a consumer returns or retains a diseased dog or cat that has been certified by a veterinarian as being unfit for purchase. Current law requires the pet dealer to refund the purchase price or exchange the unfit pet for a pet of equivalent value. The bill extends the return or reimbursement period from 10 to 14 days in the case of an animal infected with parvovirus and eliminates the condition that the animal be described as pedigreed. The bill also requires a pet shop or licensed dealer to provide the identity of the breeder of each dog or cat for sale and incorporates information about the refund provision into the text of the required notice document. The bill requires certain dealers to record and post certain information about the breeder of each animal. Patron - Petersen

PSB432 Compensation for livestock or poultry. Establishes a \$750 cap on the fair market value that the owner of livestock that has been killed or injured by dogs or hybrid canines is entitled to receive as compensation, provided certain procedures are followed. Currently, such compensation cannot exceed \$400 per animal. This bill is identical to HB 54. Patron - McDougle

PSB444 Hybrid canines. Authorizes any locality to prohibit by ordinance the keeping of hybrid canines. The bill alters the definition of hybrid canine and makes technical amendments

Patron - Norment

PSB614 Transportation of waste kitchen grease; decal. Requires certain persons transporting waste kitchen grease to affix a decal issued by the Commissioner on the outside of any vehicle used for such purpose. Current law requires the person to display his name and registration number on the vehicle in letters not less than three inches high. This bill is identical to HB 795.

Patron - Vogel

Failed

EHB135 Home-produced or farm-produced products. Allows the sale of food products made from any fruit, grain, herbs, honey, meat, milk, mushrooms, nuts, poultry, seafood, or vegetables by a farm operation employing 10 or fewer people or by a private home, so long as (i) the sale is made directly to consumers and (ii) the product is labeled with the producer's name and address, the product's ingredients, and a disclosure statement indicating the product is not subject to Virginia's food safety laws or regulations.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

ESB176 Home-produced or farm-produced products. Allows the sale of food products made from any fruit, grain, herbs, honey, meat, milk, mushrooms, nuts, poultry, seafood, or vegetables by a farm operation employing 10 or fewer people or by a private home, so long as (i) the sale is made directly to consumers and (ii) the product is labeled with the producer's name and address, the product's ingredients, and a disclosure statement indicating the product is not subject to Virginia's food safety laws or regulations.

Patron - Black

Carried Over

CSB32 Animal Cruelty Registry established. Requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish and maintain an Animal Cruelty Registry for public access on the website of the Department of State Police. The Registry shall include the names of persons convicted of certain felony animal cruelty offenses. The bill provides that a person on the Registry may request removal of his name after 15 years, provided that he has no additional felony convictions of an animal cruelty offense.

Patron - Stanley

program; fund; penalty. Establishes a fund to reimburse participating veterinarians for the surgical sterilizations they perform on eligible cats or dogs. The bill provides that a surcharge of \$50 per ton of pet food distributed in the Commonwealth be deposited in the fund and such pet food be exempted from the existing litter tax. An animal will be eligible for sterilization under the program if it is a feral or freeroaming cat or is owned by a low-income individual or an animal shelter or other releasing agency. The bill establishes penalties for providing false information or submitting false payment requests.

Patron - Stanley

Alcoholic Beverage Control Act

Passed

PHB217 Alcoholic beverage control; mixed beverage license for Virginia State Fair. Updates the license for the Virginia State Fair. This bill is identical to SB 605. *Patron - Albo*

PHB270 Alcoholic beverage control; certain licensees to provide information to consumer while on the premises of licensed retailers. Allows any winery, farm winery, wine

importer, or wine wholesaler licensee to provide to adult customers of licensed retail establishments information about wine being consumed on such premises.

Patron - Bulova

PHB282 Alcoholic beverage control; contract winemaking facility; nonpayment. Allows a contract winemaking facility to sell the wine it produced if the terms of payment have not been fulfilled in accordance with the contract with the winery or farm winery that supplied the grapes or other agricultural products.

Patron - Albo

PHB283 Alcoholic beverage control; suspension of license for local tax delinquency. Authorizes the ABC Board to suspend or revoke the license of a licensee who is delinquent for a period of 90 days or more in the payment of any taxes, or any penalties or interest related thereto, lawfully imposed by the locality where the licensed business is located, as certified by the treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, or finance director of such locality, unless (i) the outstanding amount is de minimis; (ii) the licensee has pending a bona fide application for correction or appeal with respect to such taxes, penalties, or interest; or (iii) the licensee has entered into a payment plan approved by the same locality to settle the outstanding liability. *Patron - Albo*

PHB284 Alcoholic beverage control; air carrier licenses; privileges. Provides that for purposes of supplying its airplanes, as well as any airplanes of a licensed express carrier flying under the same brand, an air carrier licensee may appoint an authorized representative to transport and store wine and beer at or in close proximity to the airport where the wine and beer will be delivered onto the airplanes of the air carrier and any such licensed express carrier. The bill provides that the air carrier licensee shall (i) designate for purposes of its license all locations where the inventory of wine and beer may be stored and from which the wine and beer will be delivered onto airplanes of the air carrier and any such licensed express carrier and (ii) maintain records of all wine and beer to be transported, stored, and delivered by its authorized representative. The bill includes the same requirements for mixed beverages air carrier licensees for distilled spirits. Patron - Albo

PHB507 Alcoholic beverage control; annual banquet license for wine and beer. Expands the annual mixed beverage special events license to a duly organized private nonprofit corporation or association operating an art education and exhibition facility.

Patron - Hodges

PHB882 Alcoholic beverage control; sale of wine and cider in growlers. Allows the sale of wine in growlers or other reusable containers that are federally approved, provided such containers are labeled in accordance with Board regulations and limited for use to persons licensed to sell wine at retail for both off-premises and on-premises consumption. The bill also allows the sale of cider in containers that are federally approved, provided such containers are labeled in accordance with Board regulations and limited for use by persons licensed to sell cider at retail for both off-premises and on-premises consumption. The bill contains technical amendments. Patron - Carr

PHB1141 Alcoholic beverage control; annual arts venue event license. Creates a new annual arts venue event license and sets out the privileges of this new license and the state and local license taxes. The bill defines an arts venue as a

commercial or nonprofit establishment that is open to the public and in which works of art are sold or displayed. *Patron - Knight*

PHB1150 Alcoholic beverage control; government stores; agents of Board. Provides that certain licensed distillers who are appointed agents of the ABC Board may blend or produce spirits using (1) copper or stainless steel pot stills or (2) the maceration of natural fruits, nuts, grains, beans, and spices in neutral grain spirits to extract natural flavors. Patron - Bell, Richard P.

shop licenses. Expands the privileges of a gift shop license to allow the licensee to give to any person to whom wine or beer may be lawfully sold (i) a sample of wine not to exceed two ounces by volume or (ii) a sample of beer not to exceed four ounces by volume for on-premises consumption. Such licensee may also give samples of wine and beer in designated areas at events held by the licensee for the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming public about the alcoholic beverages being tasted.

Patron - Ruff

PSB178 Alcoholic beverage control; handling of tasting fees by sight-seeing carrier. Creates a new permit that allows sight-seeing contract passenger carriers transporting individuals for compensation to a licensed winery, brewery, or restaurant to collect the licensee's tasting fees from tour participants for the sole purpose of remitting such fees to the licensee. Patron - McWaters

PSB268 Alcoholic beverage control; mixed beverage licenses. Provides that mixed beverage licenses may be granted to establishments located (i) on property adjacent to the intersection of U.S. Route 220 North and State Route 57, operated as a country club as of December 31, 1926, in Henry County (Bassett County Club), (ii) on property adjacent to Lake Lanier, operated as a country club (Forest Park Country Club) as of December 31, 1932, in Henry County and (iii) on property fronting Old Jonesboro Road between Routes 823 and 808, located approximately 4,500 feet south of Interstate 81 (Old Farm Country Club in Washington County) and operated as a country club.

Patron - Stanley

PSB337 Alcoholic beverage control; certain licensees to provide information to consumer while on the premises of licensed retailers. Allows any winery, farm winery, wine importer, or wine wholesaler licensee to provide to adult customers of licensed retail establishments information about wine being consumed on such premises. The bill incorporates SB 224 and SB 300. The bill has an emergency clause.

Patron - McWaters

PSB430 Alcoholic beverage control; limited brewery license created; local regulation of certain activities. Creates a new limited brewery license for breweries that manufacture no more than 15,000 barrels of beer per calendar year, are located on a farm in the Commonwealth, and use agricultural products that are grown on the farm in the manufacture of their beer. The bill limits local regulation of limited brewery licensees and specifically prohibits the imposition of minimum parking, road access, or road upgrade requirements on any licensed limited brewery.

Patron - Watkins

PSB502 Alcoholic beverage control; limited mixed beverage restaurant licenses. Allows limited mixed beverage restaurant licensees to sell and serve wine, beer, and cham-

pagne for on-premises consumption, provided the sale of such alcoholic beverages, together with the sale of dessert wines and liqueur-based drinks, does not exceed 10 percent of the total annual gross sales of all food and alcoholic beverages. *Patron - Favola*

PSB596 Alcoholic beverage control; state and local license taxes on certain brewery licensees. Imposes a state license tax of \$350 and a local license tax of \$250 for breweries that manufacture no more than 500 barrels of beer during the licensing year.

Patron - Marsden

PSB605 Alcoholic beverage control; mixed beverage license for Virginia State Fair. Updates the license for the Virginia State Fair. This bill is identical to HB 217. Patron - Puller

PSB620 Alcoholic beverage control; operation of government stores. Provides that the ABC Board may appoint the holder of a distiller's license or its officers and employees as agents of the Board for the sale of spirits, manufactured by or for, or blended by, such licensee on the licensed premises, at government stores established by the Board on the distiller's licensed premises, provided such licensee is employing traditional techniques, including the maceration of natural fruits, nuts, grains, beans, and spices in neutral grain spirits to extract natural flavors used to produce or blend liqueurs and spirits. Patron - Vogel

Failed

FHB254 Alcoholic beverage control; art instruction studio license. Creates the art instruction studio license. The bill defines art instruction studio, sets out the privileges of this new license, and specifies the annual state and local license tax

Patron - Lingamfelter

FHB423 Alcoholic beverage control; allow passengers to consume alcoholic beverages in a motor vehicle or boat operated by a common carrier. Allows passengers in motor vehicles or boats operated by a restricted common carrier or contract passenger carrier to consume alcoholic beverages. Under current law, passengers are permitted to consume alcoholic beverages only on a chartered boat.

Patron - Hope

FHB424 Alcoholic beverage control (ABC); distillers' licenses; tasting privileges; distillers' special event licenses. Creates a new distillers' special event license and sets tast privileges and state and local license taxes. The bill also grants to a distiller licensee the privilege to conduct tastings under certain circumstances. The bill provides that tasting events conducted in government stores established by the ABC Board on a distiller's licensed premises shall be without limitation of time of day, duration of tasting periods, or frequency of tastings poured per customer, provided no customer is served in violation of ABC law.

Patron - Minchew

FHB602 Providing alcohol to underage persons; local ordinance. Allows localities to adopt ordinances in conformity with current laws concerning providing alcohol to underage persons.

Patron - Head

EHB922 Alcoholic beverage control; special agents. Requires the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to adopt a regulation prohibiting ABC special agents from using or threatening to use deadly force in the arrest or detention of a person suspected of underage possession of alcohol, unless the agent has a reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury. *Patron - Toscano*

FHB1107 Alcoholic beverage control; gourmet brewing shop license; tasting privilege. Allows gourmet brewing shop licensees to give samples of the wine or beer products being sold by the licensees to their customers to whom alcoholic beverages may be sold for on-premises consumption in areas designated by the ABC Board. The bill provides that samples of wine shall not exceed two ounces per person and samples of beer shall not exceed four ounces per person

Patron - Hester

FSB169 Alcoholic beverage control; wineries; onpremises events. Allows winery licensees to host no more than 12 special events per calendar year on the premises of the licensee, during which the licensee may sell and serve wine for on-premises consumption in rooms or areas approved by the Board.

Patron - Stanley

ESB224 Alcoholic beverage control; certain licensees to provide information to consumer while on the premises of licensed retailers. Allows any winery, farm winery, or wine wholesaler licensee to provide to adult customers of licensed retail establishments information about wine being consumed on such premises.

Patron - Petersen

to provide information to consumer while on the premises of licensed retailers. Allows any winery, farm winery, or wine wholesaler licensee to provide to adult customers of licensed retail establishments information about wine being consumed on such premises.

Patron - Ebbin

IESB557 Alcoholic beverage control (ABC); distillers' licenses; tasting privileges; distillers' special event licenses. Creates a new distillers' special event license and sets its privileges and state and local license taxes. The bill also grants to a distiller licensee the privilege to conduct tastings under certain circumstances. The bill provides that tasting events conducted in government stores established by the ABC Board on a distiller's licensed premises shall be without limitation of time of day, duration of tasting periods, or frequency of tastings poured per customer, provided no customer is served in violation of ABC law.

Patron - Black

Carried Over

Alcoholic beverage control. Eliminates the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC) and replaces it with the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, created by the bill. The bill provides for the appointment of the board of directors of the Authority and the appointment by the board of directors of a chief executive officer of the Authority and sets eligibility requirements for appointment, including background checks. Among other things, the bill also (i) provides for the transfer of current ABC employees to the Authority, (ii) continues such employees' participation in the state health plan and

VRS, and (iii) sets out the powers and duties of the Authority and the chief executive officer. The bill contains numerous technical amendments. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2015.

Patron - Albo

laws; enforcement by the Department of State Police; penalty. Transfers the enforcement of alcoholic beverage control laws and certain tobacco laws from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to the Department of State Police. As a result, the positions of special agents of the ABC Board are eliminated; however, the bill provides for the transfer of the special agents to the Department of State police under certain circumstances. The bill contains technical amendments. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2015.

Patron - Cline

revocation of licenses; penalty. Gives the ABC Board, in case of violations by mixed beverage licensees involving the food-to-mixed-beverage ratio, the authority to (a) impose a civil penalty equal to 50 percent of the average gross revenue derived from mixed beverage sales, based on the same licensee's most recent Mixed Beverage Annual Review report, for the length of time of any license suspension that may be waived by the Board, and (b) require the same licensee to provide monthly reporting of food and mixed beverage sales to the Board, together with an audited report of food and mixed beverage sales for the following 12-month period. The bill contains a technical amendment.

Patron - Albo

CISB307 Alcoholic beverage control; composition of board. Changes the duties and compensation of the three-member Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. The bill provides that the chairman shall continue to serve full-time and receive a salary fixed by the General Assembly and redesignates the remaining two positions as part-time associate positions for which members shall receive per diem compensation. *Patron - Deeds*

icenses for applicant for mixed beverage restaurant licenses; penalty. Sets out a process for the issuance of a temporary license to applicants for a new mixed beverage restaurant license beginning July 1, 2014, as a condition of the issuance of an annual mixed beverage restaurant license. The bill also requires the ABC to adopt regulations for the imposition of sanctions for violations of the mixed beverage ratio and for not meeting the monthly food sale requirements in ABC Board regulations. The bill requires the ABC Board to report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services on the implementation of the bill by July 1, 2016. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - McEachin

Aviation

Passed

PHB1088 Capital Region Airport Commission. Updates the police power and bond-issuance provisions of the Commission.

Patron - Ingram

Failed

FHB647 Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Places limits and conditions on use of Commonwealth revenues to support Phase II of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

Patron - LaRock

Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Passed

PHB293 Determining facility of temporary detention. Provides that an individual for whom a temporary detention order is issued shall be detained in a state facility unless the state facility or an employee or designee of the community services board is able to identify an alternative facility that is able and willing to provide temporary detention. The bill also provides that under no circumstances shall a state facility fail or refuse to admit an individual who meets the criteria for temporary detention unless an alternative facility has agreed to accept the individual. The Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees on the implementation of the provisions of the bill. This bill incorporates HB 243. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PIHB323 Temporary detention order; transportation. Provides that a magistrate may specify any willing lawenforcement agency that has agreed to provide transportation to execute a temporary detention order and transport the person who is the subject of the order. Currently, the magistrate must specify the law-enforcement agency of the jurisdiction in which the person resides or, if the nearest boundary of the jurisdiction in which the person resides is more than 50 miles from the nearest boundary of the jurisdiction in which the person is located, the law-enforcement agency of the jurisdiction in which the person is located.

Patron - O'Bannon

□HB478 Emergency custody orders; duration; notification. Extends the time that a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order from four hours with a possible two-hour extension to eight hours. The bill also provides that a representative of the law-enforcement agency that takes the person into emergency custody or executes an emergency custody order must notify the local community services board as soon as practicable after the person is taken into custody or the order is executed. The bill also requires that a person who is the subject of an emergency custody order or temporary detention order be given a written summary of the procedures and statutory protections associated with such custody or detention. Finally, the bill directs the Governor's Mental Health Task Force to study issues associated with law enforcement's involvement in the admission process and make recommendations designed to reduce the burden on law-enforcement resources. This bill incorporates HB 242, HB 294, HB 583, and HB 621.

Patron - Villanueva

PHB540 Licensure of private behavioral health services providers. Clarifies provisions governing issuance of a

provisional license to a private provider by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, providing that a provisional license may be issued at any time when a provider is temporarily unable to comply with all licensing standards, and clarifies situations in which certain sanctions may be imposed upon a provider.

Patron - Hope

PHB574 Temporary detention; duration; mandatory outpatient treatment. Extends the period that a person may be held pursuant to a temporary detention order from 48 hours to 72 hours. The bill also provides that the community services board required to monitor a person who is the subject of a mandatory outpatient treatment order shall acknowledge receipt of the order within five business days. If the person's case is transferred to another jurisdiction, the community services board serving that jurisdiction shall acknowledge the transfer and receipt of the order within five business days. This bill is identical to SB 439.

Patron - Yost

PHB722 Location of methadone clinics near schools and day care centers; exemptions for existing facilities and providers. Provides that licensed providers of methadone treatment that are exempt from restrictions regarding proximity to a school or day care center do not retain the exemption when relocating an existing facility or establishing a new facility. The bill provides an exception to location requirements for certain facilities operated by a community services board and located in a city in Planning District 23. This bill is identical to SB 117.

Patron - McClellan

□HB743 Mental health; prohibition of firearms. Requires the district court judge or special justice to file any order from a commitment hearing for involuntary admission or involuntary outpatient treatment or any certification of voluntary admission subsequent to a temporary detention order with the district court clerk for the county or city where the hearing took place as soon as practicable but no later than the close of business on the next business day following the completion of the hearing. The bill also amends guardianship provisions to require that a copy of the court's findings that a person is incapacitated or has been restored to capacity or a copy of any order appointing a conservator or guardian shall be filed by the judge with the clerk of the circuit court for the county or city where the hearing took place as soon as practicable, but no later than the close of business on the next business day following the completion of the hearing. Current law does not specify in which county or city the copy shall be filed, nor does it provide a deadline. The bill also changes the deadline for a clerk to certify and forward to the Central Criminal Records Exchange a copy of any order adjudicating a person incapacitated, any order appointing a conservator or guardian, or any order of restoration of capacity to as soon as practicable, but no later than the close of business on the following day instead of the current requirement that a clerk perform these actions "forthwith." This bill is identical to SB 576. Patron - McClellan

PHB1172 Temporary detention; transfer. Establishes a procedure for transferring custody of a person who is the subject of a temporary detention order from one facility to another facility.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB1216 DBHDS; evaluate qualifications and training of individuals performing evaluations of individuals subject to emergency custody orders; report. Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

to review requirements for qualifications, training, and oversight of individuals designated by community services boards to perform evaluations of individuals subject to emergency custody orders and to make recommendations for changes to such requirements. The Department shall report its findings by December 1, 2014. This bill is identical to SB 261.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB 1222 Mental health information and training for first responders and others. Provides that the Secretary of Public Safety and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall encourage the dissemination of information about specialized training in evidence-based strategies to prevent and minimize mental health crises in all jurisdictions. The information shall be disseminated to law-enforcement personnel, other first responders, hospital emergency department personnel, school personnel, and other interested parties. Patron - Watts

PHB1232 Acute psychiatric bed registry; create. Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish an acute psychiatric bed registry that will provide real-time information on the availability of beds in public and private psychiatric facilities and residential crisis stabilization units for individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill incorporates HB 599.

Patron - Cline

PSB117 Location of methadone clinics near schools and day care centers; exemptions for existing facilities and providers. Provides that licensed providers of methadone treatment that are exempt from restrictions regarding proximity to a school or day care center do not retain the exemption when relocating an existing facility or establishing a new facility. The bill provides an exception to location requirements for certain facilities operated by and located with a community services board and located in a city in Planning District 23. This bill is identical to HB 722.

Patron - Watkins

PSB260 Emergency custody and temporary detention; duration; facility of temporary detention; acute psy**chiatric bed registry.** Extends the time that a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order from four hours with a possible two-hour extension to eight hours. The bill also provides that a representative of the law-enforcement agency that takes the person into emergency custody or executes an emergency custody order must notify the local community services board as soon as practicable after the person is taken into custody or the order is executed. The bill provides further that an individual for whom a temporary detention order is issued shall be detained in a state facility unless the state facility or an employee or designee of the community services board is able to identify an alternative facility that is able and willing to provide temporary detention. Under no circumstances shall a state facility fail or refuse to admit an individual who meets the criteria for temporary detention unless an alternative facility has agreed to accept the individual. The state facility and the local community services board may continue to look for an alternative facility for an additional four hours. The provisions of this bill allowing for this additional four-hour period expire on June 30, 2018. The bill also requires that a person who is the subject of an emergency custody order or temporary detention order be given a written summary of the procedures and statutory protections associated with such custody or detention. The bill also directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish an acute psychiatric bed registry that will provide real-time information on the availability of beds in public and private psychiatric facilities and residential

crisis stabilization units for individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention. The provisions of the bill establishing such registry are subject to an emergency clause. The Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees on the implementation of the provisions of the bill. Finally, the bill directs the Governor's Mental Health Task Force to study issues associated with law enforcement's involvement in the admission process and make recommendations designed to reduce the burden on law-enforcement resources. This bill incorporates SB 200, SB 263, SB 370, and SB 458. *Patron - Deeds*

PSB261 DBHDS; evaluate qualifications and training of individuals performing evaluations of individuals subject to emergency custody orders; report. Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to review requirements for qualifications, training, and oversight of individuals designated by community services boards to perform evaluations of individuals subject to emergency custody orders and to make recommendations for changes to such requirements. The Department shall report its findings by December 1, 2014. This bill is identical to HB 1216.

Patron - Deeds

PSB439 Temporary detention; duration; mandatory outpatient treatment. Extends the period that a person may be held pursuant to a temporary detention order from 48 hours to 72 hours. The bill also provides that the community services board required to monitor a person who is the subject of a mandatory outpatient treatment order shall acknowledge receipt of the order within five business days. If the person's case is transferred to another jurisdiction, the community services board serving that jurisdiction shall acknowledge the transfer and receipt of the order within five business days. This bill is identical to HB 574.

Patron - Barker

 ${f oxdot} {f SB576}$ Mental health; prohibition of firearms. Requires the district court judge or special justice to file any order from a commitment hearing for involuntary admission or involuntary outpatient treatment or any certification of voluntary admission subsequent to a temporary detention order with the district court clerk for the county or city where the hearing took place as soon as practicable but no later than the close of business on the next business day following the completion of the hearing. The bill also amends guardianship provisions to require that a copy of the court's findings that a person is incapacitated or has been restored to capacity or a copy of any order appointing a conservator or guardian shall be filed by the judge with the clerk of the circuit court for the county or city where the hearing took place as soon as practicable, but no later than the close of business on the next business day following the completion of the hearing. Current law does not specify in which county or city the copy shall be filed, nor does it provide a deadline. The bill also changes the deadline for a clerk to certify and forward to the Central Criminal Records Exchange a copy of any order adjudicating a person incapacitated, any order appointing a conservator or guardian, or any order of restoration of capacity to as soon as practicable, but no later than the close of business on the following day instead of the current requirement that a clerk perform these actions "forthwith." This bill is identical to HB 743.

Patron - McEachin

DSB627 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; training center residents; quality of care; disclosure. Requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to provide a training cen-

ter resident who is to be transferred to another training center or to community-based care with written certification that (i) the receiving training center or community-based option provides a quality of care that is comparable to that provided in the resident's current training center regarding medical, health, developmental, and behavioral care and safety and (ii) and all permissible placement options available have been disclosed to the resident. The bill also requires the Department to convene a work group of interested stakeholders to consider options for expanding the number of training centers that remain open, in whole or in part, in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Newman

PSJ47 Study; joint subcommittee to study the mental health services in the Commonwealth; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study mental health services in the Commonwealth in the 21st century. The joint subcommittee shall consist of 12 legislative members. Members shall be appointed as follows: five members of the Senate, of whom two shall be members of the Senate Committee on Education and Health. two shall be members of the Senate Committee on Finance. and one shall be a member at-large, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and seven members of the House of Delegates, of whom two shall be members of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions, two shall be members of the House Committee on Appropriations, and three shall be members at-large, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The joint subcommittee may appoint work groups to assist it with its work. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) review and coordinate with the work of the Governor's Task Force on Improving Mental Health Services and Crisis Response; (ii) review the laws of the Commonwealth governing the provision of mental health services, including involuntary commitment of persons in need of mental health care; (iii) assess the systems of publicly funded mental health services, including emergency, forensic, and long-term mental health care and the services provided by local and regional jails and juvenile detention facilities; (iv) identify gaps in services and the types of facilities and services that will be needed to serve the needs of the Commonwealth in the 21st century; (v) examine and incorporate the objectives of House Joint Resolution 240 (1996) and House Joint Resolution 225 (1998) into its study; (vi) review and consider the report The Behavioral Health Services Study Commission: A Study of Virginia's Publicly Funded Behavioral Health Services in the 21st Century; and (vii) recommend statutory or regulatory changes needed to improve access to services, the quality of services, and outcomes for individuals in need of services. In reviewing the need for facility beds at the community level, the joint subcommittee shall give consideration to whether the current fiscal incentives for expanding regional jail capacity should be eliminated and replaced with a new incentive for construction, renovation, or enlargement of community mental health facilities or programs, which may or may not be colocated with selected jails on a regional basis. The joint subcommittee shall consider the appropriate location of such facilities; cooperative arrangements with community services boards, behavioral health authorities, and public and private hospitals; licensing, staffing, and funding requirements; and the statutory and administrative arrangements for the governance of such facilities. The joint subcommittee shall give consideration to the development of such facilities or programs on a pilot basis. The joint subcommittee must submit its report to the Governor and the 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly. This bill incorporates SJR 16 and SB 301. Patron - Deeds

Failed

ers; notice to local governing body. Requires the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to notify the local governing body of a locality in which a provider has proposed or applied for an initial license or to modify a license of the proposal or application and to receive and consider comments submitted by the local governing body when making decisions regarding issuance of a license or modification.

Patron - Dance

FHB241 Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held. Provides that a person held pursuant to a temporary detention order shall be held for at least 24 hours but no more than 72 hours. Currently, a person may be held pursuant to a temporary detention order for up to 48 hours. Patron - Yost

EHB242 Emergency custody orders; duration; extension. Provides for a second two-hour extension of the time during which a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order. This bill was incorporated into HB 478. Patron - Yost

FHB243 Temporary detention order; facility of detention. Provides that in cases in which a facility for temporary detention has not been identified prior to the running of the time for emergency custody, the magistrate shall issue the temporary detention order if the person meets the criteria for temporary detention and the community services board certifies that it will continue to make good faith efforts to identify the facility of temporary detention until such time as a facility is identified or the temporary detention order expires for lack of execution. This bill was incorporated into HB 293. *Patron - Yost*

FHB294 Emergency custody order; extension. Provides that a magistrate shall order a second two-hour extension to an emergency custody order if good cause is shown to grant such an extension, provided the community services board submits to the magistrate a list of all facilities that were contacted by the board before the expiration of the first two-hour extension. Currently, an emergency custody order expires after four hours with the possibility of one two-hour extension being ordered by the magistrate upon good cause shown. Good cause for an extension includes the need for additional time to identify a suitable facility in which to temporarily detain the person subject to the emergency custody order or to complete a medical evaluation of such person. This bill was incorporated into HB 478.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

EHB479 Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held. Provides that a person held pursuant to a temporary detention order shall be held for at least 24 hours but no more than 72 hours. Currently, a person may be held pursuant to a temporary detention order for up to 48 hours. Patron - Villanueva

EHB583 Emergency custody orders; duration; extension. Provides for a second two-hour extension of the time during which a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order upon a finding by the magistrate that the person continues to meet the criteria for emergency custody and the second two-hour extension is necessary to identify a

suitable facility for temporary detention. This bill was incorporated into HB 478.

Patron - O'Bannon

FHB592 Prevent the closure of all training centers in the Commonwealth. Provides that all training centers in the Commonwealth shall remain open and continue to accept new patients, despite the plan of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to close all training centers.

Patron - O'Quinn

EHB599 DBHDS; develop a plan for a psychiatric bed registry. Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to develop a plan for a registry of beds for individuals in need of emergency, voluntary, or involuntary mental health care in the Commonwealth and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2014. This bill was incorporated into HB 1232.

Patron - Herring

FHB621 Emergency custody orders; extensions. Provides for successive two-hour extensions of an emergency custody order, up to a maximum of 48 hours total. This bill was incorporated into HB 478.

Patron - Mason

FHB637 Involuntary commitment; special justice and attorney fees. Increases the fee paid to special justices for hearings for involuntary commitment from \$86.25 to \$150 and for certification hearings and orders for judicial authorization of treatment from \$43.25 to \$75 and increases fees paid to attorneys appointed in involuntary commitment from \$75 to \$120 and for guardianship cases from \$43.25 to \$75. Patron - Campbell

FHB832 Communication and cooperation among law enforcement and behavioral health services providers; study; report. Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to convene a work group to study communication and cooperation among law enforcement and behavioral health services providers and to provide recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2014.

Patron - Keam

FHB1125 Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held. Provides that a person held pursuant to a temporary detention order shall be held for at least 24 hours but no more than 72 hours. Currently, a person may be held pursuant to a temporary detention order for up to 48 hours. Patron - Ingram

ESB115 Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held. Provides that a person held pursuant to a temporary detention order shall be held for at least 24 hours but no more than 72 hours. Currently, a person may be held pursuant to a temporary detention order for up to 48 hours. This bill incorporates SB 424.

Patron - Barker

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish an acute psychiatric bed registry that will provide real-time information on the availability of beds in public and private psychiatric facilities and residential crisis stabilization units for individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention.

Patron - Newman

Developmental Services; training center residents; quality of care. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to ensure that, before any training center resident is transferred to another facility or placed in community-based care, adequate resources are in place to guarantee the receiving facility provides quality of care equal to or better than that of the resident's current training center.

Patron - Newman

ESB193 Emergency custody; time limit. Extends the time that a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order to 24 hours. Currently, a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order for up to four hours, with an additional two-hour extension available upon a finding by a magistrate that good cause exists for an extension. *Patron - Black*

ESB200 Temporary detention order; facility of detention. Provides that in cases in which a facility for temporary detention has not been identified prior to the running of the time for emergency custody, the magistrate shall issue the temporary detention order if the person meets the criteria for temporary detention and the community services board certifies that it will continue to make good faith efforts to identify the facility of temporary detention until such time as a facility is identified or the temporary detention order expires for lack of execution.

Patron - Howell

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish an acute psychiatric bed registry that will provide real-time information on the availability of beds in public and private psychiatric facilities and residential crisis stabilization units for individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention.

Patron - Deeds

ESB370 Emergency custody and temporary detention. Extends the time that a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order to 12 hours. Currently, a person may be held for up to four hours, with an additional two-hour extension available upon a finding by a magistrate that good cause exists for an extension. The bill also provides that an individual for whom a temporary detention order is issued shall be detained in a state facility unless the state facility or an employee or designee of the community services board is able to identify an alternative facility that is able and willing to provide temporary detention.

FSB424 Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held. Provides that a person held pursuant to a temporary detention order shall be held for at least 24 hours but no more than 72 hours. Currently, a person may be held pursuant to a temporary detention order for up to 48 hours. This bill was incorporated into SB 115.

Patron - Hanger

Patron - Favola

ESB458 Facility of temporary detention. Provides that an individual for whom a temporary detention order is issued shall be detained in a state facility unless the state facility or an employee or designee of the community services board is able to identify an alternative facility that is able and willing to provide temporary detention.

Patron - Barker

ESB655 Involuntary commitment; appeal of order. Provides that upon a finding by the circuit court that the appel-

lant no longer meets the criteria for involuntary commitment (or mandatory outpatient treatment), the court shall reverse the order of the district court but shall not dismiss the Commonwealth's petition.

Patron - Obenshain

Carried Over

CSB455 Emergency custody orders; duration; extension. Provides for a second two-hour extension of the time during which a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order upon a finding by the magistrate that the person continues to meet the criteria for emergency custody and the second two-hour extension is necessary to identify a suitable facility for temporary detention.

Patron - Obenshain

Civil Remedies and Procedure

Passed

PHB130 Civil immunity for members of or health care professional consultants to certain boards or committees. Extends civil liability protection to members of, or consultants to, boards or committees established (i) under the requirements of a national accrediting organization granted authority by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or (ii) pursuant to guidelines approved or adopted by statewide or local associations representing licensed health care providers for acts or omissions done in the performance of their duties as members of, or consultants to, such boards or committees. Under current law, the board or committee may only be established pursuant to federal or state law or to Joint Commission on Accreditation Healthcare Organization requirements. This bill is identical to SB 253.

Patron - Minchew

PHB191 Expert witness testimony; chiropractor; physician assistant. Allows a properly qualified physician assistant to testify as an expert witness in a court of law on certain matters within the scope of his activities as authorized under Virginia law, except in any medical malpractice action for or against (i) a defendant doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine regarding standard of care or (ii) a defendant health care provider regarding causation. The bill also adds "treatment" and "treatment plan" to those matters about which a chiropractor may testify as an expert witness. This bill is identical to SB 185.

Patron - Minchew

PHB233 How name of person may be changed; sex offenders; probationers; incarcerated persons. Establishes procedures for name change applications from probationers, persons required to register as sex offenders, and incarcerated persons. The court is required to send a copy of the application to certain attorneys for the Commonwealth and to conduct a hearing. The court may order a change of name if the court determines that it would not frustrate a legitimate law-enforcement purpose, is not sought for a fraudulent purpose, and would not otherwise infringe on the rights of others. An order granting a change of name that fails to comport with the statutory requirements is void ad initio, and the attorney for the Commonwealth for the jurisdiction where the application was

filed has the authority to bring an independent action to have the order declared void. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

HB301 Admissibility of business records. Provides that in any civil proceeding the authentication and foundation necessary for the admission of a business record under the business records exception to the rule against hearsay may be laid by witness testimony, a certificate of authenticity of and foundation for the record made by the record's custodian or another qualified witness, or a combination of testimony and a certification. The bill also provides that the proponent of the record must give written notice to all other parties no later than 15 days in advance of the trial or hearing if a certification will be relied on for the admission of such record and provide a copy of the record and certification to all other parties. If any party objects to the use of the certification, the authentication and foundation necessary for the admission of the record must be made by witness testimony. This bill as introduced was a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.

Patron - Loupassi

PHB312 Action for rescission of a deed or other instrument on grounds of undue influence; attorney fees. Provides that in any civil action to rescind a deed, contract, or other instrument, the plaintiff may be awarded reasonable attorney fees and costs associated with bringing such action where the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the instrument was obtained by fraud or undue influence on the part of the defendant.

Patron - Toscano

general receivers for direct out-of-pocket expenses when carrying out order of the court. Provides for payment of \$50 to a general receiver for conducting a hearing to ascertain the identity or location of trust fund beneficiaries and \$50 per hour for an appearance in court. The bill also provides that when direct out-of-pocket expenses are necessary to carry out an order of the court, a general receiver may receive reimbursement for such expenses as the court deems reasonable. The bill also clarifies that compensation retained by a general receiver derives from moneys received and held under his duties. Patron - Chafin

PHB393 Judgment payment required to be noted by creditor; penalty. Provides that payment by a debtor shall be entered on the judgment docket by the creditor within 90 days of payment of a judgment or within 10 days of being notified of satisfaction. The bill also provides that the judgment creditor shall be liable for a fine of \$100 as well as the cost of releasing the judgment if he fails to enter such payment under such terms. Under current law, the judgment creditor is only subject to a \$50 fine for failure to enter judgment within 10 days after receiving notice of satisfaction.

Patron - Chafin

PHB596 Summons for unlawful detainer issued by magistrate or clerk or judge of a general district court; amendment of amount due. Provides that when a defendant does not make an appearance in an unlawful detainer hearing, upon request by the plaintiff and a determination by the court as to the accuracy of the amount due and that the summons served upon the defendant requests judgment for all amounts due as of the date of the hearing, the court shall permit amendment of the amount requested on the summons for unlawful detainer filed in court and shall enter a judgment for such amount due as of the date of the hearing.

Patron - Miller

PHB607 Clerk; recordation; marginal release. Removes the requirements that the clerk of the circuit court make recordings in the margins of pages in record books to accommodate the use of electronic filing databases by circuit court clerks.

Patron - Robinson

PHB952 Protection of confidential information in court files. Provides that whenever a party in a civil action files a motion or other document with a court containing a social security number or other identification numbers on driver's licenses, credit cards, debit cards, bank accounts, or other electronic billing and payment systems, such party shall make reasonable efforts to redact all but the last four digits of such number. The bill also provides that failure to redact such information does not create private cause of action against the party or lawyer who filed the document or any court personnel, clerk, or other employees who received the document for filing. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.

Patron - Cline

PHB969 Statute of limitations; damage to property; actions by the Commonwealth. Provides for a statute of limitations of five years for actions for injury to property brought by the Commonwealth against a tort-feasor for expenses arising out of the negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Patron - Cline

PHB 1038 Certain rules prescribed by district courts; dismissal with prejudice. Provides that no civil matter shall be dismissed with prejudice by any district or circuit court for failure to comply with any rule prescribed by that district or circuit court concerning proper order and decorum and the safe use of courthouse facilities and clerks' offices.

Patron - Joannou

PHB1039 Jury trial of right; demand; compliance with the Rules of Supreme Court. Provides that unless waived, any demand for a trial by jury in a civil case made in compliance with the Rules of Supreme Court of Virginia shall be sufficient, without further notice or order, to proceed with trial by a jury. The bill also reduces from \$100 to \$20 the minimum dollar amount necessarily sought in order for the whole matter to be heard by the court absent a waiver of a jury trial. Patron - Joannou

PHB1041 Nonsuits; tolling. Highlights that when a voluntary nonsuit is taken in a civil case, the statute of limitations with respect to the cause of action in the case is tolled and the nonsuiting party may recommence his action within six months from the date the nonsuit is taken or within the original limitations period, whichever is longer. Patron - Joannou

PHB1157 Persons liable to serve as jurors. Provides that, for purposes of determining whether a person is liable to serve as a juror, military personnel of the United States Marine Corps and Coast Guard are not considered residents of the Commonwealth merely by reason of being stationed in the Commonwealth. Members of the United States Army, Air Force, and Navy are likewise not considered Commonwealth residents under current law.

Patron - Leftwich

PHB1248 911 emergency service call records as evidence. Provides that recordings and records of 911 emergency service calls shall be deemed authentic transcriptions or recordings of the original statements if they are accompanied by a certificate that authenticates them as true copies and the

certificate contains the date and time of the incoming call and, if available, the incoming phone number.

Patron - Surovell

PSB185 Expert witness testimony; chiropractor; physician assistant. Allows a properly qualified physician assistant to testify as an expert witness in a court of law on certain matters within the scope of his activities as authorized under Virginia law, except in any medical malpractice action for or against (i) a defendant doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine regarding standard of care or (ii) a defendant health care provider regarding causation. The bill also adds "treatment" and "treatment plan" to those matters about which a chiropractor may testify as an expert witness. This bill is identical to HB 191.

Patron - Stuart

PSB194 Date of valuation; inverse condemnation proceeding. Provides that the "date of valuation" of property in an inverse condemnation proceeding is the date determined by the court to be the date the property was taken or damaged. *Patron - Black*

PSB229 Injunctions; objection to petition for review. Requires an aggrieved party that files a petition for review of the granting or denial of an injunction with the Virginia Supreme Court or Court of Appeals to serve a copy of the petition for review on the counsel for the opposing party. The bill allows the opposing party seven days after service within which to submit its opposition to the petition, unless the court determines a shorter time frame.

Patron - Petersen

PSB230 Judgment on affidavit in action upon contract or note; grounds for dismissal. Provides that in an action upon a contract or note for which the plaintiff is entitled to judgment on an affidavit the plaintiff shall be entitled to a continuance in the event of a defect in the affidavit.

Patron - Petersen

PSB253 Civil immunity for members of or health care professional consultants to certain boards or committees. Extends civil liability protection to members of, or consultants to, boards or committees established (i) under the requirements of a national accrediting organization granted authority by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or (ii) pursuant to guidelines approved or adopted by statewide or local associations representing licensed health care providers for acts or omissions done in the performance of their duties as members of, or consultants to, such boards or committees. Under current law, the board or committee may only be established pursuant to federal or state law or to Joint Commission on Accreditation Healthcare Organization requirements. This bill is identical to HB 130. Patron - McDougle

PJSB473 Foreign judgments. Replaces the Uniform Foreign Country Money-Judgments Recognition Act enacted in Virginia in 1990 with the version approved by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2005, which has been adopted in 18 states and the District of Columbia. Both versions provide for recognition and enforcement of foreign-country judgments in a United States state court. Judgments on taxes, fines, or criminal-like penalties and judgments relating to domestic relations are not covered by the Act. The Act provides that a foreign-country judgment will not be recognized if it comes from a court system that is not impartial or that dishonors due process, or when there is no personal jurisdiction over the defendant or over the subject matter of the litigation. The 2005 Act clarifies that a judgment entitled to full

faith and credit under the United States Constitution is not enforceable under this Act and expressly provides that a party seeking recognition of a foreign-country judgment has the burden to prove that the judgment is subject to the Uniform Act. The Act imposes the burden of proof for establishing a specific ground for nonrecognition upon the party raising it, addresses the specific procedure for seeking enforcement, and provides a statute of limitations on enforcement of a foreign-country judgment.

Patron - Obenshain

PSB624 Emergency care; school board employees. Provides that employees of a school board or a local health department approved by the local governing body to provide health services that render certain acts of emergency care, including emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), or use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), shall not be liable for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions on the part of such employee while engaged in such acts of emergency care.

Patron - Newman

Failed

of care. Prohibits medical malpractice proceedings; standard of care. Prohibits medical malpractice claimants from relying solely upon insurer or federal practice guidelines or reimbursement criteria to establish or define standard of care without expert testimony. The bill also provides that compliance with such guidelines, without competent expert testimony, shall not establish a health care provider's compliance with the standard of care owed by the health care provider to a patient. Patron - Hope

that the period of limitations for filing a cause of action for injury resulting from implanted medical devices, toxic exposure, or prescribed or over-the-counter medications accrues from the time the person knew or should have known of the injury and its causal connection to such device, substance, or medication. The bill is a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.

Patron - Habeeb

FHB188 Appointment of jury commissioners and selection of jurors; selection of jurors to be placed on master jury list. Allows the chief judge of each circuit court to designate circuit court personnel to select and determine jurors to be placed on a master jury list, thereby eliminating the need for jury commissioners.

Patron - Knight

that whenever a judgment confessed is set aside or modified pursuant to a motion by the judgment debtor, the subsequent case placed on the court's docket shall be considered a continuation of the original confession of judgment proceeding, and no additional fee shall be charged for the docketing of the case.

Patron - Surovell

interlocutory orders; opposition to petition for review. Makes various changes to procedures governing the expedited review of orders concerning injunctions, including allowing expedited review to be used for final orders, in addition to interlocutory orders; deleting the language specifying that a

petition for review be reviewed by a "single Justice or Judge"; and allowing the opposing party to file an opposition to a petition for review. This bill is a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.

Patron - Loupassi

□HB325 Right to privacy in electronic communications; civil action. Provides that a person has a right to privacy in the content and metadata of the person's electronic communications, including emails, text messages, telephone calls, location data, mobile or cellular phone signals, or other forms of electronic communications. A person may maintain a civil action for the unauthorized use of a digital image or profile generated through the aggregation or analysis of the content or metadata of his electronic communications for advertising purposes or for the purposes of trade. The bill also creates a civil cause of action for a person whose transmissions of messages, data, signals, or other communications made through the Internet and other electronic service providers that are not intended for public disclosure have been intercepted, monitored, examined, or otherwise accessed without lawful authority against the person who intercepted, monitored, examined, or otherwise accessed such transmissions and any person who facilitated or allowed such interception, monitoring, examination, or access. Patron - Marshall, R.G.

EHB398 Statutes of limitation; accrual. Provides that in civil actions to recover for damage to property or injury to person, if the injury was not reasonably discoverable on the date it was sustained, the statute of limitations does not begin to run until the date that injury was discovered or should have been discovered. Under current law, in most cases the limitations period begins to run from the date the injury was sustained. No change is made to the law governing limitations periods in medical malpractice cases. Patron - Fariss

FHB490 Health care providers; electronic medical records; metadata. Requires health care providers, upon request of a patient or the patient's attorney, to provide the patient with the metadata of the patient's electronic medical record. The bill defines "metadata" for the purposes of this provision.

Patron - Albo

FHB615 Audio-visual deposition; uses. Prohibits an attorney authorized to practice before a court in the Commonwealth from posting or releasing to the Internet any portion of a video deposition without the written permission of the individual being deposed.

Patron - Miller

FHB718 Personal action for injury to person; malpractice against health care provider; failure to report diagnosis of cancer. Provides that where negligence for a delay in communicating to a patient the interpretation of an imaging or diagnostic test or study in a malpractice claim against a health care provider who ordered such test or study that was interpreted to reveal a diagnosis of a malignant tumor or cancer, the normal two-year statute of limitations is extended for a period of one year from the date the diagnosis of a malignant tumor or cancer is communicated to the patient by a health care provider.

Patron - McClellan

EHB731 Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act; liability for employment discrimination. Provides that when an employee is discriminated against in the terms and conditions of employment in whole or in part because of lawful acts done in furtherance of an action under the Virginia Fraud Against

Taxpayers Act, or because of other efforts to stop a violation of the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act, joint and several liability shall extend to the officer or agent of the Commonwealth responsible for the adverse employment action. Patron - Lingamfelter

THB938 Persons liable to serve as jurors. Provides that, for purposes of determining whether a person is liable to serve as a juror, military personnel of the United States Marine Corps and Coast Guard are not considered residents of the Commonwealth merely by reason of being stationed in the Commonwealth. Members of the United States Army, Air Force, and Navy are likewise not considered Commonwealth residents under current law.

Patron - Surovell

ESB232 Service of process on domestic corporations. Allows process on a Virginia corporation to be served on its registered agent by posting a copy of the process on the front door or main entrance of the corporation's registered office. Patron - Petersen

ESB233 Prejudgment interest on awards; insurer denial of coverage or liability. Requires an insurer to pay interest on the principal sum awarded by the court at the judgment rate from the date of the filing of a civil action that is instituted by an insured against his insurer, or by a third party asserting a claim against an insured covered by an insurer under a liability insurance policy, when the action is instituted after the insurer has denied coverage or liability.

Patron - Petersen

ESB409 Response to claims. Requires the Division of Risk Management or a transportation district to acknowledge claims within 30 days and resolve claims within 60 days. The bill places the same requirements on VDOT for claims less than \$1,000 and provides that such claims serve as a report of the condition of the highway.

Patron - McWaters

Carried Over

and the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court of Virginia and the Court of Appeals of Virginia; filing of an appendix by CD-ROM. Permits the parties to an appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia or the Court of Appeals of Virginia, in lieu of the filing of any tangible copies of an appendix, to file the same by CD-ROM or such other digital or electronic format permitted under the Rules of Supreme Court of Virginia.

Patron - Albo

Civil action for unlawful dissemination or sale of images of another. Provides for a civil cause of action for the dissemination or sale of images depicting another person who is totally nude, in a state of undress, or engaged in sexual conduct where such person knows or has reason to know that he is not licensed or privileged to do so and the person depicted suffers substantial emotional distress.

Patron - Simon

The HB1073 Unauthorized dissemination, etc., of criminal history record information; civil action. Creates a civil action against any person who disseminates, publishes, maintains, or causes to be disseminated, published, or maintained any criminal history record information pertaining to an individual's charge or arrest for a criminal offense more than 120 days after confirmation by the State Police to the individual that such information has been expunged. Such person will be

liable to the person who is the subject of the information for actual damages or \$500, whichever is greater, in addition to reasonable attorney fees and costs. A person is not liable, however, if the dissemination, publication, or maintenance of such information was not prohibited at the time of such action. *Patron - Loupassi*

bers. Requires a person serving process; social security numbers. Requires a person serving process to redact a party's social security number from any writing, process, or attached pleading before service of process is effected on the party by any method other than delivering a copy to the party in writing and in person. The bill also requires a person serving process to make an attempt at personal service prior to effectuating any method of substituted service.

Patron - Cole

CSB395 Personal action for injury to person; malpractice against health care provider; failure to report diagnosis of cancer. Provides that where negligence for a delay in communicating to a patient the interpretation of an imaging or diagnostic test or study in a malpractice claim against a health care provider who ordered such test or study that was interpreted to reveal a diagnosis of a malignant tumor or cancer, the normal two-year statute of limitations is extended for a period of one year from the date the diagnosis of a malignant tumor or cancer is communicated to the patient by a health care provider.

Patron - Vogel

CSB635 Possession and administration of epinephrine. Authorizes any employee of a licensed restaurant, summer camp, or campground to possess and administer epinephrine, provided such employee is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine. The bill also requires the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Department of Health Professions, to develop policies and guidelines for the recognition and treatment of anaphylaxis in restaurants, campgrounds, and summer camps.

Patron - Hanger

Commonwealth Public Safety

Passed

PHB235 Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act; solicitation of prostitution; pandering; minors. Amends the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act to add solicitation of prostitution from a minor and pandering involving a minor. The bill also provides that a person who engages in pandering involving a minor is guilty of a Class 4 felony. This bill is identical to SB 454. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB280 False advertising for regulated services; notice; penalty. Prohibits persons from placing advertisements for services in the Commonwealth requiring a license, certification, or registration through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services unless the individual who will perform such services possesses the necessary license, certification, or registration at the time of the posting. Violations of this provision constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor and a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The bill also provides that whenever the Criminal Justice Services Board receives information that an advertisement has been placed for services to be performed by a person lacking the necessary license, cer-

tification, or registration, the Board shall provide notice to the entity publishing the advertisement to the public. *Patron - Albo*

Committee; membership. Provides that the positions on the Scientific Advisory Committee that are required to be filled by members of the Board of the International Association for Identification and the Board of the Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners may be filled by persons who are on the respective boards when initially appointed. Current law requires that the appointees be board members throughout their terms. This bill is identical to SB 342.

Patron - Morris

PHB561 Fire Services Board; meetings. Requires the Fire Services Board to meet no more than six times per year. This bill is identical to SB 282.

Patron - Bulova

PHB563 Virginia Center for School Safety; name change. Changes the name of the Virginia Center for School Safety to the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. This bill is identical to SB 390.

Patron - Hodges

PHB609 Department of Criminal Justice Services; private security services businesses; exemption from training. Provides that the Department of Criminal Justice Services may grant a full exemption from compulsory training for certain persons employed by private security services businesses if such persons have already received training that meets or exceeds the minimum standards approved by the Department. Currently, the Department may only grant a partial exemption from compulsory training.

Patron - Robinson

PHB861 Definition of criminal justice agency; Department of Criminal Justice Services. Specifies that the Department of Criminal Justice Services is a criminal justice agency.

Patron - Miller

PHB897 Private security services businesses; exception for certified public accountants. Provides that a certified public accountant (CPA) authorized to practice in the Commonwealth and his employees are excepted from the licensing, certification, and training requirements for private security services businesses. Currently, CPAs who are licensed to practice in the Commonwealth are excepted from these requirements, but other CPAs who are authorized to practice in the Commonwealth, i.e., out-of-state license holders, are not. Patron - Peace

PHB 1002 Committee on Training within the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Increases the membership of the Committee on Training within the Department of Criminal Justice Services from 14 to 15 by the addition of the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice. This bill is identical to SB 391.

Patron - Head

PHB1049 Independent criminal justice academies; fee. Changes the date by which a locality must have been operating a certified independent criminal justice academy from July 1, 2010, to July 1, 2012, to allow certain localities to charge a fee for operating their criminal justice academies. This bill is identical to SB 597.

Patron - Helsel

PHB1187 Virginia Center for School Safety; bullying. Requires the Virginia Center for School Safety to use the definition of bullying found in § 22.1-276.01 of the Code of Virginia for purposes of training on evidence-based antibullying tactics and providing information to school divisions regarding school safety concerns.

Patron - McClellan

PHB1251 Sex offenders; reregistration; name change. Provides that a person required to register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry must reregister in person with the local law-enforcement agency within three days following a change of the person's name and that a person who is incarcerated or civilly committed must notify the Registry within three days following a name change. Currently, there is no time specified for when such person has to reregister. The bill also requires that the information contained in the Registry must include any former name of a person required to register if he has lawfully changed his name during the period for which he is required to register. Persons required to register who have changed their name prior to July 1, 2014, who have not already reregistered following their name change, must register within three days of July 1, 2014.

Patron - Ramadan

PSB85 Department of Criminal Justice Services; private security services businesses; exemption from training for certain central dispatchers. Provides that central station dispatchers employed by a central station that is certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory are exempt from training requirements established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The bill defines "Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory" as the designation given by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration to a private sector testing facility that provides product safety testing and certification services.

Patron - Watkins

Allows the Virginia Fire Services Board; meetings. Allows the Virginia Fire Services Board to meet two additional times per calendar year for a total of six meetings. Under current law, the Board is limited to meeting no more than four times per calendar year. This bill is identical to HB 561. Patron - Cosgrove

PSB342 Forensic Science Board; Scientific Advisory Committee; membership. Provides that the positions on the Scientific Advisory Committee that are required to be filled by members of the Board of the International Association for Identification and the Board of the Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners may be filled by persons who are on the respective boards when initially appointed. Current law requires that the appointees be board members throughout their terms. This bill is identical to HB 517.

Patron - McDougle

PSB390 Virginia Center for School Safety; name change. Changes the name of the Virginia Center for School Safety to the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. This bill is identical to HB 563.

Patron - Howell

PSB391 Committee on Training within the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Increases the membership of the Committee on Training within the Department of Criminal Justice Services from 14 to 15 by the addition of the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice. This bill is identical to HB 1002.

Patron - Vogel

PSB454 Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act; solicitation of prostitution; pandering; minors. Amends the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act to add solicitation of prostitution from a minor and pandering involving a minor. The bill also provides that a person who engages in pandering involving a minor is guilty of a Class 4 felony. This bill is identical to HB 235. Patron - Obenshain

PSB537 Offenses requiring registration; withdrawal of plea by certain defendants. Provides that prior to conviction for an offense requiring registration on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry due to the minority, physical helplessness, or mental incapacity of the victim, when the indictment, warrant, or information does not allege that the victim of the offense was a minor, physically helpless, or mentally incapacitated, the court shall determine whether the victim was a minor, physically helpless, or mentally incapacitated. The bill also provides that when the court is required to make such determination, it shall advise the defendant of his right to make a motion to withdraw a plea of guilty or nolo contendere. If the court grants the defendant's motion to withdraw his plea, the case shall be heard by another judge unless the parties agree otherwise. The bill further provides that failure to make a determination as to the minority, physical helplessness, or mental incapacity of the victim or so advise the defendant of

Patron - Norment

wise invalidate the conviction.

PSB592 Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program. Allows Court-Appointed Special Advocate volunteer appointments to continue for youth ages 18 and older who are in foster care when the juvenile court has retained jurisdiction and the judge determines such services are appropriate.

his right to make a motion to withdraw his plea does not other-

Patron - Marsden

PSB597 Independent criminal justice academies; fee. Changes the date by which a locality must have been operating a certified independent criminal justice academy from July 1, 2010, to July 1, 2012, to allow certain localities to charge a fee for operating their criminal justice academies. This bill is identical to HB 1049.

Patron - Locke

PSB654 Department of Criminal Justice Services; human trafficking policy. Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to publish and disseminate a model policy or guideline for law-enforcement personnel involved in criminal investigations or assigned to vehicle or street patrol duties to ensure that law-enforcement personnel are sensitive to and aware of human trafficking offenses and the identification of victims of human trafficking offenses.

Patron - Obenshain

PSB658 Inventory of physical evidence recovery kits. Requires all local and state law-enforcement agencies to report

Requires all local and state law-enforcement agencies to report an inventory of all physical evidence recovery kits in their custody that may contain biological evidence that were collected but not submitted to the Department of Forensic Science for analysis prior to July 1, 2014. The Department shall establish the form of and timeline for such inventory, receive the reports from the law-enforcement agencies, and report the results of the inventory to the General Assembly by July 1, 2015. The bill does not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of the bill is included in the general appropriation act passed in 2014 by the General Assembly that becomes law.

Patron - Black

Failed

FHB195 Supplement to the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry (Robby's Rule). Requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish and maintain a supplement to the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry that would include the names of persons who have committed offenses that would require registration if the offense occurred today, but who are not otherwise required to register. Any attorney for the Commonwealth or law-enforcement officer may submit a request to the Department of State Police to include a person on the supplement to the Registry. Upon receipt of a request, the Department of State Police must confirm whether the person should be included on the supplement to the Registry.

Patron - Ramadan

EHB327 Law-Enforcement Officers Procedural Guarantee Act; definition of law-enforcement officer. Adds certain employees of the Department of Corrections to the definition of "law-enforcement officer" for purposes of the Law-Enforcement Officers Procedural Guarantee Act. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Surovell

Training Grant Fund. Establishes the Active Shooter Local Law-Enforcement Training Grant Fund. Establishes the Active Shooter Local Law-Enforcement Training Grant Fund (the Fund) to be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Criteria shall be established for making grants from the Fund, including procedures for determining the amount of a grant and the required local match, if any. The Fund is intended to assist localities with smaller populations and fewer resources at their disposal to provide training to their law-enforcement officers in order to prepare for and more effectively respond to active shooter situations.

Patron - Webert

EHB523 Registration of juveniles; petition for removal from registry. Requires juveniles adjudicated delinquent of rape, forcible sodomy, or object sexual penetration to register on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry. The bill also provides a procedure for removal of the name of a person who was adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile from the Registry.

Patron - Albo

FHB595 Department of Criminal Justice Services; human trafficking policy. Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish compulsory training standards and publish and disseminate a model policy or guideline for law-enforcement personnel involved in criminal investigations or assigned to vehicle or street patrol duties to ensure that law-enforcement personnel are sensitive to and aware of human trafficking offenses and the identification of victims of human trafficking offenses.

Patron - BaCote

EHB860 Definition of criminal justice agency; Department of Criminal Justice Services. Specifies that the Department of Criminal Justice Services is a criminal justice agency.

Patron - Miller

FHB1174 Firearms training standard; auxiliary police officers. Provides that the minimum training standards for auxiliary police officers employed by any local or state government agency established by the Department of Criminal

Justice Services shall include optional firearms training requirements in accordance with the specific requirements of any such agency.

Patron - Comstock

Creates a Line of Duty Death and Health Benefits Fund and provides for the funding of Line of Duty claims. The bill also establishes an advisory review board to assist the Comptroller in the review of claims involving a claimant who has not received a disability determination from the Virginia Retirement System, Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation Commission, or any recognized retirement system or who is, as of the time the claim for benefits had been filed, working in an alternative position.

Patron - Sickles

ESB493 Line of Duty Act; funding and review. Creates a Line of Duty Death and Health Benefits Fund and provides for the funding of Line of Duty claims. The bill also establishes an advisory review board to assist the Comptroller in the review of claims involving a claimant who has not received a disability determination from the Virginia Retirement System, Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation Commission, or any recognized retirement system or who is, as of the time the claim for benefits had been filed, working in an alternative position. This bill was incorporated in to SB 289.

Patron - Puckett

Carried Over

 ${}^{\hbox{$rac{C}{ }}} HB1$ Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; joint subcommittee. Increases the maximum amount of covered expenses that may be paid to certain crime victims to \$30,000 from \$25,000 and the maximum amount of an emergency award to \$3,000 from \$2,000. The bill requires the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees to appoint a joint subcommittee of the membership of such committees to consider the administration, provision and funding of sexual and domestic violence services in the Commonwealth. The joint subcommittee will examine current grant funding structures at state agencies for federal and state funds used to support sexual and domestic violence service agencies and will review the grant applications, administration, and reporting processes required of local sexual and domestic violence agencies and may recommend a comprehensive and streamlined grant funding process for a more efficient funding structure to best serve the victims of sexual and domestic violence while ensuring compliance with federal requirements, including the possible administration of such structure at the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

Patron - Comstock

CSB289 Line of Duty Act; funding and review. Creates a Line of Duty Death and Health Benefits Fund and provides for the funding of Line of Duty claims. The bill also establishes an advisory review board to assist the Comptroller in the review of claims involving a claimant who has not received a disability determination from the Virginia Retirement System, Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation Commission, or any recognized retirement system or who is, as of the time the claim for benefits had been filed, working in an alternative position. This bill incorporates SB 493.

Patron - Carrico

CISB451 Definition of law-enforcement officer; municipal park rangers. Adds sworn municipal park rangers who are conservators of the peace to the definition of law-enforcement officer.

Patron - Norment

CSB553 Sex Offender Registry; notification of laws. Requires the Attorney General to annually prepare a pamphlet listing and summarizing laws containing requirements and prohibitions relevant to persons required to register as sex offenders and communicate the pamphlet to the State Police and the Department of Corrections. The bill requires the State Police to (i) publish the pamphlet on its website and (ii) annually distribute the pamphlet to persons required to register as sex offenders unless the person is under the control of the Department of Corrections or community supervision, in which case the Department of Corrections must distribute the pamphlet. Patron - Marsden

Conservation

Passed

PHB856 Hazardous waste permit. Removes the requirement that a permit is required from the Department of Environmental Quality to transport hazardous waste. The federal government currently regulates the transporting of hazardous waste.

Patron - Fariss

Department of Forestry to promulgate emergency regulations to establish a special use permit fee for activities taking place in state forests. Until the regulations become effective, a fee not to exceed \$15 shall be charged for a special use permit for five specific activities: hunting, fishing, trapping, riding bikes, and riding horses. Currently, the Department can charge a fee for these specific activities but does not have the flexibility to include other types of forest-based recreational activities. The bill would allow the Department to use the regulatory process to include additional activities authorized under the special use permit, without having to amend the statutory authorization. Patron - Fariss

PHB968 Purchasers of brownfield properties. Changes the definition of the "bona fide prospective purchaser" of brownfield property to include not only the person who acquires or proposes to acquire ownership of a brownfield property but also the tenant of such person. The bill conforms Virginia's definition with the federal definition. Patron - James

PHB1006 Update of the Probable Maximum Precipitation level. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to utilize a storm-based approach to calculate the Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) for various locations in or affecting Virginia. The methodology for a storm-based approach shall be completed by December 1, 2015. Owners of impounding structures with spillway design inadequacies who maintain coverage under the conditional certificate are not required to rehabilitate the spillway until the PMP analysis is completed and reviewed by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board. The bill requires the Board to consider the results of the PMP analysis in its decision of whether to authorize replacement of the current PMP values. The Department of Conservation and Recreation is authorized to expend up to

\$500,000 in unobligated balances from two agency funds to finance the analysis. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 582.

Patron - Byron

PHB1034 Liability of owners of certain dams. Protects owners of land upon which dams that are owned, maintained, or operated by soil and water conservation districts are situated from liability for damages to the property of others or the injury to persons resulting from the failure of the dam. However, this protection is not afforded to the landowner if the damage to others is a result of an act or omission by the landowner that is unrelated to ownership, maintenance, or operation of the dam. This bill is identical to SB 466. Patron - Orrock

PHB1116 Scenic River designation. Extends the State Scenic River designation of the Banister River from the current 38.4 miles to 63.3 miles.

Patron - Adams

PHB1124 Liability of owners or operators of dams. Requires the owner of a dam, prior to conveying ownership of the dam or decommissioning the dam to a third party, to notify the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the transfer in accordance with the Virginia Impounding Structure Regulations requirements.

Patron - Orrock

PHB1171 Confederate cemeteries and graves. Changes the entity responsible for the care of graves in Pittsylvania County from the Rawley Martin Chapter, U.D.C., to the Pittsylvania County Historical Society. This bill is identical to SB 108.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

PSB108 Confederate cemeteries and graves. Changes the entity responsible for the care of graves in Pittsylvania County from the Rawley Martin Chapter, U.D.C., to the Pittsylvania County Historical Society. This bill incorporates SB 405 and is identical to HB 1171.

Patron - Stanley

PSB257 Scenic river designation. Designates a 12.7-mile segment of the Tye River as a component of the Virginia Scenic Rivers System.

Patron - Deeds

PSB431 Remediation fees. Removes the \$5,000 cap on registration fees collected by the Department of Environmental Quality from persons conducting voluntary remediation on contaminated properties. The fees defray the costs of administering the voluntary remediation program. The bill also exempts the Virginia Waste Management Board from the regulatory requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA) so that new regulations needed to adjust the fee schedule will be in place by July 1, 2014. The bill requires any subsequent adjustment to the fee schedule to be in compliance with the APA.

Patron - Watkins

PSB466 Liability of owners of certain dams. Protects owners of land upon which dams that are owned, maintained, or operated by soil and water conservation districts are situated from liability for damages to the property of others or the injury to persons resulting from the failure of the dam. However, this protection is not afforded to the landowner if the damage to others is a result of an act or omission by the land-

owner that is unrelated to ownership, maintenance, or operation of the dam. This bill is identical to HB 1034. Patron - Watkins

PISB540 Confederate graves. Allows disbursement of funds for the care and maintenance of three additional graves at Skinquarter Baptist Church Cemetery in Chesterfield County. *Patron - Martin*

PSB545 Reforestation Operations Fund. Changes the current Reforestation Operations Fund to a nonreverting special fund in which the interest generated by the Fund is credited to the Fund.

Patron - Ruff

PISB551 Scenic river designation. Designates a 10.7-mile segment of the Cranesnest River in Dickenson County as a component of the Virginia Scenic Rivers System. The bill also removes from several sections a provision regarding the suitability of certain lands for mining under the Scenic Rivers Act and places them under one section that would then apply to all scenic rivers.

Patron - Puckett

 ${f f f LSB582}$ Update of the Probable Maximum Precipitation level. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to utilize a storm-based approach to calculate the Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) for various locations in or affecting Virginia. The methodology for a storm-based approach shall be completed by December 1, 2015. Owners of impounding structures with spillway design inadequacies who maintain coverage under the conditional certificate are not required to rehabilitate the spillway until the PMP analysis is completed and reviewed by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board. The bill requires the Board to consider the results of the PMP analysis in its decision of whether to authorize replacement of the current PMP values. The Department of Conservation and Recreation is authorized to expend up to \$500,000 in unobligated balances from two agency funds to finance the analysis. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to HB 1006.

Patron - Garrett

Failed

FHB16 Commission on the Reconveyance of Shenandoah National Park established; report; authority of Governor. Creates the Commission on the Reconveyance of Shenandoah National Park to develop recommendations regarding any proposed reconveyance of Shenandoah National Park by the United States government to the Commonwealth. The bill authorizes the Governor to accept a proposed reconveyance and to establish as a state park any lands conveyed. The act establishing the Commission will not become effective unless an appropriation of funds effectuating the purpose of the act is included in the general appropriation act passed during the 2014 Regular Session of the General Assembly that becomes law.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

FHB529 Federal parks in Virginia; provision of temporary funding. Authorizes the Governor to provide funding and execute necessary agreements to allow the temporary operation of any Virginia property controlled by the National Park Service in the event of a federal government shutdown. The funds may come from the State Park Conservation Resources

Fund, voluntary donations, funds allocated to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, or other sources.

Patron - Pogge

FIHB1070 Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board; membership. Increases membership on the Advisory Board from five to six persons, with the new member designated to represent the craft brewery industry. Patron - Taylor

sory Commission to Protect Cemeteries and Gravesites of Our Fellow Virginians Held in Bondage As Slaves; report. Provides for the Department of Historic Resources to administer a program to provide funds to memorial associations created for the caring of graves of Virginians held as slaves at the time of their deaths or cemeteries containing such graves. The bill also establishes a temporary Advisory Commission to Protect Cemeteries and Gravesites of Our Fellow Virginians Held in Bondage As Slaves to develop a list of memorial associations that are responsible or have taken responsibility for the care of the graves of Virginians held as slaves at the time of their deaths or cemeteries containing such graves.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

EJSB405 Confederate cemeteries and graves. Changes the entity responsible for the care of graves in Pittsylvania County from the Rawley Martin Chapter, U.D.C., to the Pittsylvania County Historical Society. This bill was incorporated into SB 108.

Patron - Ruff

Carried Over

©HB1234 Limitation on location of a landfill.

Requires the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, during his consideration of whether to issue a permit for a new solid waste management facility or the expansion of an existing facility, to determine that the proposed expansion of a facility will not be located within 150 feet of a Resource Protection Area.

Patron - Albo

Contracts

Carried Over

cable law. Provides that Virginia courts shall not enforce any provision of an employment contract if the provision is invalid or unenforceable under the laws of Commonwealth. The measure also provides that a choice-of-law provision in an employment contract that states that the laws of another state or other jurisdiction shall apply with regard to the interpretation or enforceability of a provision of the contract is void and unenforceable.

Patron - Petersen

Corporations

Failed

FHB880 Securities Act; Invest in Virginia Exemption. Creates an exemption from the securities, broker-dealer, and agent registration requirements of the Securities Act for an offer or sale of a security by an issuer, or an individual who represents an issuer in an offer or sale, if (i) the issuer of the security is a for-profit business entity formed under the laws of the Commonwealth; (ii) the transaction meets the requirements of the federal exemption for intrastate offerings in section 3(a)(11) of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. § 77c(a)(11), and 17 C.F.R. § 230.147; (iii) the sum of all cash and other consideration to be received for all sales of the security in reliance upon this exemption does not exceed \$1 million, less the aggregate amount received for all sales of securities by the issuer within the 12 months preceding the first offer or sale made in reliance upon this exemption; (iv) the issuer does not accept more than \$10,000 from any single purchaser unless the purchaser is an accredited investor as defined by 17 C.F.R. § 230.501; (v) all funds received from investors are required to be deposited into a bank or depository institution authorized to do business in the Commonwealth and used in accordance with representations made to investors; (vi) the issuer files a notice with the State Corporation Commission specifying that the issuer is conducting an offering in reliance upon this exemption and containing the names and addresses of the issuer, all persons who will be involved in the offer or sale of securities on behalf of the issuer, and the bank or other depository institution in which investor funds will be deposited; (vii) the issuer shall not be an investment company or subject to certain reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and (viii) the issuer informs all purchasers that the securities have not been registered and are subject to limitations on resales.

Patron - Yost

Carried Over

SB351 Securities Act; Invest in Virginia Exemption. Creates an exemption from the securities, broker-dealer, and agent registration requirements of the Securities Act for an offer or sale of a security by an issuer, or an individual who represents an issuer in an offer or sale, if (i) the issuer of the security is a for-profit business entity formed under the laws of the Commonwealth; (ii) the transaction meets the requirements of the federal exemption for intrastate offerings in section 3(a)(11) of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. § 77c(a)(11), and 17 C.F.R. § 230.147; (iii) the sum of all cash and other consideration to be received for all sales of the security in reliance upon this exemption does not exceed \$1 million, less the aggregate amount received for all sales of securities by the issuer within the 12 months preceding the first offer or sale made in reliance upon this exemption; (iv) the issuer does not accept more than \$10,000 from any single purchaser unless the purchaser is an accredited investor as defined by 17 C.F.R. § 230.501; (v) all funds received from investors are required to be deposited into a bank or depository institution authorized to do business in the Commonwealth and used in accordance with representations made to investors; (vi) the issuer files a notice with the State Corporation Commission specifying that the issuer is conducting an offering in reliance upon this exemption and containing the names and addresses of the issuer, all persons who will be involved in the offer or sale of securities

on behalf of the issuer, and the bank or other depository institution in which investor funds will be deposited; (vii) the issuer shall not be an investment company or subject to certain reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and (viii) the issuer informs all purchasers that the securities have not been registered and are subject to limitations on resales.

Patron - Edwards

Counties, Cities and Towns

Passed

County. Allows Southampton County to levy fees for the disposal of solid waste at a county collection or disposal facility not to exceed the actual cost incurred by the county in removing and disposing of solid waste. The bill adds Southampton County to the list of counties permitted to use fees to purchase equipment; grants Southampton County the same authority that Accomack, Highland, Pittsylvania, and Wise Counties have regarding such fees; and allows Southampton County to exempt certain disabled veterans from such fees. The bill also makes technical changes.

Patron - Tyler

PHB118 Virginia Regional Industrial Facilities Act; appointments. Removes the requirement that persons appointed shall be residents of the appointing locality. *Patron - Habeeb*

PHB128 Cutting of grass and weeds. Adds the Towns of Front Royal and Gordonsville to the list of localities permitted to provide by ordinance for the cutting of grass and weeds on occupied property.

Patron - Scott

PHB 170 Cutting of grass and weeds; Goochland County. Adds Goochland County to the list of those localities that have authority to require the cutting of grass and weeds under certain circumstances on occupied property. The county currently has such authority on unoccupied property. Patron - Farrell

PHB177 Cutting of grass; statewide application. Makes current grass-cutting provisions applicable statewide for all localities.

Patron - Farrell

PHB208 Vested rights. Amends the existing vested rights statute by clarifying that structures that meet certain conditions shall be considered nonconforming. Additional changes make clear that a requirement under existing law to bring certain structures into compliance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code shall not affect the nonconforming status of those structures.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

PHB209 Preliminary subdivision plats. Provides that localities may mandate the submission of preliminary subdivision plats for tentative approval only for plats involving more than 50 lots.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

PHB210 City of Martinsville; city reversion. Provides that any reversion initiated by the Martinsville City Council

shall require that each elected member of the city council vote, unless otherwise prohibited by law, on the motion to initiate the reversion process.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

PHB230 Appointment to industrial development authorities. Provides that in Frederick County the board of supervisors may appoint one of its members to the Economic Development Authority of the County of Frederick, Virginia. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to SB 311.

Patron - Minchew

PHB255 "Photo-red" traffic light enforcement systems. Requires that all "photo-red" systems have yellow light signal lengths of at least three seconds.

Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB268 Agricultural operations; local regulation of **certain activities.** Protects certain activities at agricultural operations from local regulation in the absence of substantial impacts on the public welfare and requires localities to take certain factors into account when regulating any of several activities: the conduct of agritourism activities, the sale of agricultural or silvicultural products or related items, the preparation or sale of foods that otherwise comply with state law, and other customary activities. Localities are prohibited from subjecting the listed activities to a special-use permit requirement in the absence of a substantial impact on health, safety, or public welfare and in most situations are prevented from stringently regulating the sound produced by the listed activities. The bill provides that its provisions shall not affect an entity licensed in accordance with the alcoholic beverage control laws, affect the provisions of the Right to Farm Act, alter the provisions of § 15.2-2288.3 (licensed farm wineries), or restrict the taxation authority of any locality. This bill is identical to SB 51.

Patron - Orrock

PHB296 Comprehensive plans; alignment of transportation services with accessible housing and other community services. Requires localities to take into consideration how to align transportation infrastructure and facilities with affordable, accessible housing and community services when developing the transportation component of the comprehensive plan for the physical development of the territory. The bill as introduced was a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission and is identical to SB 58.

Patron - Villanueva

PHB334 Local multidisciplinary child sexual abuse response teams. Requires every attorney for the Commonwealth to establish a multidisciplinary child sexual abuse response team to conduct regular reviews of cases involving felony sex offenses involving children. Such teams may also review other reports of child abuse and neglect or sex offenses involving children in the jurisdiction. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2015, and is identical to SB 421. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB400 Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads. Staggers the terms of the Governor's appointments to the commission.

Patron - Howell, A.T.

PHB455 Southwest Virginia Health Authority. Expands the Authority to include the Counties of Smyth and Washington.

Patron - Kilgore

PHB473 Local utilities; City of Richmond. Provides that the City of Richmond may develop criteria for providing discounted water and sewer fees and charges for low-income, elderly, or disabled customers. The City may also develop criteria for financial assistance to customers for plumbing repairs and the replacement of water-inefficient appliances. Patron - McQuinn

PHB494 Localities; personnel policies related to the use of public property. Requires all localities, except those with a population of less than 3,500 that do not have a personnel policy, to establish personnel policies covering the use of public property by officers and employees of the locality. Such policies shall address the use of telephones, computers, and related devices and peripheral equipment that are the property of the locality for (i) personal use, to the extent that such use interferes with the employees' productivity or work perfor-

Patron - Lingamfelter

mance, or (ii) political activities.

PHB527 Group homes; zoning. Provides that for purposes of zoning, a residential facility in which no more than eight individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or developmental disabilities reside, with one or more resident or nonresident staff persons, shall be considered residential occupancy by a single family. Currently, such facilities are required to have one or more resident counselors or other staff persons to qualify for this zoning designation.

Patron - Pogge

LHB597 Richmond Metropolitan Authority; name; composition of Board of Directors; powers. Renames the Authority as the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority and equalizes Board representation among the City of Richmond, Chesterfield County, and Henrico County. The bill requires that certain actions of the Authority related to construction or acquisition of limited access highways or acquisition of rights to operate existing toll roads receive approval from the local governing bodies and the Richmond Mayor. Local approval also is required for the issuance of bonds by the Authority. The bill allows the governing body of each locality to appoint one of its own members as a member of the Board of the Authority, clarifies the appointment process for the three Richmond representatives on the Board, and prohibits Board members from receiving health insurance or other benefits as compensation for their service on the Board.

Patron - Loupassi

PHB628 Hospital authorities. Provides that counties shall have the same powers with regard to the existing hospital authority enabling statute as cities. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Kilgore

PHB652 Boundary adjustments; notice. Provides that all affected landowners shall be given notice of a proposed voluntary boundary adjustment. The bill authorizes landowners to file a petition to intervene in the action under certain circumstances.

Patron - LaRock

PHB666 County manager plan. Alters the time frame for special elections to fill board vacancies in counties that have adopted the county manager plan (Arlington County). Patron - Brink

PHB701 Inoperable motor vehicles. Adds the City of Hopewell and Prince George County to the list of localities that may by ordinance prohibit any person from keeping, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise

shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned or used for residential purposes or on any property zoned for commercial or agricultural purposes, any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is inoperable. This bill is identical to SB 64. *Patron - Ingram*

PHB793 Transportation planning. Requires the Department of Transportation, when reviewing certain proposed comprehensive plan amendments from localities in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia), to recommend specific transportation improvements to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and the appropriate locality that are necessary to ameliorate congestion.

Patron - LeMunyon

□HB844 Eastern Shore Water Access Authority Act. Allows the Counties of Accomack and Northampton by resolution to declare that there is a need for a public access authority. If an operating agreement is developed, the counties may form the Eastern Shore Water Access Authority. The Authority's duties shall include identifying land that can be secured for use by the general public as a public access site, researching all identified sites, determining appropriate public use levels of identified access sites, developing appropriate mechanisms for transferring title of Commonwealth or private holdings to the Authority, developing appropriate acquisition and site management plans for public access usage, determining what holdings should be sold to advance the mission of the Authority, securing funding and permits for dredging projects and facilities construction projects that enhance recreational and commercial public access, and performing other duties. The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors. Whenever it shall appear to the Authority that the need for the Authority no longer exists, the Authority, or in the proper case, any participating political subdivision, may petition the circuit court of a participating political subdivision for the dissolution of the Authority. Patron - Lewis

PHB872 Interjurisdictional law-enforcement agreements. Provides that interjurisdictional law-enforcement agreements may allow the loan of unmarked police vehicles. *Patron - Rush*

PHB957 Transportation commission membership. Delays the effective date of House Bill 2152 (2013) to July 1, 2015. House Bill 2152 gives the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board or his designee equal voting weight on the Virginia Railway Express oversight board. House Bill 2152 also provides that the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board or his designee shall be included for purposes of constituting a quorum on certain transportation commissions and shall have voting rights equal to those of the appointees of component governments. Patron - Filler-Corn

PHB1011 Commission on Local Government; local mandates. Extends from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2018, the task force appointed by the Governor to review state mandates on localities.

Patron - Byron

PHB1012 City of Suffolk; ordinance providing that charges for water and sewer shall be a lien on real estate. Adds the City of Suffolk to the list of localities permitted to provide by ordinance that charges for water and sewer shall be a lien on the real estate served by such waterline or sewer. Patron - Spruill

PHB1040 Use of photo-monitoring systems to enforce traffic light signals; appeals. Provides that operators found in violation of ordinances created to enforce photo-monitoring systems for traffic lights have a right to appeal to the circuit court in a civil proceeding. The bill also reduces from \$50 to \$20 the amount of the matter in controversy above which an appeal of right exists in a civil case.

Patron - Joannou

PHB1051 Constitutional officers. Includes electronic or other systems among those items that a local governing body shall provide for the use of clerks of all courts of record as in the governing body's judgment may be reasonably necessary for the proper conduct of such offices. The bill also provides that if a proposed local budget reduces funding for a constitutional officer at a rate greater than the average rate of reduced funding for other agencies, exclusive of the school division, the locality shall give written notice to such constitutional officer at least 14 days prior to adoption of the budget, and the local governing body shall consider any written objection of the officer made within seven days of the notice. The bill contains a technical amendment. This bill is identical to SB 124.

Patron - Knight

PHB1075 Audits of certain political subdivisions.

Provides that no audit shall be required for certain political subdivisions, the members of whose governing body are not elected by popular vote, for any fiscal year during which such entity's financial transactions did not exceed the sum of \$25,000. The current threshold is \$5,000.

Patron - Jones

□HB1084 Damages, attorney fees, and costs for unconstitutional grant or denial by locality of certain permits and approvals. Provides that an applicant aggrieved by the grant or denial by a locality of any approval or permit, where such grant included, or denial was based upon an unconstitutional condition, shall be entitled to an award of compensatory damages and may be awarded reasonable attorney fees and costs. Provides that an applicant aggrieved by the grant or denial by a locality of any approval or permit, where such grant included, or denial was based upon, an unconstitutional condition, shall be entitled to an award of compensatory damages and may be awarded reasonable attorney fees and costs. The bill also creates a presumption that a condition proven to be unconstitutional was a factor in the grant or denial of the permit, and it provides that the applicant shall be entitled to an order remanding the matter to the locality with a direction to grant or issue such permits or approvals without the unconstitutional condition. Any action brought pursuant to this bill shall be filed within the applicable time period, as set forth in the Code, after the grant or denial of the application, and the provisions of this bill shall only apply to approvals or permits that are granted or denied on or after July 1, 2014. This bill is identical to SB 578.

Patron - Morris

PHB1089 Zoning; agricultural products. Clarifies the definition of agricultural products. *Patron - Morris*

PHB1093 Health center commissions; Chesterfield County. Provides that in Chesterfield County, the members of the health center commission shall not be removable at any time by the County's governing body except for malfeasance or at the end of the member's term.

Patron - Robinson

Changes the name of the Virginia Coal Association to the Virginia Coal and Energy Alliance.

Patron - Morefield

PHB1209 Family day homes. Clarifies that a local governing body may, after notice and a public hearing, either approve, subject to such conditions as agreed upon by the applicant and the locality, or deny a zoning permit application for a family day home serving six through 12 children. Patron - Torian

PHB1210 Community improvement district. Allows for the creation of a community improvement district in any locality by ordinance. The bill provides that the locality's governing board will have all of the powers with respect to the district that it has with respect to a standard service district. The bill also requires that if the locality contracts for any government services on behalf of the district, it shall do so with a non-profit corporation, a majority of whose board members own property in the district.

Patron - Hester

Virginia Beach to use its Arena Financing Fund to contract for the construction and operation of facilities and prohibits the pledging of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth to meet the city's contractual obligations. The bill also provides that if the City of Virginia Beach issues bonds for a facility or enters into a contract with regard to a facility, it shall use its Arena Financing Fund to collect proceeds from the sale of bonds and revenues from other state sources. Expenditures from the Fund shall be used to pay the bonds, meet contractual obligations, and pay reasonable expenses relating to the facility. The bill also makes technical amendments to the existing sunset provisions. This bill is identical to SB 571.

Patron - Knight

PSB10 Discounted fees and charges for certain low-income and disabled customers; Town of Louisa. Permits the Town of Louisa by ordinance to develop criteria for providing discounted water and sewer fees and charges for low-income and disabled customers. Current law allows only a locality that owns a water and sewer system and has a population density of no more than 200 persons per square mile to develop such criteria.

Patron - Garrett

PSB51 Agricultural operations; local regulation of certain activities. Protects certain activities at agricultural operations from local regulation in the absence of substantial impacts on the public welfare and requires localities to take certain factors into account when regulating any of several activities: the conduct of agritourism activities, the sale of agricultural or silvicultural products or related items, the preparation or sale of foods that otherwise comply with state law, and other customary activities. Localities are prohibited from subjecting the listed activities to a special-use permit requirement in the absence of a substantial impact on health, safety, or public welfare and in most situations are prevented from stringently regulating the sound produced by the listed activities. The bill provides that its provisions shall not affect an entity licensed in accordance with the alcoholic beverage control laws, affect the provisions of the Right to Farm Act, alter the provisions of § 15.2-2288.3 (licensed farm wineries), or restrict the taxation authority of any locality. This bill is identical to HB 268.

Patron - Stuart

PSB58 Comprehensive plans; alignment of transportation services with accessible housing and other community services. Requires localities to take into consideration how to align transportation infrastructure and facilities with affordable, accessible housing and community services when developing the transportation component of the comprehensive plan for the physical development of the territory. The bill as introduced was a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission and is identical to HB 296.

Patron - Marsden

Hopewell and Prince George County to those localities that may prohibit any person from keeping, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned or used for residential purposes, or on any property zoned for commercial or agricultural purposes, certain inoperable motor vehicles. This bill is identical to HB 701.

Patron - Marsh

PSB67 Discounted fees and charges for certain customers; City of Richmond. Allows the City of Richmond to develop criteria for providing discounted water and sewer fees and charges for low-income, elderly, and disabled customers. Patron - Marsh

PSB72 Tourist Train Development Authority. Reinstates the Authority and its board, repealed by the General Assembly in 2011, which consists of representatives from the governing bodies of Tazewell County, the Town of Bluefield, and the Town of Pocahontas; four citizen members from Tazewell County; and two legislators. The Authority's powers are similar to those of other authorities. The bill authorizes the Authority to cooperate with any private or governmental entity in the state of West Virginia in the development of a tourist train.

Patron - Puckett

PSB98 Water and sewer system; City of Richmond. Provides that the City of Richmond may develop criteria for financial assistance to customers for plumbing repairs and the replacement of water-inefficient appliances.

Patron - Marsh

PSB124 Constitutional officers. Includes electronic or other systems among those items that a local governing body shall provide for the use of clerks of all courts of record as in the governing body's judgment may be reasonably necessary for the proper conduct of such offices. The bill also provides that if a proposed local budget reduces funding for a constitutional officer at a rate greater than the average rate of reduced funding for other agencies, exclusive of the school division, the locality shall give written notice to such constitutional officer at least 14 days prior to adoption of the budget, and the local governing body shall consider any written objection of the officer made within seven days of the notice. The bill contains a technical amendment. This bill is identical to HB 1051. Patron - Lucas

PSB237 Optional provisions in subdivision ordinances; sidewalk improvements. Adds to the list of optional provisions in local subdivision ordinances a provision allowing any town in the Northern Virginia Transportation District to require the dedication of land for sidewalk improvements where the property being developed is designated for such improvements on the locality's pedestrian plan.

Patron - Petersen

PSB241 Transfer of development rights. Provides that a locality may require that development comply with any prior locality-adopted neighborhood design standards identified in the comprehensive plan for the receiving area in which the development shall occur.

Patron - Stuart

PSB290 Real property lien; water and sewer charges. Adds Prince George and Smyth Counties to those localities in which charges for water and sewer constitute a lien against the real property. This bill incorporates SB 81. Patron - Carrico

PSB311 Appointment to industrial development authorities. Provides that in Frederick County the board of supervisors may appoint one of its members to the Economic Development Authority of the County of Frederick, Virginia. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to HB 230.

Patron - Vogel

PSB312 Annexation Moratorium Statute; continuation of the moratorium on annexation by cities. Extends the temporary restrictions on granting city charters, filing annexation notices, and instituting annexation proceedings and county immunity proceedings until July 1 following the 2014-2016 biennium.

Patron - Vogel

response teams. Requires every attorney for the Commonwealth to establish a multidisciplinary child sexual abuse response team to conduct regular reviews of cases involving felony sex offenses involving children. Such teams may also review other reports of child abuse and neglect or sex offenses involving children in the jurisdiction. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2015, and is identical to HB 334. Patron - McDougle

PSB488 King William County and the Town of West Point; allocation of revenues for schools. Creates a special school tax district in King William County and governs the allocation of revenue for schools in King William County and the Town of West Point as a means of continuing the "split levy" of King William County's taxes in the Town of West Point and outside the Town. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Norment

PSB496 Special police officers in localities. Repeals the provisions of the Code allowing a circuit court for any locality to appoint special police officers for such locality upon application of the sheriff or chief of police. Under current law, all appointments made pursuant to these provisions became void on September 15, 2004. The changes in this bill do not affect a sheriff's or chief of police's ability to request appointment of a special conservator of the peace.

Patron - Norment

PSB549 Donations by localities; emergency relief. Provides that a locality may make gifts and donations to any nonprofit tax-exempt organization that is engaged in providing emergency relief to residents, including providing the repair or replacement of private property damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster.

Patron - Puckett

PSB571 Virginia Beach arena. Allows the City of Virginia Beach to use its Arena Financing Fund to contract for the construction, development, operation, or maintenance of facili-

ties and prohibits the pledging of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth to meet the City's contractual obligations. The bill also provides that if the City of Virginia Beach issues bonds for an arena or enters into a contract with regard to a facility, it shall use its Arena Financing Fund to collect proceeds from the sale of bonds and revenues from other sources. Expenditures from the Fund shall be used to pay the bonds, meet contractual obligations, and pay reasonable expenses relating to City borrowing and the management of the City's obligations. The bill also makes technical amendments to the existing sunset provisions. This bill is identical to HB 1267. *Patron - Wagner*

PSB578 Damages, attorney fees, and costs for unconstitutional grant or denial by locality of certain permits and **approvals.** Provides that an applicant aggrieved by the grant or denial by a locality of any approval or permit, where such grant included, or denial was based upon, an unconstitutional condition, shall be entitled to an award of compensatory damages and may be awarded reasonable attorney fees and costs. The bill also creates a presumption that a condition proven to be unconstitutional was a factor in the grant or denial of the permit, and it provides that the applicant shall be entitled to an order remanding the matter to the locality with a direction to grant or issue such permits or approvals without the unconstitutional condition. Any action brought pursuant to this bill shall be filed within the applicable time period, as set forth in the Code, after the grant or denial of the application, and the provisions of this bill shall only apply to approvals or permits that are granted or denied on or after July 1, 2014. This bill is identical to HB 1084.

Patron - Obenshain

PSB593 Urban county executive form of government; Loudoun County; disclosure in land use proceedings. Alters disclosure provisions for land use proceedings in counties with the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) and Loudoun County. A reference to "business or financial interest" is replaced by a reference to "employeeemployer, agent-principal, or attorney-client" relationship. Patron - Marsden

PSB601 Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads. Staggers the terms of the Governor's appointments to the commission and extends for two years the terms of appointees from the Cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, and Norfolk. The bill also subjects the Governor's appointments to confirmation by the General Assembly.

Patron - Cosgrove

PSB631 Authorities for development of former federal areas; dissolution. Provides that such authorities that are created by proclamation of the Governor prior to January 1, 1997, may be dissolved by the affected locality or localities without a proclamation of the Governor. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2016.

Patron - Vogel

Failed

EHB41 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; selection of projects. Provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall select the transportation projects to be funded by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. *Patron - Marshall, R.G.*

HB71 Agricultural operations; local regulation of certain activities. Protects customary agritourism activities at

agricultural operations from local bans in the absence of substantial impacts on the public welfare and requires localities to take certain factors into account when regulating agritourism activities. The bill requires a basis in health, safety, or public welfare for a local ordinance that restricts any of several activities: the conduct of agritourism activities, the sale of agricultural or silvicultural products or related items, the preparation or sale of foods that otherwise comply with state law, and other customary activities. Localities are prohibited from subjecting those listed activities to a special-use permit requirement, and in most situations localities are prevented from stringently regulating the sound produced by the listed activities.

Patron - Pogge

HB84 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; membership. Removes the three legislative members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. *Patron - Marshall, R.G.*

FHB94 Assistance and documentation required from localities. Provides that in any instance in which a person is seeking a business permit, a license, or an application for any similar local government approval from a locality, the locality shall provide documentation and instructions that outline all steps necessary to obtain the permit, license, or approval. The locality shall also specify any further permit, license, or other approval that may be required to complete the original project or business activity and shall disclose the expected time required by the locality for the completion of each step of the process to obtain the permit, license, or other approval. *Patron - Head*

FHB95 Legal notices; advertisement by locality. Allows localities with a population of 50,000 or greater to meet certain notice requirements by utilizing their websites, radio, or television instead of a newspaper of general circulation. *Patron - Head*

FHB101 Mounted auxiliary police officers; training requirements. Requires any auxiliary police officer who is to serve on horseback to be trained and certified by a training facility approved by the locality in consultation with the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Patron - Lingamfelter

FHB116 Traffic light photo-monitoring systems. Amends provisions related to photo-monitoring systems by providing that certain safety analyses, currently required prior to implementation, shall also be required prior to renewal of such a system. Other changes relate to photo-monitoring of lanes in which turning movements are permitted, specifying when such systems may be used, and the yellow time requirements for such lanes.

Patron - Morrissey

tion of the moratorium on annexation by cities. Extends the temporary restrictions on granting city charters, filing annexation notices, and instituting annexation proceedings and county immunity proceedings until July 1 following the 2014-2016 biennium. The bill also excepts towns with a population of 40,000 or more from the moratorium on the granting of city charters.

Patron - Minchew

FHB185 Municipal deed restrictions on certain property in Virginia Beach. Provides that certain deed restrictions shall include the authority to construct and operate

a Beach Maintenance and Operations Facility or a Hampton Roads Transit Shuttle Operation Facility.

Patron - Knight

FIRB227 Public water and sewer utilities and authorities; service contracts. Authorizes localities and water and sewer authorities to establish and operate programs under which they agree to repair, replace, or maintain the water or sewer line of a customer's residential dwelling. Any locality or authority that establishes and operates a program shall contract with a state licensed plumber to effect any repairs as a result of the program. The bill also exempts such agreements from requirements applicable to providers of home service contracts. Patron - Cole

EHB281 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority contracts. Prohibits the Authority from providing funds in support of a transportation-related project being undertaken with the District of Columbia or another state unless the Authority has first entered into a contract that provides for all costs of the project to be borne equally among the Authority and the District of Columbia or other state. Patron - Albo

FIHB422 Prohibiting certain local government practices that would require contractors to provide certain compensation or benefits. Prohibits local governing bodies from establishing provisions that would require a wage floor of any other employee benefit or compensation, above what is otherwise required by state or federal law, to be provided by a contractor to its employees as part of certain local government contracts. Contracts for landscaping or janitorial services are excluded from the prohibition. The bill provides that its provisions shall have no impact on service contracts executed prior to January 31, 2014, and shall not prohibit a locality from entering into contracts in which a company receiving economic development incentives is required to maintain a certain wage level.

Patron - Davis

FHB425 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; membership. Increases Authority membership from 17 to 20 by the addition of one senator and two House members. *Patron - LeMunyon*

EHB446 Traffic signal photo-monitoring systems; criminal investigation. Provides that law enforcement may utilize information from a photo-monitoring system for purposes of criminal investigation.

Patron - Bulova

FHB495 Mandatory sewer and water connections; Montgomery County. Adds Montgomery County to the list of localities that may require connections to their water and sewer systems by owners of property that can be served by the systems.

Patron - Yost

EHB513 Removal of certain local government appointees. Provides that any appointee of a local governing body to a local board, commission, or committee, whether pursuant to § 15.2-1411 or any other provision of the Code, shall serve at the pleasure of the local governing body and may be removed at any time.

Patron - Morris

EHB519 Zoning; attorney fees. Provides that a court may award reasonable attorney fees, expenses, and court costs to any person, group, or entity that prevails in a zoning action

brought against it or that successfully challenges the validity of a zoning ordinance.

Patron - Morris

EHB594 Commission on Local Government; local mandates. Extends from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2016, the task force appointed by the Governor to review state mandates on localities.

Patron - BaCote

Transportation Authority. Requires that 70 percent of the revenues received by the Authority under § 15.2-4838.1 be used by the Authority solely to fund transportation projects selected by the Authority that are contained in the regional transportation plan in accordance with § 15.2-4830 and that have been rated in accordance with § 33.1-13.03:1. Patron - LaRock

the list of people who may be provided certain types of insurance by a locality, adding the dependents of officers and employees of a locality, as well as the dependents of those employed by commissions and other entities controlled by or working closely with a locality, to the list of people to whom a locality may provide accident and health insurance. The bill expands the potential eligibility for health insurance programs to include the dependents of eligible members of volunteer fire or rescue companies and the dependents of retired officers and employees. The bill requires any locality providing insurance to dependents of employees to provide the same programs to dependents of constitutional officers in some cases.

Patron - McClellan

of Virginia Beach arena. Provides that the City of Virginia Beach may use its Arena Financing Fund to collect sales and use tax revenues and remit such revenues to the private facility owner as a contribution toward the cost of the facility if the City has contributed infrastructure or real property to the owner. The bill also makes technical amendments to the existing sunset provisions.

Patron - O'Quinn

EHB766 Service districts; energy and water conservation and management services. Adds energy and water conservation and management services to those powers available to service districts.

Patron - Bulova

EHB792 Residential zoning restrictions in Planning District 8. Requires localities in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia) to include provisions in their zoning ordinances that limit the number of residential units with 500 square feet or less of living space to no more than 100 residential units per 100,000 population in the locality. Zoning changes required to accommodate such units must be at a location in which the zoning prior to January 1, 2014, was at least 12 residential dwellings per acre.

Patron - LeMunyon

FHB824 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Provides that the Authority's bonding authority shall not be effective until July 1, 2018. After such date, the Authority, prior to issuance of bonds, shall demonstrate in the context of a bond validation lawsuit that the transportation projects proposed for funding with the sought bond proceeds have been thoroughly analyzed and provide the greatest degree of congestion reduction relative to cost.

Patron - Minchew

FHB884 Virginia Infrastructure Grant Fund established. Creates, from such funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly and any gifts, grants, or donations from public or private sources, the Virginia Infrastructure Grant Fund, to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The bill requires the Department to establish criteria for making grants from the Fund, including procedures for determining the amount of a grant and the required local match, if any. The Fund is intended to help localities make investments in roads, bridges, smarter electrical grids, upgraded water and sanitation systems, mass transit systems, clean energy and more energy-efficient buildings, and the provision of broadband.

Patron - Yancey

EHB973 Use of photo-monitoring systems for traffic lights; repeal. Repeals the authority for localities to operate a photo-monitoring system for traffic light enforcement, colloquially known as a "photo red" program.

Patron - Cline

EHB979 Local limitations on number of certain businesses. Provides that a locality may by ordinance reasonably limit the number of motor vehicle title loan businesses, payday lenders, check cashers, and precious metals dealers that may be operated at any one time within its territorial limits. The ordinance may limit the number of such establishments based on a specific number of businesses per magisterial or election district or by limiting the number of such businesses within an established radius.

Patron - Surovell

EHB992 Control of firearms; libraries owned or operated by localities. Allows a locality to adopt an ordinance that prohibits firearms, ammunition, or components, or a combination thereof, in libraries owned or operated by the locality. *Patron - BaCote*

FHB1080 Governor's Task Force for Local Mandate Review. Reconstitutes the five-member task force appointed by the Governor to review state mandates as the tenmember Joint Task Force for Local Mandate Review, with two additional appointments made by the Governor and three additional appointments to be made by the General Assembly. Patron - Garrett

EHB1101 Service districts; underground utilities. Adds Prince William County to the list of those localities with authority to establish service districts to impose taxes or assessments upon the owners of abutting property for the underground relocation of distribution lines for electricity, telephone, cable television, and similar utilities. Such underground relocation of distribution lines may only be ordered by the governing body and the cost thereof apportioned in pursuance of an agreement between the governing body and the abutting landowners.

Patron - Torian

enforcement by localities. Provides that any zoning ordinance of a locality that violates or unreasonably restricts the free exercise of rights guaranteed under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Virginia shall be null and void and shall constitute a violation. Any enforcement by a locality of such ordinance shall be deemed a violation. In any litigation in which the constitutionality of a zoning ordinance or its enforcement is at issue, the ordinance shall not be given a presumption of constitutionality or presumption of validity. In any litigation involving a challenge under this statute, the burden of establishing compliance with the statute shall be on the local-

ity. Any locality that violates the statute shall be liable to aggrieved persons in amounts equal to the fines and penalties that the locality seeks to impose on such aggrieved persons, plus actual damages including reasonable attorney fees. Any locality that willfully violates this statute, or whose interpretation or enforcement of ordinances willfully operates in violation of this statute, shall be liable to the aggrieved person for treble damages, plus reasonable attorney fees. Any official or employee of a locality that willfully violates this statute, or whose interpretation or enforcement of duties willfully operates in violation of the statute, may be personally liable to aggrieved persons in the amount equal to the fines and penalties that such official or employee seeks or sought to impose on such aggrieved persons plus actual damages and attorney fees. The Attorney General of Virginia shall establish a procedure whereby persons, including officials and employees of localities, may report violations. No locality may take disciplinary action against any official or employee for reporting such violations. The Attorney General (i) shall have authority to institute legal proceedings in the courts of the respective locality and (ii) may intervene in any proceeding to enforce this statute against any locality.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

FHB1254 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Places limitations and conditions on funding by the Authority of mass transit and highway projects to ensure comparative analysis of project costs and benefits. Patron - Marshall, R.G.

FSB53 Regulation of stormwater; waiver of charges for places of worship. Requires a locality that adopts a system of stormwater management service charges to provide for a waiver of at least 50 percent of such charge to any church, synagogue, or other place of worship.

Patron - Stuart

ESB81 Prince George County; ordinance providing that charges for water and sewer shall be a lien on real estate. Adds Prince George County to the list of localities permitted to provide by ordinance that charges for water and sewer shall be a lien on the real estate served by such waterline or sewer.

Patron - Ruff

ESB163 Commission on Local Government; local mandates. Expands the size of the task force appointed by the Governor to review state mandates on localities from five members to seven members, of whom two are required to be non-governmental appointees with a background in business. The bill also extends the task force from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2018. This bill incorporates SB 407.

Patron - Locke

FSB199 Service districts. Provides that different classifications of property within a service district may be taxed at different rates based on the benefit received within that particular classification.

Patron - Alexander

FSB254 Law-enforcement officers; exceptions to territorial limits; sex offenses. Provides that whenever the necessity arises for the enforcement of laws related to child pornography, grooming videos, or use of a communications system to facilitate certain sexual offenses against children, police officers and other officers, agents, and employees of a locality; Capitol Police officers; and campus police may be sent beyond their territorial limits.

Patron - McDougle

ESB308 Broadband and other telecommunications services; provision by localities. Expands the area within which a locality may provide broadband and other services to the zone within 100 miles of the geographic boundaries of its electric distribution system. Current law limits a locality to the area within 75 miles of its electric distribution system. The bill updates the baseline year for determining the extent of a locality's electric distribution system from March 1, 2002, to March 1, 2012. The bill also makes technical changes. Patron - Vogel

ESB340 Group home licenses. Requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to provide a list of licenses issued for group homes and residential facilities housing eight or fewer persons during the preceding month upon the request of a local government chief administrative officer.

Patron - Puller

rifle or shotgun. Provides that lawful concealed carry permit holders shall not be subject to the provisions of certain local ordinances that make it unlawful for any person to transport, possess, or carry a loaded shotgun or loaded rifle in any vehicle on any public street, road, or highway within such locality. Patron - Garrett

ESB407 Governor's Task Force for Local Mandate Review. Reconstitutes the five-member task force appointed by the Governor to review state mandates as the nine-member Joint Task Force for Local Mandate Review, with the additional four appointments to be made by the General Assembly. Patron - Newman

FISB472 Advertisement of legal notices by localities. Allows localities to meet certain notice requirements by utilizing their websites, radio, or television rather than being limited to a newspaper of general circulation.

Patron - Smith

Carried Over

CHB921 Urban county executive form of government; auditor; school board. Provides that the board of supervisors for a county with the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) may hire an independent auditor to oversee the school board financial management and report back to the board of supervisors. Patron - Sickles

EHB1203 Local employee grievance procedure. Requires that the final step in an employee grievance procedure adopted by a local governing body be either a hearing before an administrative hearing officer agreed upon by both parties or a hearing before an impartial panel. *Patron - Hugo*

EHB1257 Virginia Sports Authority. Creates the Virginia Sports Authority. The powers and duties of the Virginia Sports Authority include the duty to promote sporting opportunities throughout the state, including by contracting with an existing nonprofit organization, the power to issue bonds and construct facilities, and the power to promulgate regulations for the licensing of commercial entities sponsoring fantasy sports contests. The Governor will appoint three of the members of the Authority, while the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates will each appoint two members. None of the members shall be legislators. The

bill provides that if the Authority issues bonds to finance a facility, the Authority shall be entitled to all state sales and use tax revenues that are levied pursuant to the Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Act and that are generated by transactions taking place within the facility for the life of the bonds, not to exceed 30 years. The bill also grants the Authority oversight of the Virginia Professional Boxing, Wrestling and Martial Arts Advisory Board.

Patron - Villanueva

CJSB374 Neighborhood revitalization. Provides that a locality may by ordinance adopt a program to establish and impose an annual blighted property assessment fee on real properties that have remained vacant for one year or longer if the property has been permitted by the owner to deteriorate to the extent that it has become detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare of the locality or surrounding area and has contributed to the reduction of surrounding property values. Patron - Marsh

© SB524 Revenues from local fines and penalties. Provides for a portion of the revenues from local fines and penalties to be segregated and deposited in a special fund in those counties or cities in which the local fines and penalties collected exceed a threshold amount. If the local fines and penalties collected by a county's or city's district courts during the fiscal year exceed 65 percent of the total of all fines and penalties collected by such courts, then the requirement to segregate and deposit the local fines and penalties in a special fund is triggered. One-half of the local fines and penalties exceeding such 65 percent would be deposited into the local special fund. Local fines and penalties deposited into the special fund could be used for any purpose including the funding or financing of the operations or administration of police or sheriff's departments. The bill intends to create a mechanism to track local government appropriations of local fines and penalties in certain counties and cities.

Patron - Carrico

SB550 Service districts; underground utilities. Adds Prince William County to the list of those localities with authority to establish service districts to impose taxes or assessments upon the owners of abutting property for the underground relocation of distribution lines for electricity, telephone, cable television, and similar utilities. Such underground relocation of distribution lines may only be ordered by the governing body and the cost thereof apportioned in pursuance of an agreement between the governing body and the abutting landowners.

Patron - Puller

©SB589 Disposal of solid waste fees; Southampton County. Allows Southampton County to levy fees for the disposal of solid waste at a county collection or disposal facility not to exceed the actual cost incurred by the county in removing and disposing of solid waste. The bill adds Southampton County to the list of counties permitted to use fees to purchase equipment; grants Southampton County the same authority that Accomack, Highland, Pittsylvania, and Wise Counties have regarding such fees; and allows Southampton County to exempt certain disabled veterans from such fees. The bill also makes technical changes.

Patron - Lucas

□SB656 Local economic development. Provides that the Virginia income tax net revenue and sales and use tax generated by certain corporations or limited liability companies within a qualified locality shall be transferred to the qualified locality under certain conditions. A qualified locality is one that (i) has made application to the Virginia Economic Devel-

opment Partnership Authority for a Major Employment and Investment Project Site Planning Grant pursuant to § 2.2-2240.2 and has been rejected for such grant and (ii) has expended local funds for the economic development purposes specified in § 2.2-2240.2. The total amount eligible to be returned to a qualified locality shall not exceed \$5 million for any single economic development project.

Patron - Garrett

Courts Not of Record

Passed

PHB161 Audio recording of proceedings in general district court. Allows the making of an audio recording of proceedings in general district court by a party or his counsel. Currently, such recording may only be done by tape recording. Patron - Albo

□HB183 Commitment of juvenile to Department of Juvenile Justice; consideration of social history. Requires a judge to review and take into consideration the results of an investigation of the social history of a juvenile before ordering the juvenile to be committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice for placement in a juvenile correctional center, unless such investigation is waived by an agreement between the attorney for the Commonwealth and the juvenile. Under current law, the investigation may be completed up to 15 days after the juvenile is committed to the Department. The bill provides that circuit court judges are not required to review a social history prior to sentencing or commitment. The bill also requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to develop a model social history and guidelines to be used by court services units when preparing a social history and to report its progress to the Commission on Youth by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The bill has a delayed effective date of October 1, 2014, for the provisions related to the court's review of a social history prior to commitment. This bill is identical to SB 128. Patron - Farrell

PJHB278 Expungement of juvenile and domestic relations district court records. Clarifies the law governing retention of juvenile and domestic relations district court records to provide that (i) when a juvenile is found guilty of an ancillary offense to a delinquent act that would be a felony if committed by an adult or to certain traffic offenses that must be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the records for all such ancillary offenses shall be retained for the time specified for the felony or traffic offense and (ii) a person who was the subject of a traffic proceeding and was found innocent or the proceeding was otherwise dismissed may file a motion to expunge all records relating to the proceeding.

Patron - Albo

PHB285 Emergency protective orders; arrests for **certain offenses.** Includes special conservators of the peace who have met the certification requirements for a law-enforcement officer in the definition of a law-enforcement officer for the purposes of obtaining an emergency protective order and for making arrests for assault and battery against a household member, stalking, and violation of a protective order. This bill is identical to SB 71.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB335 Family abuse protective orders; motor vehi**cles.** Modifies the provision specifying that the court may grant the petitioner temporary exclusive possession or use of a motor vehicle owned by the petitioner or jointly owned by the parties to provide that the court may direct a respondent to maintain insurance, registration, and taxes on a motor vehicle and enjoin the respondent from terminating such insurance, registration, and taxes. This bill is identical to SB 151.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB394 Suit for personal injury; report from health care provider licensed outside of the Commonwealth. Provides that in a personal injury suit tried in a general district court or appealed to the circuit court, either party may present evidence of the injury, treatment, and cost through a report from a health care provider licensed outside of the Commonwealth for his treatment of the plaintiff outside of the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to SB 114.

Patron - Chafin

PHB452 Rejection of plea agreement; recusal. Provides that when a judge rejects a plea agreement he shall immediately recuse himself from any further proceedings on the same matter unless the parties agree otherwise. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB972 Protective orders; companion animals. Provides that a court may include in a protective order provisions granting to the petitioner possession of a companion animal if the petitioner is the owner of the animal. This bill incorporates HB 624.

Patron - Cline

PHB1013 Record retention in district courts. Permits the chief judge of a juvenile and domestic relations district court to direct the clerk of that court to destroy documents related to civil and criminal cases that have been ended for a period of three years, provided that the documents have been microfilmed or converted to an electronic format. Currently, only the chief judge of a general district court has such authority.

Patron - Campbell

PHB1037 Medical reports as evidence; general district court. Provides that a medical report from a treating or examining health care provider may be admitted into evidence in a civil action for personal injuries or to resolve a dispute with an insurance company or health care provider in general district court or an appeal to circuit court, provided such report is accompanied by a sworn statement from the custodian of such report stating that the report is a true and accurate copy of the report. Currently, the report may only be admitted if it is accompanied by a sworn statement of the treating or examining health care provider.

Patron - Joannou

PISB71 Emergency protective orders; arrests for certain offenses. Includes special conservators of the peace who have met the certification requirements for a law-enforcement officer in the definition of a law-enforcement officer for the purposes of obtaining an emergency protective order and for making arrests for assault and battery against a household member, stalking, and violation of a protective order. This bill is identical to HB 285.

Patron - Stuart

PSB114 Suit for personal injury; report from health care provider licensed outside of the Commonwealth. Provides that in a personal injury suit tried in a general district court or appealed to the circuit court, either party may present evidence of the injury, treatment, and cost through a report from a health care provider licensed outside of the Common-

wealth for his treatment of the plaintiff outside of the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to HB 394.

Patron - Stanley

PISB128 Commitment of juvenile to Department of Juvenile Justice; consideration of social history. Requires a judge to review and take into consideration the results of an investigation of the social history of a juvenile before ordering the juvenile to be committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice for placement in a juvenile correctional center, unless such investigation is waived by an agreement between the attorney for the Commonwealth and the juvenile. Under current law, the investigation may be completed up to 15 days after the juvenile is committed to the Department. The bill provides that circuit court judges are not required to review a social history prior to sentencing or commitment. The bill also requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to develop a model social history and guidelines to be used by court services units when preparing a social history and to report its progress to the Commission on Youth by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The bill has a delayed effective date of October 1, 2014, for the provisions related to the court's review of a social history prior to commitment. This bill is identical to HB 183.

Patron - Favola

PSB151 Family abuse protective orders; motor vehicles. Modifies the provision specifying that the court may grant the petitioner temporary exclusive possession or use of a motor vehicle owned by the petitioner or jointly owned by the parties to provide that the court may direct a respondent to maintain insurance, registration, and taxes on a motor vehicle and enjoin the respondent from terminating such insurance, registration, and taxes. This bill is identical to HB 335.

Patron - Stuart

Failed

PHB250 Petition for child custody or visitation. Provides that issues of child custody or visitation may be included in a single petition in juvenile and domestic relations district court, and that such issues may be included in a single petition involving two or more children, if such children have the same parents or legal guardians. The bill also provides that if a person, agency, or institution is authorized to inspect the case files relating to any juvenile subject to such a petition, the person, agency, or institution may inspect the entire case file related to the petition. The bill further provides that the court records in a case where a single petition for multiple children has been filed will be expunged after the youngest child subject to the petition has reached 19 years of age and five years have elapsed since the last hearing in the case.

Patron - Surovell

FHB438 Petition for child custody or visitation. Provides that issues of child custody or visitation may be included in a single petition in juvenile and domestic relations district court and that such issues may be included in a single petition involving two or more children if such children have the same parents or legal guardians. The bill also provides that any person, agency, or institution authorized to inspect the case files relating to any juvenile subject to such a petition may inspect the entire case file related to the petition. The bill further requires that the court records in a case in which a single petition for multiple children has been filed be destroyed after (i) the youngest child subject to the petition has reached 19 years of age and (ii) five years have elapsed since the last hearing in the case.

Patron - LeMunyon

offenses. Provides that the juvenile court or circuit court hearing the case shall not, except with the concurrence of the attorney for the Commonwealth, defer disposition for any criminal offense alleged to have been committed by a juvenile for which transfer to a circuit court is mandatory or for which transfer to a circuit court is mandatory upon notice to the court by the attorney for the Commonwealth (serious juvenile offenses set forth in subsections B and C of § 16.1-269.1) or for any gangrelated felony offense described in § 18.2-46.2 or 18.2-46.3. Patron - Morris

FHB515 Suspension and expulsion of students; parental notification. Requires the school principal or his administrative designee to exercise reasonable efforts to notify the parents of any student who violates a school board policy or the compulsory school attendance requirements when such violation could result in the student's suspension, long-term suspension, or expulsion or the filing of a court petition. Patron - Minchew

FHB624 Protective orders. Provides that a court may include in a protective order provisions prohibiting harm to a companion animal. This bill was incorporated into HB 972. Patron - Watts

FHB753 Certain statements of students; admissibility. Provides that statements made by a student to a school employee as a result of an interrogation are inadmissible in a delinquency proceeding unless the student's custodian was present at the time the statement was made.

Patron - Rust

EHB1097 Psychiatric treatment of minors. Eliminates the requirement that a minor who is 14 years of age or older consent to psychiatric treatment. Currently, minors 14 years of age or older must consent to treatment or be involuntarily admitted for treatment.

Patron - LeMunyon

Department of Juvenile Justice. Provides that the only juveniles who may be committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice are those adjudicated delinquent of an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult and those adjudicated delinquent of an offense that would be a Class 1 misdemeanor if committed by an adult and the juvenile has previously been found to be delinquent based on an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult. Under current law a juvenile may also be committed for a Class 1 misdemeanor if he has previously been adjudicated delinquent of three or more offenses that would be a Class 1 misdemeanor. Patron - Marsden

FSB133 Employment of court services unit directors. Provides that the hiring and employment of state and local court services unit directors is under the Department of Juvenile Justice. Under current law, the juvenile and domestic relations district court judge or judges appoint the director from a list of eligible persons submitted by the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Transfer, demotion, or separation of a director is currently under the authority of the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice in accordance with the Virginia Personnel Act after consulting with the judge or judges; the bill removes the requirement to consult with the judge or judges. Patron - Marsden

FSB184 Admission of minors to mental health facility for inpatient treatment. Removes provisions of the Code requiring the consent of a minor 14 years of age or older prior

to admission to a mental health facility for inpatient treatment. The bill allows for admission of a minor of any age upon application and with the consent of a parent. After admission, if a minor 14 years of age or older objects to inpatient treatment, his admission shall be reviewed by a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge, and counsel and a guardian ad litem shall be appointed for the minor. Patron - McWaters

ESB625 Protective orders; hearing to be held simultaneously with pending criminal action. Provides that, whenever practical, a court having jurisdiction over both a petition for a protective order and a pending criminal action in which the defendant is also the respondent to the protective order and the victim of the crime is also the petitioner for the protective order shall hear both actions simultaneously. A preliminary protective order may be extended until the conclusion of the criminal action to allow for a simultaneous hearing. The bill also provides that, upon request of any party or upon its own motion, the court may bifurcate the actions for good cause

Patron - Stanley

Courts of Record

Passed

PHB269 Holding cases under advisement. Provides that a circuit court judge in a civil action who holds a decision on any matter, motion, or issue submitted to the court or any final decision in the action under advisement for more than 60 days after a decision was requested must provide the parties in the action a written report stating the expected time of a decision. A judge who fails to make such a report or fails to render a decision within the time set forth in the report may be reported to the Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court. Currently, a circuit court judge only has to provide such a report for final decisions in civil actions that have been held under advisement for more than 90 days.

Patron - Habeeb

PHB272 Judicial performance evaluation program. Requires the judicial performance evaluation program, which provides a self-improvement mechanism for judges and a source of information for the reelection process, established by the Supreme Court of Virginia to submit evaluation reports on justices and judges whose terms expire during the next session of the General Assembly to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice by December 1 of each year. Such reports to the General Assembly are public records, but all other records created or maintained by or on behalf of the program are confidential and exempt from the mandatory disclosure provisions of FOIA.

Patron - Loupassi

PHB303 Appellate attorney fees. Eliminates the award of attorney fees to any party that recovers costs. This bill as introduced was a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.

Patron - Loupassi

PHB477 Electronic summons system; fees. Allows counties and cities to assess a fee not to exceed \$5 as part of the costs in each criminal or traffic case in district or circuit court

to be used for the implementation and maintenance of an electronic summons system.

Patron - Villanueva

PHB606 Number of circuit and district court judges. Increases and decreases the number of circuit, general district, and juvenile court judges authorized for each judicial circuit and district in accordance with a study report issued by the National Center for State Courts. These adjustments are recommended by the Judicial Council and by the Committee on District Courts. The bill also requires the Chief Justice to designate any judge serving in a circuit or district where the number of authorized judges is reduced after July 1, 2014, to provide assistance to any other circuit or district. This bill is identical to SB 443.

Patron - Miller

PHB704 Recording of trial, etc.; misdemeanor cases in circuit court. Requires the circuit court in misdemeanor cases to allow the Commonwealth, the defendant, or both to record evidence and incidents of trial by a mechanical or electronic device in cases in which there is no court reporter or other court-approved verbatim recording. The purpose of the recording is to aid counsel in producing a statement of facts for appeal when there is no transcript. The recording will not be made a part of the record unless otherwise permitted.

Patron - Gilbert

PHB763 Recorded writings; deeds; cover sheets; indexes. Permits, but does not require, the use of a cover sheet in the presentation of instruments for recordation in jurisdictions that do not currently mandate the use of cover sheets. The bill provides for specific requirements for cover sheets used in the filing of deeds and other instruments relating to real property and provides that the cover sheets shall be developed in conjunction with the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court. The bill changes the statutory form of deeds, deeds of trust, and credit line deeds of trust. The bill removes the requirement that a deed of trust trustee's office be located within the Commonwealth. The bill expressly permits limited liability companies, partnerships, and other entities to act as trustees of a deed of trust. Under current law, only individuals and corporations may act as deed of trust trustees. The bill substitutes the term "beneficiary" for "noteholder," thereby including other types of secured parties. The bill also defines "prior mortgage" and redefines "refinance mortgage" to clarify the priority of mortgages. The bill contains a partial delayed effective date as to provisions governing cover sheets in Title 17.1. Patron - Minchew

□HB1196 Clerks offices; recordation; possession of child pornography; when security is required. Makes various changes to laws relating to clerks of court, including (i) providing that the orders making up each day's proceedings that have been recorded in the order book shall be deemed the official records; (ii) providing that clerks may possess evidence of child pornography in the course of their duties; (iii) requiring clerks to receive and maintain control over evidence at the time it is admitted; (iv) allowing the secretary of a firefighting company to appoint a designee for the purpose of filing membership lists with the clerk; (v) removing the requirement in the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act that a filing officer endorse on the notice of a federal lien the title and address of the official or entity certifying the lien; and (vi) providing that the clerk may make a motion to require a personal representative to furnish security.

Patron - Cline

PSB435 Clerks; order books; remote access to court records; electronic filing; information technology fees;

posting of certain information on the Internet. Provides that circuit court clerks may keep an automated system in lieu of order books and land books as well as allow remote access to such system with regard to nonconfidential court records. The bill permits circuit court clerks to keep court records at a designated location outside of the clerk's office. The bill also exempts instruments and records that are more than 100 years old from the prohibition against the clerks posting personal information on the Internet.

Patron - McDougle

PSB443 Number of circuit and district court judges. Increases and decreases the number of circuit, general district, and juvenile court judges authorized for each judicial circuit and district in accordance with a study report issued by the National Center for State Courts. These adjustments are recommended by the Judicial Council and by the Committee on District Courts. The bill also requires the Chief Justice to designate any judge serving in a circuit or district where the number of authorized judges is reduced after July 1, 2014, to provide assistance to any other circuit or district. This bill incorporates SB 317 and SB 543 and is identical to HB 606. Patron - Norment

Failed

EHB90 Federal government shutdown; creditor process; utility service. Allows the Governor to declare a state of emergency in response to a federal government shutdown, which is defined as a partial or total discontinuance of federal governmental services due to a failure by the President and Congress to approve the necessary funding for the operations of the federal government. During the period that the state of emergency is in effect, no public utility shall terminate a customer's service for nonpayment if the State Corporation Commission determines that such customer is a federal government employee or contractor or will be disproportionately adversely affected by the federal government shutdown. The bill provides that the Governor, during the state of emergency, may request that the Supreme Court declare a judicial emergency in which all judicial proceedings or other court matters involving creditor process be suspended in cases where the defendant is a federal government employee or contractor or the Supreme Court determines that the defendant will be disproportionately adversely affected by the federal government shutdown. Patron - Marshall, R.G.

Judicial Circuit. Adds an additional circuit court judges; Twentieth Judicial Circuit. Adds an additional circuit court judge to the 20th Judicial Circuit (Loudoun, Rappahannock, Fauquier), bringing the total to five. This additional position is recommended under the National Center for State Courts report entitled "Virginia Judicial Workload Assessment Report," issued November 15, 2013.

Patron - Minchew

EHB309 Members of the General Assembly; election or appointment to judgeship. Restricts any member of the General Assembly from being elected or appointed to any judgeship during his term of office as a member and for four years following the expiration of such term. Patron - Morrissey

EHB330 Number of circuit court judges; 10th Judicial Circuit. Adds a fourth circuit court judge to the 10th Judicial Circuit (Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, and Prince Edward). This additional position is recommended under the

National Center for State Courts report entitled "Virginia Judicial Workload Assessment Report," issued November 15, 2013.

Patron - Wright

FHB353 Supreme Court of Virginia; judicial caseloads; weighted caseload system. Requires the Supreme Court to develop a weighted caseload system to assess judicial caseloads throughout the Commonwealth and, using that system, requires the Court to determine the need for judicial positions and the optimum distribution of judicial positions throughout the Commonwealth and to report every 10 years on the number of judges needed within the circuits and districts.

Patron - Hope

FHB967 Duties of the chief judges. Places the authority for recalling judges for duty after retirement with the chief judges of the district and circuit courts. *Patron - Cline*

FHB1018 Appellate proceedings; audio and audiovisual records; circuit court opinions; fees; access. Requires the appellate courts to produce audio or audio-visual recordings of oral arguments and to make such recordings available to the public without charge. The bill also clarifies that clerks are not required to charge fees for access to or copies of orders and opinions and, further, that a clerk may not restrict redistribution of publicly accessible court records. The bill contains a delayed effective date.

Patron - Kilgore

ESB262 Internet Crimes Against Children Fund; fee; Governor's Child Safety Test. Increases from \$10 to \$15 the additional fee placed upon each felony or misdemeanor conviction assessed as court costs and deposited into the state treasury and credited to the Internet Crimes Against Children Fund. The bill changes the amounts of the funds disbursed for specific programs. The bill permits each local school board to include as part of the program of physical fitness made available to all students the Governor's Child Safety Test, a program of instruction that will consist of at least eight hours of instruction per year on how to recognize, avoid, resist, escape, and report physical, sexual, and online threats and will result in a certificate signed by the Governor upon successful completion of the program. The Secretaries of Education and Public Safety are required to collaborate to develop the curriculum for the program.

Patron - Deeds

FSB317 Number of circuit and district court judges in the 20th and 26th Circuits/Districts. Increases the number of circuit, general district, and juvenile court judges authorized for the 20th and 26th Judicial Circuits in accordance with a study report issued by the National Center for State Courts. These adjustments are also recommended by the Judicial Council and by the Committee on District Courts. The 20th Judicial Circuit consists of Loudoun, Rappahannock, and Fauquier Counties, and the 26th Judicial Circuit and District consists of the Cities of Harrisonburg and Winchester and the Counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren. This bill was incorporated into SB 443. Patron - Vogel

FSB318 General district courts; days of operation. Provides that the clerk's office of every district court shall be kept open for the transaction of business on every day except Saturday, Sunday, and the statewide legal holidays designated in the Code of Virginia. Currently the days of operation are set by the Committee on District Courts.

Patron - Vogel

ESB543 Number of circuit court judges; 10th Judicial Circuit. Adds a fourth circuit court judge to the 10th Judicial Circuit (Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, and Prince Edward). This additional position is recommended under the National Center for State Courts report entitled "Virginia Judicial Workload Assessment Report," issued November 15, 2013. This bill was incorporated into SB 443. Patron - Ruff

Carried Over

CHB825 General district courts; days of operation. Provides that the clerk's office of every district court shall be kept open for the transaction of business on every day except Saturday, Sunday, and the statewide legal holidays designated in the Code of Virginia. Currently the days of operation are set by the Committee on District Courts.

Patron - Minchew

Crimes and Offenses Generally

Passed

PHB100 Concealed handgun permits; records. Provides that any references to the issuance of a concealed handgun permit in any order book before July 1, 2008, are exempt from the requirement that such orders be withheld from public disclosure. The bill also directs circuit court clerks to issue replacement permits to permit holders who undergo a lawful name change. This bill is identical to SB 600. Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB159 Fraudulent conversion or removal of leased property; restitution. Provides that a court shall order a person found guilty of fraudulent conversion of leased personal property to make restitution as the court deems appropriate to the lessor of the property. Such restitution may include (i) the cost of repairing such property; (ii) if the property is not returned or cannot reasonably be repaired, the actual value of such property; and (iii) any reasonable loss of revenue by the lessor. This bill incorporates HB 73.

Patron - Albo

PHB218 Purchase, etc., of tobacco products by minors; nicotine vapor products and alternative nicotine products. Adds nicotine vapor products and alternative nicotine products to the list of tobacco products that cannot be sold to or purchased or possessed by a minor. The bill defines a nicotine vapor product as a noncombustible product containing nicotine that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other means that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. The bill defines an alternative nicotine product as any noncombustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption. This bill incorporates HB 26 and is identical to SB 96. Patron - Albo

PHB259 Allegations of untrue, deceptive, or misleading advertising; real estate licensees. Provides that an allegation that a real estate licensee has engaged in untrue, deceptive, or misleading advertising shall be stated with particularity. This bill is identical to SB 302.

Patron - Miller

PHB326 Unlawful dissemination or sale of images of another; penalty. Provides that a person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if he, with the intent to coerce, harass, or intimidate the depicted person, maliciously disseminates or sells any videographic or still image created by any means whatsoever that depicts another person who is totally nude or in a state of undress so as to expose the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breasts, where such person knows or has reason to know that he is not licensed or authorized to do so. The bill also amends the crime of creating an image of a nonconsenting person by substituting the term "videographic or still image created by any means whatsoever" for the current term "videotape, photograph, or film." This bill incorporates HB 49. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB357 Concealed handgun permit applicant; access to information. Allows a clerk of a circuit court to disclose information contained in a concealed handgun permit application to the applicant. Currently, the clerk may not disclose such information to anyone except a law-enforcement officer acting in the performance of his official duties. Patron - Anderson

PHB403 Prior sex offenses admissible in evidence; sex crimes against child. Provides that in a criminal case in which the defendant is accused of a felony sexual offense involving a child victim, evidence of the defendant's conviction of another sexual offense or offenses is admissible and may be considered for its bearing on any matter to which it is relevant. This rule of evidence is to be applied in conjunction with the Virginia Rules of Evidence.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB420 Misuse of public assets. Allows localities to adopt an ordinance that provides that a non-full-time officer, agent, employee, or elected official who misuses public assets when the value of such use exceeds \$1,000 in a 12-month period is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Minchew

PHB505 Dextromethorphan Distribution Act; penalty. Provides that no pharmacy or retail distributor may knowingly or intentionally sell or distribute a product containing dextromethorphan (a cough suppressant found in many overthe-counter medications) to a minor and that no minor may knowingly and intentionally purchase such product. A violation is punishable by a \$25 civil penalty. Additionally, a pharmacy or retail distributor shall not sell or distribute a product containing dextromethorphan unless the purchaser presents a government-issued photo-ID showing proof of age or the purchaser appears to be at least 25 years old. Upon a first violation, the pharmacy or retail distributor shall receive a notice of noncompliance, and any subsequent violation is punishable by a \$25 civil penalty. The bill also provides that a person who distributes or possesses with the intent to distribute unfinished dextromethorphan is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2015, and is identical to SB 213.

Patron - Hodges

PHB518 Certificates of analysis admitted into evidence; electronic signature. Allows the Department of Forensic Science to electronically scan a blood withdrawal certificate into the Department's Laboratory Information Management System and to electronically transmit it and the certificate of analysis to the clerk of court. The bill also allows a certificate of analysis for drugs or alcohol use to be signed electronically.

Patron - Morris

PHB542 Wearing masks; exceptions; penalty. Provides that a person over the age of 16 who wears a mask, hood, or other device that hides or covers a substantial portion of the face with the intent to conceal his identity, subject to certain exceptions, is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Currently, the Code is silent as to the intent of the wearer.

Patron - McQuinn

PHB567 Sexual battery by touching a person's intimate parts; penalty. Provides that a person is guilty of sexual battery (punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor) if he sexually abuses within a two-year period more than one complaining witness or one complaining witness on more than one occasion intentionally and without the consent of the complaining witness.

Patron - Watts

PHB616 Charitable gaming; interim certification of tax-exempt status. Removes the authority of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to issue interim certificates of tax-exempt status to charitable organizations that seek a permit to conduct charitable gaming and that have an application pending before the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The Department may, however, issue a charitable gaming permit while the permittee's tax-exempt status is pending approval by the Internal Revenue Service. The bill updates the reference to the reporting requirements of the IRS for individuals who win charitable gaming prizes or jackpots that meet or exceed the limits as contained in IRS Publication 3079. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Albo

PHB708 Assault and battery against a family or household member. Adds unlawful wounding in violation of § 18.2-51 and strangulation in violation of § 18.2-51.6 to the list of offenses that, if a person has been previously convicted of two such offenses within a 20-year period and such offenses occurred on different dates, enhance the penalty of assault and battery against a family or household member from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony.

Patron - Gilbert

PHB745 Internet publication of personal information; prohibition; attorneys for the Commonwealth. Adds attorneys for the Commonwealth to the current provision prohibiting a state or local agency from publicly posting or displaying on the Internet the home address or personal telephone numbers of a law-enforcement officer or state or federal judge or justice if such official has made a written demand and obtains a court order.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB810 Reckless handling of firearms; penalty. Provides that any person who recklessly handles a firearm and through such reckless handling causes the serious bodily injury of another person resulting in permanent and significant physical impairment is guilty of a Class 6 felony. This bill is identical to SB 65.

Patron - Carr

PHB851 Assault and battery; school employees; penalty. Provides that a battery against any full-time or part-time employee of a public or private elementary school who is engaged in the performance of his duties is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor and the punishment shall include a sentence of 15 days in jail, two days of which shall be a mandatory minimum sentence. Currently, only a battery against a teacher, principal, assistant principal, or guidance counselor is subject

to this enhanced penalty for battery. This bill is identical to SB 570.

Patron - LeMunyon

PHB962 Carrying concealed handgun; secured container or compartment in vehicle. Provides that for purposes of the exception to the prohibition against carrying a concealed weapon if it is in a secured container or compartment in a personal, private motor vehicle or vessel, the term "compartment" includes a console, glove compartment, or any other area within or on the vehicle or vessel that possesses the ability to be closed. The bill also provides that the term "secured" does not require that a container or compartment be locked, but merely closed.

Patron - Cline

PHB976 Accessories after the fact to certain homicides. Provides that an accessory after the fact to a homicide offense that is punishable by death or as a Class 2 felony is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Currently, accessories after the fact to any felony are guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Patron - Cline

□HB1112 Cannabimimetic agents; controlled substance analogs; regulation by Board of Pharmacy; penalties. Substitutes the term "cannabimimetic agents" for the term "synthetic cannabinoids" to describe certain substances that are unlawful to possess, sell, give, distribute, or manufacture. Authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to place controlled substance analogs (a substance that has a substantially similar chemical structure to a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and that has or is intended to have the same or a greater stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system) into the list of controlled substances found in Schedule I or II via an expedited regulatory process. A substance added via this process is removed from such list after 18 months unless a general law is enacted adding the substance to such list. Such controlled substance analogs are subject to the same penalties as those for the actual drug. The bill also repeals the specific criminal penalties for possession, etc., of synthetic cannabinoids and places cannabimimetic agents on the list of controlled substances in Schedule I, where they will be subject to the same penalties as those for other Schedule I controlled substances with the exception of simple possession, which will be penalized as a Class 1 misdemeanor instead of as a Class 5 felony. This bill is identical to SB 594.

Patron - Garrett

PHB 1169 Concealed handgun permit; retired member of enforcement division of DMV; exception. Provides an exception for a concealed handgun permit for a qualifying retired member of the enforcement division of the Department of Motor Vehicles. This bill is identical to SB 279.

Patron - O'Bannon

PSB14 Certain sex crimes. Adds the words "anal intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, and anilingus" to numerous Code sections criminalizing certain conduct to clarify the behaviors that are prohibited. The bill also clarifies the sex crimes that are prohibited by the crimes against nature statute. The bill states that an emergency exists and it is in force from its passage.

Patron - Garrett

PSB31 Methamphetamine cleanup; certification. Requires the Board of Health, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and other entities, to establish a program certifying that a building that was previously a methamphetamine manufacturing site is at or below the post-

cleanup target. Current law requires the convicted person to pay cleanup costs.

Patron - Stanley

PSB65 Reckless handling of firearms; penalty. Provides that any person who recklessly handles a firearm and through such reckless handling causes the serious bodily injury of another person resulting in permanent and significant physical impairment is guilty of a Class 6 felony. This bill is identical to HB 810.

Patron - Marsh

PSB96 Purchase, etc., of tobacco products by minors; nicotine vapor products and alternative nicotine products. Adds nicotine vapor products and alternative nicotine products to the list of tobacco products that cannot be sold to or purchased or possessed by a minor. The bill defines a nicotine vapor product as a noncombustible product containing nicotine that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other means that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. The bill defines an alternative nicotine product as any noncombustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption. This bill incorporates SB 17 and is identical to HB 218.

Patron - Reeves

PSB213 Dextromethorphan Distribution Act; penalty. Provides that no pharmacy or retail distributor may knowingly or intentionally sell or distribute a product containing dextromethorphan (a cough suppressant found in many overthe-counter medications) to a minor and that no minor may knowingly and intentionally purchase such product. A violation is punishable by a \$25 civil penalty. Additionally, a pharmacy or retail distributor shall not sell or distribute a product containing dextromethorphan unless the purchaser presents a government-issued photo-ID showing proof of age or the purchaser appears to be at least 25 years old. Upon a first violation, the pharmacy or retail distributor shall receive a notice of noncompliance, and any subsequent violation is punishable by a \$25 civil penalty. The bill also provides that a person who distributes or possesses with the intent to distribute unfinished dextromethorphan is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2015, and is identical to HB 505.

Patron - Carrico

PSB279 Concealed handgun permit; retired member of enforcement division of DMV; exception. Provides an exception for a concealed handgun permit for a qualifying retired member of the enforcement division of the Department of Motor Vehicles. This bill is identical to HB 1169.

Patron - Cosgrove

PSB302 Allegations of untrue, deceptive, or misleading advertising; real estate licensees. Provides that an allegation that a real estate licensee has engaged in untrue, deceptive, or misleading advertising shall be stated with particularity. This bill is identical to HB 259.

Patron - McDougle

PSB366 Multijurisdiction grand juries. Adds the cigarette trafficking offenses to the list of crimes that a multijurisdiction grand jury may investigate.

Patron - Reeves

ESB377 Firearm transfers to dealers; penalty. Establishes a process to be administered by the Department of State Police so that firearm dealers can find out whether a firearm that is being transferred to the dealer by a person other than a

dealer, importer, or manufacturer can be lawfully transferred. The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2015.

Patron - Reeves

PSB448 Hazing; penalty and institution policies. Requires the policies of any public school or public institution of higher education regarding hazing to be consistent with model policies established by the Department of Education or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, as applicable, and directs such agencies to establish such model policies with the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Patron - Norment

PSB476 Incest; definitions of parent, etc.; penalty. Provides that for the purposes of the crime of incest, parent includes step-parent, grandparent includes step-grandparent, child includes step-child, and grandchild includes step-grandchild.

Patron - Norment

PSB482 DUI; probation; license suspension, etc. Removes the provision that, unless otherwise modified by the court, a defendant who has been convicted of a fourth or subsequent DUI in 10 years shall remain on probation and under the terms of any suspended sentence for the same period as his operator's license was suspended, not to exceed three years. The bill also amends the provision that allows for administrative suspension of driving privileges for refusal to submit to a test to determine blood alcohol content to provide that the suspension can occur for refusal to submit to a blood test as well as a breath test. In addition, the bill corrects two incorrect cross-references, corrects an omission regarding administrative suspension of licenses for failure to order ignition interlock, and clarifies that VASAP is required for all convictions under § 18.2-266. This bill incorporates SB 190.

PSB570 Assault and battery; school employees; penalty. Provides that a battery against any full-time or part-time employee of a public or private elementary school who is engaged in the performance of his duties is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor and the punishment shall include a sentence of 15 days in jail, two days of which shall be a mandatory minimum sentence. Currently, only a battery against a teacher, principal, assistant principal, or guidance counselor is subject to this enhanced penalty for battery. This bill is identical to HB 851.

Patron - Stuart

Patron - Norment

PSB594 Cannabimimetic agents; controlled substance analogs; regulation by Board of Pharmacy; penalties. Substitutes the term "cannabimimetic agents" for the term "synthetic cannabinoids" to describe certain substances that are unlawful to possess, sell, give, distribute, or manufacture. Authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to place controlled substance analogs (a substance that has a substantially similar chemical structure to a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and that has or is intended to have the same or a greater stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system) into the list of controlled substances found in Schedule I or II via an expedited regulatory process. A substance added via this process is removed from such list after 18 months unless a general law is enacted adding the substance to such list. Such controlled substance analogs are subject to the same penalties as those for the actual drug. The bill also repeals the specific criminal penalties for possession, etc., of synthetic cannabinoids and places cannabimimetic agents on the list of controlled substances in Schedule I, where they will be subject to the same penalties as those for other Schedule I controlled substances with the exception of simple possession, which will

be penalized as a Class 1 misdemeanor instead of as a Class 5 felony. This bill is identical to HB 1112.

Patron - Obenshain

PSB600 Concealed handgun permits; records. Provides that any references to the issuance of a concealed handgun permit in any order book before July 1, 2008, are exempt from the requirement that such orders be withheld from public disclosure. The bill also directs circuit court clerks to issue replacement permits to permit holders who undergo a lawful name change. This bill is identical to HB 100.

Patron - Cosgrove

Failed

FHB8 Fees for concealed handgun permits. Decreases the local law-enforcement background investigation fee from \$35 to \$10, which includes any amount assessed by the FBI for providing criminal history record information. The total amount assessed for processing an application for a permit is thereby decreased from \$50 to \$25.

Patron - Ware

FHB21 School boards; employee firearms training. Requires every school board in the Commonwealth to designate at least one qualified person for every school in the district who, upon application with the school board, may carry a concealed handgun on school property. The bill requires all designated persons, including certain school division employees, certain school volunteers who carry valid concealed handgun permits, and certain retired law-enforcement officers, to be certified and trained by the Virginia Center for School Safety or the National Rifle Association in the storage, use, and handling of a concealed handgun. The bill also outlines the training requirements for designated persons as designed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

by minors. Provides that minors may not purchase or possess electronic cigarettes and that no person may sell electronic cigarettes to a minor. The bill defines an electronic cigarette as any electronic device that can provide an inhaled dose of nicotine to the individual inhaling from the device and the components of such device, including liquid nicotine. This bill was incorporated into HB 218.

Patron - Ramadan

THB43 Federal firearms laws; enforcement. Provides that agencies and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, and employees thereof, shall not knowingly aid any employee or entity of the federal government (i) in the enforcement of federal firearms laws that take effect on or after December 1, 2013, or (ii) in the conduct or enforcement of a criminal background check related to any intrastate sale, loan, gift, or other transfer of a firearm between citizens of the Commonwealth. Patron - Marshall, R.G.

EHB48 Possession of firearms following conviction of certain crimes; penalty. Prohibits any person who is convicted of stalking, sexual battery, or assault and battery of a family member that results in serious bodily injury from possessing, transporting, or carrying a firearm or any other weapon for a period of five years following his conviction. A violation would constitute a Class 6 felony. The bill also provides for the forfeiture of any weapon possessed, transported, or carried in violation of the prohibition. Finally, the bill provides for a process by which a violator may petition the circuit

court for a reinstatement of his rights to possess, transport, or carry a weapon.

Patron - Simon

FHB49 Unlawful dissemination or sale of images of another. Provides that a person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if he, with the intent to cause substantial emotional distress, disseminates or sells any videotape, photograph, film, or other videographic or still image or reproduction thereof that depicts another person who is totally nude, in a state of undress, or engaged in sexual conduct where such person knows or has reason to know that he is not licensed or privileged to do so and the person depicted suffers substantial emotional distress. This bill was incorporated into HB 326. Patron - Simon

FHB61 Firearms; purchase and sale of rifles or shotguns; penalties. Prohibits the sale of any rifle, shotgun, or assault rifle by a federally licensed firearms dealer to any out-of-state resident. Under current law, out-of-state residents may purchase rifles, shotguns, or assault rifles from licensed dealers in the Commonwealth, provided certain background checks have been passed. Also, the bill moves language regarding driver's license designations from Title 18.2, Crimes and Offenses Generally, to Title 46.2, Motor Vehicles, with no substantive change to the language. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - McQuinn

restitution. Provides that a court shall order a person found guilty of fraudulent conversion of leased personal property to make restitution as the court deems appropriate to the lessor of the property. Such restitution may include the cost of repairing or replacing and any loss of revenue resulting from the fraudulent conversion of such property. The bill also provides that the fact that the person leasing the property presented to the lessor identification documents or identifying information of another person or a false or fictitious person is prima facie evidence of intent to defraud. This bill was incorporated into HB 159. Patron - Ramadan

Common-law crime of suicide. Abolishes the common-law crime of suicide. Suicide is currently a common-law crime in Virginia, although there is no statutorily prescribed punishment.

Patron - Krupicka

EHB96 Driving recklessly on a suspended or revoked license and causing the death of another person; penalty. Provides that any person convicted of reckless driving who, when he committed the offense, (i) was driving on a suspended or revoked operator's license and (ii) as the proximate result of his reckless driving, caused the death of another person is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Currently, a person is only guilty of such felony if his operator's license was suspended or revoked due to a moving violation and his reckless driving was the sole and proximate cause of the other person's death. Patron - Head

FHB98 Sex-selective abortions; penalty. Provides that a person who performs an abortion with knowledge that the abortion is sought solely and exclusively on account of the sex of the unborn child is guilty of a Class 4 felony. The bill also requires that the information that must be provided to a woman seeking an abortion prior to obtaining her informed written consent to the procedure include a statement that the physician would be committing a criminal offense if he performs an abortion solely on account of the sex of the unborn child. *Patron - Marshall, R.G.*

EHB102 Possession of weapons in state legislative buildings. Prohibits the possession of weapons in legislative buildings except by any person who lawfully possesses a handgun. The provisions of the bill that require screening of persons entering such building would not apply to General Assembly members or staff or to any law-enforcement officer. Patron - Hope

FHB111 Assault and battery; conspiracy. Provides that conspiracy to commit misdemeanor assault or assault and battery is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Miller

FHB114 Possession of firearm, etc., on school property; private or religious schools. Eliminates the crimes of possession on the property of a private or religious elementary, middle, or high school; a school bus owned or operated by such school; or any property being used for functions or extracurricular activities sponsored by such school of a stun weapon, knife, or other weapon (currently a Class 1 misdemeanor) or a firearm (currently a Class 6 felony). The bill does not affect the criminal penalties for the possession of such weapons on public school property.

Patron - Cole

EHB129 Explosive material; method of ignition.

Adds high impact velocity to the methods of ignition contained in the definition of "explosive material." It is a Class 5 felony to possess materials that may be used to manufacture explosive materials or to manufacture, transport, distribute, possess, or use explosive materials.

Patron - Bell, Richard P.

FHB220 Driving while intoxicated; refusal of blood or breath tests. Requires that a person who has been arrested for driving while intoxicated and who has refused to submit to a blood or breath test must be given another opportunity to consent to testing after the arresting officer has advised the person of the consequences of his refusal using the form provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court. *Patron - Albo*

EHB244 Grand larceny; threshold. Increases from \$200 to \$500 the threshold amount of money taken or value of goods or chattel taken at which the crime rises from petit larceny to grand larceny. The bill increases the threshold by the same amount for the classification of certain property crimes. *Patron - Surovell*

THB252 Misuse of public assets; penalty. Provides that any officer, agent, or employee of the Commonwealth or of any political subdivision who, without lawful authorization, uses or permits the use of public assets for private or personal purposes unrelated to the duties and office of the accused or any other legitimate government interest when the value of such use exceeds \$1,000 in any 12-month period is guilty of a Class 4 felony. Currently, only full-time officers, agents, or employees can be guilty of the crime. Patron - Surovell

FHB257 Use or display of firearm in committing felony; penalty. Increases mandatory minimum sentences for use or display of a firearm during the commission of certain felonies from three to four years for a first offense and from five to six years for a second or subsequent offense. Patron - Lingamfelter

IFHB291 Driving while intoxicated; restricted license. Provides that an adult convicted of a first offense of § 18.2-266 (driving while intoxicated) or 18.2-266.1 (person

under 21 driving after consuming alcohol) may be issued a restricted license that permits operation of a motor vehicle for a period of 14 consecutive hours per day on no more than six days per week. The bill does not affect the requirement for the installation of an ignition interlock.

Patron - Albo

EHB298 Involuntary commitment and restoration of firearm rights. Responds to the holding in Paugh v. Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services, Record No. 121562 (2013), in which the Virginia Supreme Court held that on appeal by trial de novo in circuit court of an order of involuntary commitment by a district court, upon the circuit court's finding that the appellant no longer meets the criteria for involuntary commitment, the proper remedy is dismissal of the Commonwealth's petition for involuntary commitment, thereby rendering the original commitment order a nullity. As such, because the original petition would in effect never have existed, forfeiture of the right to possess a firearm as required by § 18.2-308.1:3 upon involuntary commitment would no longer be in effect. Section 18.2-308.1:3 requires that a person who has been involuntarily committed and seeks to have his firearm rights restored petition a district court for restoration of his firearm rights. The ruling in Paugh, by requiring dismissal of the original petition for commitment, removes that requirement even though on the date of the original commitment hearing the person did meet the criteria for commitment and was, in fact, involuntarily committed. The bill provides that notwithstanding the outcome of any appeal (trial de novo on the petition for commitment) taken pursuant to § 37.2-821, the appellant shall be required to seek restoration of his firearm rights. The bill also provides that upon a finding by the circuit court that the appellant no longer meets the criteria for involuntary commitment (or mandatory outpatient treatment), the court shall reverse the order of the district court but shall not dismiss the Commonwealth's petition. As a consequence of these changes, a person who is involuntarily committed would be required to petition for restoration of his firearm rights notwithstanding the reversal of the commitment order by a circuit court. Patron - Loupassi

EHB300 Tattooing or body piercing of minors. Removes from the elements of the crime of tattooing or body piercing of a minor the requirement that the tattooing or body piercing of the minor be done for hire or consideration. Patron - Loupassi

FIHB315 Financial exploitation of incapacitated persons. Expands the class of victims of the crime of financial exploitation of mentally incapacitated persons to include persons incapacitated due to physical illness or disability, advanced age, or other causes. Currently, victims must suffer from a mental incapacity. The bill also increases the penalty for financial exploitation of incapacitated persons to a Class 3 felony. The bill also allows for forfeiture of personal property used in connection with the crime.

Patron - Kory

EHB317 Prohibition on weapons at airport; exception for concealed handgun. Provides that a person who holds a valid concealed handgun permit may lawfully possess or transport a concealed handgun into any air carrier airport terminal.

Patron - Berg

FHB392 Assault and battery; emergency health care provider. Provides that the commission of an assault or an assault and battery against an emergency health care provider in an emergency room of a hospital or clinic or on the premises

of any other facility rendering emergency medical care is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Stolle

FHB469 Financial exploitation of physically disabled or socially isolated persons. Provides that it is unlawful for any person who knows or should know that another person suffers from a physical disability or social isolation to, through the use of that other person's physical disability or social isolation, take, obtain, or convert money or another thing of value belonging to that other person with the intent to permanently deprive him thereof. A violation is punishable as larceny. Patron - Yost

EHB471 Financial exploitation of mentally incapacitated persons. Increases to a Class 3 felony the penalty for financial exploitation of mentally incapacitated persons. Currently, the crime is punishable as larceny. *Patron - Yost*

EHB496 Assault and battery of campus police; penalty. Adds campus police officers to the list of persons for which an enhanced penalty applies if such person is victimized because of his position.

Patron - Yost

EHB535 Transfer of firearms; criminal history record information check; penalties. Adds a definition of "firearms show vendor" and requires that a criminal history record information check be performed on the prospective transferee before the vendor may transfer firearms at a gun show. Under current law, only licensed dealers must obtain such a check. The bill also requires that the promoter of a firearms show provide vendors access to licensed dealers who will conduct the criminal history record information check. Patron - Plum

the requirement that a pregnant woman undergo a mandatory transabdominal ultrasound prior to the performance of an abortion to determine the gestational age of the fetus and provides that a pregnant woman shall be offered the opportunity to have an ultrasound performed.

Patron - Filler-Corn

civil penalty. Provides that no physician shall be subject to a civil penalty for failure to perform or supervise the performance of the ultrasound imaging required prior to an abortion if, in his medical judgment, such ultrasound imaging is not medically necessary. Currently, any physician who violates any provision of the abortion informed consent statute is subject to a \$2,500 civil penalty.

Patron - Filler-Corn

FHB557 Safe reporting of overdoses. Provides that no individual who sought or obtained emergency medical attention for himself or for another individual because of a drug or alcohol-related overdose may be arrested, charged, or prosecuted for simple possession of a controlled substance or a synthetic cannabinoid or for the unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol if the evidence for the charge was gained as a result of the individual seeking or obtaining emergency medical attention. This limited immunity does not prohibit the use of such evidence in the prosecution of other individuals or the prosecution of an individual for any other offense.

Patron - Carr

FIR590 Charitable gaming; raffles by nonprofit organizations. Clarifies that the exemption for nonprofit organizations from the requirement to obtain a permit from the Division of Charitable Gaming prior to conducting raffles that generate annual gross receipts of \$40,000 or less includes organizations granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Patron - O'Quinn

FHB619 Computer fraud; penalty. Increases the penalty for computer fraud when the value of the property or services obtained is \$200 or more from a Class 5 felony to a Class 4 felony where the victim is age 65 or older. *Patron - Mason*

EHB639 Concealed handgun permits; residents of the Commonwealth. Allows any resident of the Commonwealth who is otherwise eligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun without a permit anywhere he may lawfully carry a handgun within the Commonwealth.

Patron - Campbell

FHB644 Concealed handgun permits; lifetime permits. Provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits for Virginia residents that do not expire. Currently, such permits must be renewed every five years.

Patron - Campbell

FHB646 Replacement concealed handgun permits. Provides that no fees shall be charged for the issuance of a replacement concealed handgun permit because the permit holder has changed his address (currently subject to a maximum fee of \$10) or to replace a lost or destroyed permit (currently subject to a maximum fee of \$5). Patron - Campbell

EHB657 Testimony using two-way closed-circuit television; certain offenses. Permits a victim of kidnapping, criminal sexual assault, or family offenses to testify via two-way closed-circuit television if the court finds that the victim is unable to testify in open court because he will suffer severe emotional trauma. Currently, only child victims who are under 16 years old at the time of trial and who were under 14 years old at the time of the offense and child witnesses who are under 14 years old at the time of trial may testify in this manner. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

FHB676 Manufacturing, etc., methamphetamine; mandatory minimum sentence. Increases the bottom end of the sentence range for manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute 28 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine to 10 years with a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence. Currently, the bottom end of the sentence range is five years and an offense that involves 28 grams or more is subject to a three-year mandatory minimum sentence, except that for 227 grams or more, the mandatory minimum sentence increases to five years. Patron - Poindexter

FHB684 Prescribing marijuana as medicine; repeal. Repeals the ability of doctors to prescribe, pharmacists to dispense pursuant to a valid prescription, and persons to possess pursuant to a valid prescription marijuana for the treatment of cancer or glaucoma. The bill also limits the ability of medical professionals to prescribe, dispense, or administer controlled substances within the course of their professional practices. *Patron - Marshall, R.G.*

course; nonresident permits. Makes various changes to the types of training courses permitted to satisfy the requirement to display competence with a handgun to obtain a resident or nonresident concealed handgun permit, including (i) requiring that a National Rifle Association (NRA) or Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) course focus on the use and handling of a concealed handgun; (ii) requiring that a law-enforcement course be a handgun training course rather than a firearms safety course; and (iii) requiring that online NRA or DCJS training courses be synchronous. The bill also requires that applicants for a nonresident concealed handgun permit possess a valid concealed handgun permit from their state of residence and provide a copy of that permit with their application Patron - Torian

FHB698 Assault and battery of campus police and school security officers; penalty. Adds campus police officers and school security officers and includes all full-time or part-time school personnel to the list of persons for which an enhanced penalty applies if such person is victimized because of his position.

Patron - Ransone

FHB705 Out-of-state concealed handgun permits. Eliminates certain requirements for an out-of-state concealed handgun permit to be recognized in Virginia and provides that such a permit authorizes the holder of the permit to carry a concealed handgun so long as the permit holder carries a valid government-issued photo identification and presents that identification to any law-enforcement officer upon request. Patron - Gilbert

EHB714 Renewal of concealed handgun permit; no fees required. Provides that a person who has previously been issued a concealed handgun permit does not have to pay any fees to renew such permit.

Patron - Campbell

FHB809 Prohibition of sale, transfer, etc., of certain **firearms magazines; fine.** Provides that any person, corporation, or other entity that manufactures, imports, possesses, purchases, sells, or transfers any large capacity magazine shall be subject to a \$250 fine. The bill provides for exceptions to the prohibition, including the owner's registration with the Department of State Police following a criminal history record information check. The willful or intentional making of a materially false statement on the consent form required by the processes required for a criminal history record information check will subject the person making such statement to a \$250 fine. The bill also provides that a registrant is limited to three large capacity magazines and must otherwise dispose of all magazines in excess of the limit. Finally, the bill outlines the registration process for anyone who owns a large capacity magazine.

Patron - Lopez

FHB812 Sale of firearms; penalty. Requires a background check for any firearm transfer and requires the Department of State Police to establish a process for sellers to obtain such a check from licensed firearm dealers. A seller who fails to obtain such a check and sells the gun to any other person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Lopez

FHB827 Emergency custody orders; temporary firearms restriction orders. Provides that a temporary firearms restriction order shall be issued by a magistrate who issues an emergency custody order. A person subject to a temporary firearms restriction order who purchases, possesses, or transports a

firearm while the order is in effect is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The duration of a temporary firearms restriction order may not exceed 90 days. A person who is subject to a temporary firearms restriction order, at any time prior to the expiration of such order, may petition the general district court in the county or city in which he resides to restore his right to purchase, possess, or transport a firearm.

Patron - Minchew

FHB828 Concealed handgun permits; firearms safety courses. Clarifies that in order for its completion to serve as proof of demonstrated competence with a handgun for purposes of obtaining a concealed handgun permit, a firearms safety or training course must utilize firearms instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Patron - Minchew

EHB834 Harassment by computer; bullying. Provides that a person who, with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass another, uses a computer or computer network to engage in bullying is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also provides that for purposes of the crime of harassment by computer, a computer includes an electronic communication device.

Patron - Keam

FHB878 Law-enforcement certification of certain firearms. Requires that when certification of a chief law-enforcement officer is required by federal law for the transfer of a firearm, as defined in the National Firearms Act, such certification must be provided within 30 days if the applicant is not prohibited by law from receiving the firearm. If the applicant is prohibited by law from receiving the firearm, the chief law-enforcement officer or his designee shall provide written notification to the applicant stating the reason for the prohibition. The definition of "firearm" includes machine guns, rifles and shotguns of a certain length, weapons made from certain rifles or shotguns, silencers, and destructive devices. Patron - LaRock

FHB914 Fornication; repeal. Repeals the crime of fornication, i.e., voluntary sexual intercourse by an unmarried person.

Patron - Sickles

FHB927 Problem Gambling Treatment Fund established. Establishes the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund for the prevention and treatment of gambling addiction and other problems related to gambling and for the administration of such programs. The Fund shall receive two-tenths of one percent (0.002) of the State Lottery Fund, the State Racing Operations Fund (horse racing), and the revenue received by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from charitable gaming permit and registration application fees. The bill contains technical amendments. The provisions of the bill become effective on January 1, 2015.

Patron - Greason

FHB940 Adultery; civil penalty. Reduces the penalty for adultery from a Class 4 misdemeanor to a civil penalty of not more than \$250.

Patron - Surovell

FHB941 Operating a vehicle or vessel containing a false compartment; penalty. Provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person to (i) own or operate a vehicle or vessel containing a false or secret compartment; (ii) install, create, build, or fabricate in any vehicle or vessel a false or secret compartment; or (iii) sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of any vehicle or

vessel containing a false or secret compartment. The bill defines a "false or secret compartment" as any enclosure that is integrated into or attached to a vehicle or vessel, the purpose of which is to conceal, hide, or prevent the discovery of a person, controlled substance, or other contraband.

Patron - Surovell

FHB943 Ignition interlock; time for installation. Permits a court to delay the installation of an ignition interlock for a period of time not to exceed 30 days from the date of conviction of an offense of driving under the influence. The bill provides that the period of time that the interlock is in effect commences on the date specified in the court order. *Patron - Surovell*

FIHB944 Ignition interlock systems; DUI drugs. Exempts persons convicted of a first offense of driving under the influence of drugs (DUI drugs), where there is no evidence that the person consumed or was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the offense, from the prohibition to operate a motor vehicle without an ignition interlock system as a condition of a restricted license. Currently a person convicted of either DUI or DUI drugs, whether or not the person's conduct involved the consumption of alcoholic beverages, is prohibited from operating a vehicle without an ignition interlock system as a condition of a restricted license. The bill also exempts persons convicted of a second offense of DUI drugs, or an offense of maining while driving under the influence of drugs, where there is no evidence that the person consumed or was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the offense, from the requirement that an ignition interlock system be installed on each vehicle owned by or registered to the offender as a condition of license restoration. Currently a person convicted of such an offense, whether or not alcohol was involved at the time of the offense, is required to have an ignition interlock installed on each vehicle owned by or registered to the offender as a condition of license restoration. The bill also updates the duties of the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles with regard to enforcing ignition interlock requirements for first-time offenders in the absence of statutorily mandated court action.

Patron - Surovell

FHB945 Driving under the influence; first offenders; license conditions. Eliminates the requirement that a driver's license be suspended for one year for an adult first offender with a blood alcohol content under 0.15 and instead requires the offender to have an ignition interlock for one year. Patron - Surovell

FHB964 Firearms; purchase by persons intending to commit act of terrorism; penalty. Provides that any person who, having the present intention to commit, conspire to commit, or aid and abet in the commission of an act of terrorism, purchases a firearm is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and any person who sells a firearm to a person who has expressed such an intention is guilty of a Class 4 felony. The bill provides that any such person shall also be disqualified from obtaining a concealed handgun permit. The bill further provides that any person who is listed on the consolidated Terrorist Watchlist maintained by the Terrorist Screening Center administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation is disqualified from obtaining a concealed handgun permit.

Patron - Surovell

EHB994 Human trafficking offenses. Directs the Virginia Code Commission to add the term "human trafficking" to the catchline of § 18.2-47 ("Abduction and kidnapping

defined; punishment") in order to emphasize that section's applicability to offenses involving human trafficking. *Patron - Comstock*

FHB1015 Trespass; signs prohibiting trespass. Provides that a nonresidential building shall not be considered to be posted no trespassing with regard to signs prohibiting the carrying of a firearm or a particular type of firearm unless such signs (i) have been posted where they may reasonably be seen at all entrances to the building or to the part of the building to which the restriction applies, (ii) state the nature of the prohibition in conspicuous type, and (iii) have dimensions of at least five inches by seven inches.

Patron - Berg

FHB1055 Concealed handgun permits; firearms safety courses. Clarifies that in order to serve as proof of demonstrated competence with a handgun for purposes of obtaining a concealed handgun permit, a firearms safety or training course must utilize firearms instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Patron - Bulova

FHB1056 Abortion; informed consent. Removes the requirement that an ultrasound be performed 24 hours prior to an abortion.

Patron - Ward

FHB1111 Tobacco products; electronic cigarettes; minors. Defines "tobacco product" for the purposes of the prohibition on the purchase or possession by or sale to minors of tobacco products. The term "tobacco product" includes an electronic smoking device, which is defined as any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other similar substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or other substance through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product. Patron - Hope

FHB1142 Concealed handgun permits; firearms safety courses. Clarifies that in order to serve as proof of demonstrated competence with a handgun for purposes of obtaining a concealed handgun permit, a firearms safety or training course must utilize firearms instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Patron - Simon

FHB1188 Animal fighting. Prohibits wagering on the charging of admission for the participation in any event or exhibition at which a dog and either a coyote or a fox are placed into an enclosed area. A violation of the provisions of this bill is a Class 6 felony.

Patron - Albo

FHB1226 Stalking; penalty. Provides that the conduct necessary to sustain a conviction for stalking if directed at another person includes conduct via electronic transmissions that produce a visual or textual image.

Patron - Rasoul

EHB1245 Purchase or transportation of firearm by persons convicted of certain drug offenses. Provides that any person who has been convicted of two misdemeanor offenses for possession of synthetic cannabinoids, marijuana, or controlled substances within a 36-month period is prohibited from purchasing or transporting a firearm. Currently, the prohibition only applies to handguns.

Patron - Filler-Corn

EHB1246 Concealed handgun permits; proof of competence. Removes the option for an applicant for a concealed handgun permit to take an online firearms training or safety course to demonstrate the requisite competence with a handgun in order to obtain a permit.

Patron - Filler-Corn

EHB1260 Electronic transmission of sexually explicit images by minors; penalty. Provides that a minor who knowingly transmits, distributes, publishes, or disseminates to another minor an electronically transmitted communication containing a sexually explicit image of his own person is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. A minor who knowingly possesses 10 or fewer electronically transmitted communications containing a sexually explicit image of another minor is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Patron - Surovell

THB1266 Machine guns owned by trust. Provides that a trust is included in the types of entities that may lawfully possess a machine gun. The bill also provides that any certificate of registration for a machine issued by the Superintendent of State Police prior to July 1, 2014, is declared to be valid as to the individual or entity named in the certificate.

Patron - LaRock

FSB17 Electronic cigarettes; minors. Provides that minors may not purchase or possess electronic cigarettes and that no person may sell electronic cigarettes to a minor. The bill defines an electronic cigarette as any electronic device that can provide an inhaled dose of nicotine to the individual inhaling from the device and the components of such device, including liquid nicotine. This bill was incorporated into SB 96. Patron - Miller

ESB22 Common-law crime of suicide. Abolishes the common-law crime of suicide. Suicide is currently a common-law crime in Virginia, although there is no statutorily prescribed punishment.

Patron - Ebbin

ESB41 Assault and battery; conspiracy. Provides that conspiracy to commit misdemeanor assault or assault and battery is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Marsden

FSB122 Juvenile offenders; sentences. Provides that the punishment is a Class 2 felony (20 years to life) for persons convicted of a crime committed when a juvenile for which the only available punishment is a life sentence. The bill also provides that a juvenile cannot commit capital murder. This bill is in response to *Miller v. Alabama* (567 U.S.____, 2012) where the United States Supreme Court held that the Eighth Amendment prohibits a sentencing scheme that requires life in prison without the possibility of parole for juvenile homicide offenders.

Patron - Marsden

ESB125 Juvenile offenders; sentence modification. Establishes a procedure to retroactively modify a mandatory life sentence for persons convicted of a crime committed when a juvenile. The bill provides for an individualized assessment and allows the punishment to be reduced to a Class 2 felony (20 years to life). This bill is in response to *Miller v. Alabama* (567 U.S.___, 2012), where the United States Supreme Court held that the Eighth Amendment prohibits a sentencing scheme that mandates life in prison without the possibility of parole for juvenile homicide offenders.

Patron - Marsden

ESB190 DUI; **probation.** Removes provision that, unless otherwise modified by the court, a defendant who has been convicted of a fourth or subsequent DUI in 10 years shall remain on probation and under the terms of any suspended sentence for the same period as his operator's license was suspended, not to exceed three years. This bill was incorporated into SB 482.

Patron - Garrett

ESB204 Charitable gaming; raffles by nonprofit organizations. Clarifies that the exemption for nonprofit organizations from the requirement to obtain a permit from the Division of Charitable Gaming prior to conducting raffles that generate annual gross receipts of \$40,000 or less includes organizations granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Patron - Carrico

FSB216 Assault and battery; conspiracy. Provides that conspiracy to commit misdemeanor assault or assault and battery is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Carrico

ESB223 Board for Charitable Gaming; authorization of electronic poker games for qualified organizations. Authorizes a qualified organization to allow the playing of electronic poker games. In order to obtain a permit to conduct electronic poker games, a qualified organization must have held a permit to conduct charitable gaming for at least 36 months prior to applying for the permit and the gaming must be conducted in halls that are owned by the organization and not operated for profit. Charitable organizations continue to be prohibited from playing poker games or conducting poker tournaments.

Patron - Petersen

EISB286 Arrest photos on Internet. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for the owner of a website to both post an arrest photo and solicit, request, or accept money for removing the photograph. This bill was incorporated by SB 137. Patron - Stuart

ESB287 Transfer of firearms; penalty. Provides that any person who sells or otherwise transfers a firearm to a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm by state or federal law is guilty of a Class 6 felony if the transferor does not obtain a background check from a licensed firearms dealer. *Patron - Deeds*

FSB373 Trafficking in persons; penalties. Creates new felonies for trafficking in persons for forced labor or sexual servitude and adds the new felonies as a predicate criminal act under the criminal gang statute, as racketeering crimes, and to the functions of a multijurisdiction grand jury, and also allows seizure and forfeiture of property used in committing such felonies. The new felonies and the existing felony of receiving money for procuring a person are added to the rape shield statute. The bill allows a petition for a child in need of services to be substituted for a delinquency petition for certain minors arrested for prostitution, disallows the release of certain victim information, specifies law-enforcement protocol for victims who may not be legally present, requires persons convicted of the new felonies to pay restitution that compensates for the vic-

tim's labor, and creates a civil action for trafficked persons. The Secretary of Public Safety is required to convene an anti-trafficking committee and the Virginia Human Trafficking Victim Fund is created, which will be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Patron - Edwards

ESB411 Abandonment of a child; penalty. Provides that any parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the care of a child who willfully renders a child abused or neglected by abandoning the child is guilty of a Class 6 felony. *Patron - McWaters*

ISB450 Driving under the influence; first offenders; license conditions. Provides that if it is an adult offender's first DUI conviction and the offender's BAC was less than .015, the sole condition of the offender's driver's license restriction shall be a requirement that the offender have an ignition interlock for one year.

Patron - Norment

FISB453 Human trafficking; penalties. Creates new felonies for trafficking in persons for forced labor or sexual servitude. The bill adds definitions of coercion, commercial sexual activity, debt bondage, and serious harm.

Patron - Obenshain

ESB510 Possession of firearms following conviction of certain crimes; penalty. Prohibits any person who is convicted of stalking, sexual battery, or assault and battery of a family member involving the use of force from possessing, transporting, or carrying a firearm or any other weapon for a period of five years following his conviction. A violation would constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also provides for the forfeiture of any weapon possessed, transported, or carried in violation of the prohibition.

Patron - Favola

ESB520 Firearm transfers; penalties. Creates a Class 2 misdemeanor for a person who is not a licensed dealer to sell, rent, trade, or transfer a firearm to any other person who is not a licensed dealer. The bill also creates a Class 2 misdemeanor for a person who is not a licensed dealer to buy, rent, trade, or transfer a firearm from any other person who is not a licensed dealer. The bill exempts certain transfers, such as between immediate family members and by operation of law.

Patron - McEachin

ESB521 Common-law crime of suicide. Abolishes the common-law crime of suicide. Suicide is currently a common-law crime in Virginia, although there is no statutorily prescribed punishment.

Patron - Saslaw

FJSB617 Ultrasound prior to abortion. Removes the requirement that a woman undergo a transabdominal ultrasound prior to an abortion.

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State Police. Provides a mechanism for reporting when a circuit court restores a felon's right to possess a firearm to the Department of State Police. Prior to entry of a restoration order, the petitioner's fingerprints and petition are sent to the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) and the petitioner's criminal history is forwarded to the court and may be inspected by the attorney for the Commonwealth. If the order is granted, the Department of State Police shall enter the person's name and description in the CCRE so law-enforcement personnel accessing the computerized criminal history files will be aware of the order's existence.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

products or services to incapacitated persons; penalty. Provides that a person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if he sells or offers for sale any product or service to a person who he knows or should know suffers from an incapacity with the intent to (i) defraud, mislead, or deceive the incapacitated person as to the nature, quality, or identity of the product or service sold or offered for sale or (ii) coerce, intimidate, or harass the incapacitated person into purchasing the product or service. The bill defines the term "incapacity."

Patron - Watts

EHB707 Digital impersonation; penalty. Provides that a person who knowingly and without authorization credibly impersonates a living individual through or on an Internet website or by any other electronic means with the intent to harass, intimidate, or defraud another person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Gilbert

EHB716 Trafficking in persons; penalties. Creates new felonies for trafficking in persons for forced labor or sexual servitude and adds the new felonies as a predicate criminal act under the criminal gang statute, as racketeering crimes, and to the functions of a multijurisdiction grand jury, and also allows seizure and forfeiture of property used in committing such felonies. The new felonies and the existing felony of receiving money for procuring a person are added to the rape shield statute. The bill also makes sexual servitude an affirmative defense to the crime of prostitution and allows a petition for a child in need of services to be substituted for a delinquency petition for certain minors arrested for prostitution, disallows the release of certain victim information, specifies lawenforcement protocol for victims who may not be legally present, requires persons convicted of the new felonies to pay restitution that compensates for the victim's labor, and creates a civil action for trafficked persons. The Secretary of Public Safety is required to convene an anti-trafficking committee and the Virginia Prevention of Human Trafficking Victim Fund is created, which will be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Patron - McClellan

Department of State Police to issue; penalty. Provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits that do not expire to Virginia residents upon payment of a one-time fee of \$100, except that the fee for a person currently holding an unexpired permit is \$50. Currently, the fee for issuing such permits is \$50, and the permits must be renewed every five years with an additional \$50 fee charged each time. Such lifetime permits will include a photograph of the permittee. The bill also centralizes the issuance of concealed handgun permits with the Department of State Police; under current law, the circuit court clerk for the jurisdiction where the applicant resides issues such permits. The Department of State Police must issue a per-

mit within 45 business days of receipt of a completed application, unless the applicant is disqualified, and a replacement permit within 30 business days of receipt of a notarized statement from the permittee that the permit was lost or stolen. Permittees must notify the Department of State Police within 30 business days of any change in their address. The bill also requires the Department of State Police to conduct periodic background checks during the lifetime of any permit issued in the Commonwealth. The bill provides for a process by which a person whose permit application was denied or whose permit was revoked may appeal such determination. The Department of State Police will submit a report containing statistical information regarding the issuance of concealed handgun permits annually to the General Assembly. The bill also requires the Department of State Police to charge a fee of \$25 for the issuance of a permit to certain retired non-Virginia law-enforcement personnel (currently no fee is charged), \$200 for the issuance of a nonresident permit (currently \$100), \$10 for the issuance of a replacement permit (currently \$10 due to an address change or \$5 for a lost or destroyed permit), and \$50 for the transference of a nonresident permit into a resident permit. Finally, the bill provides that any person who knowingly possesses a revoked or suspended permit is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and is guilty of a Class 6 felony if he is simultaneously in possession of a concealed handgun. The bill does not alter current penalties for carrying a concealed handgun without a permit. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2015.

Patron - Lingamfelter

ciminal background check for transfer of firearms; exemption for holders of concealed handgun permits. Provides that a licensed firearms dealer does not have to have a criminal background check performed to determine a person's eligibility to purchase a firearm if the purchaser possesses a valid concealed handgun permit and presents a photo-ID issued by an agency of the Commonwealth or the Department of Defense.

Patron - Wilt

Trespass; physical interference with rights of owner; penalty. Provides that a person who trespasses on the property of another in any manner to physically interfere with the right of the owner, user, or occupant of the property to use such property free from such physical interference is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, or Class 6 felony if the trespass constitutes a hate crime. Currently, there is no requirement that the interference be physical.

Patron - Pogge

information check; penalties. Adds a definition of "firearms show vendor" and requires that a criminal history record information check be performed on the prospective transferee before the vendor may transfer firearms at a gun show. In order to be a "firearms show vendor" the person must have paid or given another thing of value to the promoter for the opportunity to sell guns at the gun show. Under current law, only licensed dealers must obtain such a check. The bill also requires that the promoter of a firearms show provide vendors access to licensed dealers who will conduct the criminal history record information check.

Patron - Marsden

Provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person to publish on the Internet a photograph or video made in violation of the current law prohibiting filming, videotaping, or photographing a nonconsenting person in certain situations where there is an

expectation of privacy. The bill also provides that venue for prosecution is the same as venue for computer crimes. *Patron - Edwards*

ESB137 Arrest photos on Internet. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for the owner of a website to both post an arrest photo and solicit, request, or accept money for removing the photograph. This bill incorporates SB 286.

Patron - Marsden

 ${ ilde extsf{L}} extsf{SB208}$ Grand larceny and property injury; health and safety made an element of crimes where coal mine damaged; trespass; penalty. Defines certain offenses against coal mine property as grand larceny, injury to property, or trespass. The bill provides that larceny from a coal mine of any thing valued at \$100 or more whose removal affects the health or safety of another constitutes grand larceny. The existing penalty for grand larceny is imprisonment for up to 20 years, or, in the discretion of the jury or the court, confinement in jail for up to one year and a fine of up to \$2,500, either or both. The bill provides that intentional injury to property located at a coal mine where such damage is valued at more than \$100 is a felony punishable by a fine of \$3,000 to \$10,000 or imprisonment for one to three years, or both, while unauthorized entry upon a coal mine property is expressly listed among the acts that may constitute a trespass. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Carrico

false compartment; penalty. Provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person to (i) own or operate a vehicle or vessel containing a false or secret compartment; (ii) install, create, build, or fabricate in any vehicle or vessel a false or secret compartment; or (iii) sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of any vehicle or vessel containing a false or secret compartment. The bill defines a "false or secret compartment" as any enclosure that is integrated into or attached to a vehicle or vessel, the purpose of which is to conceal, hide, or prevent the discovery of a person, controlled substance, or other contraband.

Patron - Petersen

©SB379 Grand larceny; threshold. Increases from \$200 to \$500 the threshold amount of money taken or value of goods or chattel taken at which the crime rises from petit larceny to grand larceny. The bill increases the threshold by the same amount for the classification of certain property crimes. Patron - Reeves

CSB384 Sex offenses prohibiting proximity to children; public libraries; penalty. Provides that any adult who is convicted of an offense prohibiting proximity to children, when the offense occurred on or after July 1, 2014, shall as part of his sentence be forever prohibited from knowingly and intentionally having any contact whatsoever with children that are not in his custody on the premises of any place that he knows or has reason to know is a public library. A violation is a Class 6 felony.

Patron - Reeves

CSB396 Criminal background check for transfer of firearms; exemption for holders of concealed handgun permits. Provides that a licensed firearms dealer does not have to have a criminal background check performed to determine a person's eligibility to purchase a firearm if the purchaser possesses a valid concealed handgun permit and presents a photo-ID issued by an agency of the Commonwealth or the Department of Defense.

Patron - Vogel

Raises the penalty for sexual abuse (a defined term) of a child aged 13 or 14 from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony. Patron - Garrett

or socially isolated persons. Provides that it is unlawful for any person who knows or should know that another person suffers from a physical disability or social isolation to, through the use of that other person's physical disability or social isolation, take, obtain, or convert money or other thing of value belonging to that other person with the intent to permanently deprive him thereof. A violation is punishable as larceny. Patron - Barker

DUI maiming; penalty. Raises the penalty for DUI maiming and for operating a motorcraft while intoxicated, causing permanent impairment, from a Class 6 to a Class 4 felony and creates a Class 6 felony when the offense causes serious bodily injury without maiming.

Patron - Norment

 ${f f CSB608}$ Lifetime concealed handgun permits; Department of State Police to issue; penalty. Provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits that do not expire to Virginia residents upon payment of a one-time fee of \$100, except that the fee for a person currently holding an unexpired permit is \$50. Currently, the fee for issuing such permits is \$50, and the permits must be renewed every five years with an additional \$50 fee charged each time. Such lifetime permits will include a photograph of the permittee. The bill also centralizes the issuance of concealed handgun permits with the Department of State Police; under current law, the circuit court clerk for the jurisdiction where the applicant resides issues such permits. The Department of State Police must issue a permit within 45 business days of receipt of a completed application, unless the applicant is disqualified, and a replacement permit within 30 business days of receipt of a notarized statement from the permittee that the permit was lost or stolen. Permittees must notify the Department of State Police within 30 business days of any change in their address. The bill also requires the Department of State Police to conduct periodic background checks during the lifetime of any permit issued in the Commonwealth, but no less than annually. The bill provides for a process by which a person whose permit application was denied or whose permit was revoked may appeal such determination. The Department of State Police will submit a report containing statistical information regarding the issuance of concealed handgun permits annually to the General Assembly. The bill also requires the Department of State Police to charge a fee of \$25 for the issuance of a permit to certain retired non-Virginia law-enforcement personnel (currently no fee is charged), \$200 for the issuance of a nonresident permit (currently \$100), \$10 for the issuance of a replacement permit (currently \$10 due to an address change or \$5 for a lost or destroyed permit), and \$50 for the transference of a nonresident permit into a resident permit. Finally, the bill provides that any person who displays a permit that has been revoked or suspended knowing that such permit has been revoked or suspended is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and is guilty of a Class 6 felony if he is simultaneously in possession of a concealed handgun. The bill does not alter current penalties for carrying a concealed handgun without a permit. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2015. Patron - Carrico

CSB644 Educational neglect or fraud (Ben's law). Provides that it is a felony for an educational professional or education-related service provider, by willful act or omission, to fail to provide the educational services outlined in an indi-

vidualized education plan. It is also a felony for the person to fraudulently alter an individualized education plan, to document that services were provided when they were not provided, or to forge the signature of a parent or guardian. Patron - McEachin

Criminal Procedure

Passed

PHB17 Warrant requirement for certain telecommu**nications records; real-time location data.** Provides that a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service shall not disclose real-time location data to an investigative or law-enforcement officer except pursuant to a search warrant, subject to certain exceptions. The bill defines "real-time location data" as data or information concerning the current location of an electronic device that is generated, derived from, or obtained by the operation of the device. This bill incorporates HB 817.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

PHB56 Multi-jurisdiction grand juries. Makes a number of changes to the laws governing multi-jurisdiction grand juries, including (i) providing that the grand jury's subpoena power must be executed through special counsel and that such subpoenas must be returnable for a specific meeting of the grand jury; (ii) allowing for the designation of specialized personnel for investigative purposes, known as sworn investigators, who may participate in grand jury proceedings at the request of special counsel or the grand jury; (iii) providing that copies of tapes, notes, and transcriptions of grand jury proceedings will be maintained by the clerk of the circuit court in whose jurisdiction the multi-jurisdiction grand jury sits; and (iv) providing that the testimony of a witness before the grand jury may serve as the basis for a charge of perjury. The bill also expands who must keep secret what occurred during a grand jury proceeding to include attorneys for the Commonwealth, special counsel, and sworn investigators.

Patron - Loupassi

PHB80 Conditional guilty pleas. Gives the defendant the same right to enter a conditional guilty plea in a misdemeanor case in circuit court that exists in a felony case. Patron - Hope

PHB86 Inpatient psychiatric hospital admission from local correctional facility; criteria. Repeals the second enactment of the 2012 act that amended the criteria for the psychiatric admission of inmates from local correctional facilities to add mentally ill inmates for whom there exists a substantial likelihood that they will suffer serious harm due to their lack of capacity to protect themselves from harm. The second enactment provides that the use of this additional criterion shall expire on July 1, 2014.

Patron - Stolle

□HB138 Magistrates and district court judges; territorial jurisdiction; search warrants. Authorizes magistrates and district court judges to exercise powers regarding search warrants throughout the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to SB 485.

Patron - Pogge

PHB164 Background checks of applicants of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Authorizes

the chief of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority police department, or his designee, to conduct criminal background checks through the Central Criminal Records Exchange and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on applicants who have been conditionally offered employment with the Authority. The applicant's criminal history record information obtained by the chief must otherwise be kept confidential. The bill also establishes criteria that the Authority must consider in determining whether an applicant's criminal conviction directly relates to the position offered.

Patron - Albo

PHB171 Crime victim rights; offenses by juveniles. Expands the list of offenses for which a victim of a delinquent act committed by a juvenile may request that the victim be informed of the charge brought, the findings of the court, and the disposition of the case to include violations of assault and battery, stalking, violation of a protective order, sexual battery, or attempted sexual battery that would be misdemeanors if committed by an adult. The bill also provides that the definition of "victim" for purposes of the Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act includes victims of certain delinquent acts. Patron - Farrell

PJHB186 Drugs and paraphernalia forfeited to law **enforcement.** Provides that seized drugs and drug paraphernalia, the lawful possession of which is not established or the title to which cannot be ascertained, may be forfeited to a lawenforcement agency for training purposes pursuant to a court order. Current law limits such forfeiture to the Department of Forensic Science for research and training purposes. Limitations are placed on the amount of drugs that a law-enforcement agency may retain and monthly inventories must be submitted to the chief law-enforcement officer in writing. Drugs must be destroyed within 12 months of being obtained and time, place, and manner of destruction must be certified to the court. This bill incorporates HB 481 and is identical to SB 349. Patron - Knight

PHB232 Immediate sanction probation program; **expansion.** Extends the sunset provision on the establishment of immediate sanction probation programs, which provides for expedited proceedings for probation violations for certain nonviolent offenders, until July 1, 2016, and allows for the establishment of up to four programs. The authority to establish such programs was originally to expire on July 1, 2012, and was limited to two locations; however, provisions in the 2013 State Budget extended the sunset provision until July 1, 2014, and increased the maximum number of locations to four. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

□HB485 Administrative subpoena for electronic communication service or remote computing service records; abduction and prostitution offenses. Adds certain abduction and prostitution offenses to the list of crimes for which attorneys for the Commonwealth have the authority to issue administrative subpoenas to obtain records and other information from electronic communication service and remote computing service providers if relevant to a legitimate law-enforcement investigation.

Patron - Hugo

□HB504 Delay proposed modifications to the discretionary sentencing guidelines; possession of child pornography. Provides that proposed modifications to the discretionary sentencing guidelines for possession of child pornography adopted by the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall not become effective until July 1, 2016. The Commission will review these guidelines and complete its review by December 1, 2015. Any proposed modification in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report shall supersede the current proposed modifications. This bill is identical to SB 433. *Patron - Bell, Robert B.*

PHB584 Competency to stand trial; recommended treatment. Provides that in cases in which the evaluation report prepared by a qualified mental health expert indicates that the defendant requires treatment, the report shall state whether inpatient or outpatient treatment is recommended. This bill is identical to SB 357.

Patron - O'Bannon

PHB585 Competency of criminal defendant; reports for restoration providers. Requires the defendant's attorney to make available to the director of the community services board, behavioral health authority, or inpatient facility charged with treating the defendant the psychiatric record and other information that have been deemed relevant and submitted by the defendant's attorney to the evaluator. Current law requires that the evaluator's competency report be made available to the treating entity, but there is no time limit. The bill requires that all of these records and reports be made available to the treating entity within 96 hours of the issuance of the court order requiring treatment to restore competency. This bill is identical to SB 541.

Patron - O'Bannon

PHB656 Pretrial appeals by Commonwealth. Provides that a petition for a pretrial appeal can be filed with the Court of Appeals not more than 14 days after the notice of the filing of a transcript or statement of facts is filed; under current law, the petition must be filed not more than 14 days after the actual transcript or written statement is filed. The bill provides that the notice of the filing of a transcript or written statement of facts by the attorney for the Commonwealth can be filed within three days of the filing of the transcript or written statement of facts or within 14 days of the order of the circuit court, whichever is later. The bill also removes the requirement that the Commonwealth be the filer of the transcript or statement of facts. This bill is identical to SB 69.

PHB660 Seizure and forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of certain crimes. Provides that property used in connection with certain crimes associated

that property used in connection with certain crimes associated with human trafficking is subject to forfeiture to the Commonwealth. The bill requires a conviction before property can be forfeited and any seized property will be released if there is no conviction.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

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PHB661 Limitation of prosecutions; falsifying patient records. Increases from one year to three years the statute of limitations on prosecutions for the misdemeanor of falsifying patient records with the intent to defraud. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB885 Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Allows the Fund to extend the time for filing a claim if the attorney for the Commonwealth submits written notice that the crime is being investigated as a result of newly discovered evidence. This provision applies to crimes committed on or after July 1, 1977, because under current law, the only claims that can be accepted are those for crimes that occurred on or after that date, and does not apply to crimes committed on or after July 1, 2001, because legislation that became effective on July 1, 2001, allowed the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, which administers the Fund, to extend the time for filing for good cause shown. The bill raises from \$2,000 to \$3,000 the maximum amount of an emergency award, from

\$1,000 to \$2,000 the maximum moving expenses, and from \$2,500 to \$3,500 the maximum reimbursement for mental health counseling for relatives of homicide victims. The bill also requires the Virginia State Crime Commission to convene a stakeholder workgroup to support an efficient and comprehensive streamlining of current federal and state sexual and domestic violence victim service agency funding. *Patron - Peace*

PSB34 Bail hearings. Provides that motions relating to bail or conditions of release must be held as soon as practicable but not later than three calendar days following the making of the motion. The bill provides exceptions for weekends, legal holidays, and good cause shown. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.

Patron - Stanley

PSB59 Maintenance of certain warrants by clerks of court. Provides that the responsibility for maintaining the files of executed administrative search warrants, investigation warrants, and inspection warrants lies with the clerk of the circuit court of the city or county in which the search or investigation was made. Currently, the issuing magistrate or judge is responsible for maintaining such warrants. The bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council.

Patron - Stuart

PSB69 Pretrial appeals by Commonwealth. Provides that a petition for a pretrial appeal can be filed with the Court of Appeals not more than 14 days after the notice of the filing of a transcript or statement of facts is filed; under current law, the petition must be filed not more than 14 days after the actual transcript or written statement is filed. The bill provides that the notice of the filing of a transcript or written statement of facts by the attorney for the Commonwealth can be filed within three days of the filing of the transcript or written statement of facts or within 14 days of the order of the circuit court, whichever is later. The bill also removes the requirement that the Commonwealth be the filer of the transcript or statement of facts. This bill is identical to HB 656.

Patron - Stuart

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Patron - McDougle

□SB211 Destruction of controlled substances, etc.

Eliminates the requirement that law-enforcement reports on the destruction of seized controlled substances and other drugs and paraphernalia be submitted to the Board of Pharmacy. A return under oath by the law-enforcement officer ordered to destroy them, reporting the time, place, and manner of destruction, will still be made to the court that ordered the destruction or, if the substances are not needed as evidence, to the chief law-enforcement officer.

Patron - Carrico

PSB349 Drugs and paraphernalia forfeited to law enforcement. Provides that seized drugs and drug paraphernalia, the lawful possession of which is not established or the title

to which cannot be ascertained, may be forfeited to a lawenforcement agency for training purposes pursuant to a court order. Current law limits such forfeiture to the Department of Forensic Science for research and training purposes. Limitations are placed on the amount of drugs that a law-enforcement agency may retain and monthly inventories must be submitted to the chief law-enforcement officer in writing. Drugs must be destroyed within 12 months of being obtained and time, place, and manner of destruction must be certified to the court. This bill is identical to HB 186.

Patron - Cosgrove

PSB357 Competency to stand trial; recommended treatment. Provides that in cases in which the evaluation report prepared by a qualified mental health expert indicates that the defendant requires treatment, the report shall state whether inpatient or outpatient treatment is recommended. This bill is identical to HB 584.

Patron - Howell

PSB433 Delay proposed modifications to the discretionary sentencing guidelines; possession of child pornography. Provides that proposed modifications to the discretionary sentencing guidelines for possession of child pornography adopted by the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall not become effective until July 1, 2016. The Commission will review these guidelines and complete its review by December 1, 2015. Any proposed modification in the Commission's 2015 Annual Report shall supersede the current proposed modifications. This bill is identical to HB 504. Patron - McDougle

PSB485 Magistrates and district court judges; territorial jurisdiction; search warrants. Authorizes magistrates and district court judges to exercise powers regarding search warrants throughout the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to HB 138.

Patron - Norment

PSB501 Conditions of release on bond; no contact provision. Amends provision that allows a judicial officer to impose as a condition of release on bond for any felony or misdemeanor a provision that the accused may not have contact with a household member for 72 hours by removing the time limitation.

Patron - Obenshain

PSB541 Competency of criminal defendant; reports for restoration providers. Requires the defendant's attorney to make available to the director of the community services board, behavioral health authority, or inpatient facility charged with treating the defendant the psychiatric records and other information that have been deemed relevant and submitted by the defendant's attorney to the evaluator. Current law requires that the evaluator's competency report be made available to the treating entity, but there is no time limit. The bill requires that all of these records and reports be made available to the treating entity within 96 hours of the issuance of the court order requiring treatment to restore competency. This bill is identical to HB 585.

Patron - Howell

PSB640 Witness's right to nondisclosure of certain information. Adds witnesses in criminal prosecutions of manufacturing, selling, giving, etc., a controlled substance and of violent felonies to the list of those witnesses who may request to have their addresses, telephone numbers, and places of employment withheld from disclosure. The bill also prohibits an attorney who issues a summons for a witness in a criminal case from filing the names and addresses of witnesses who are

protected from disclosure of such information with the clerk of the court.

Patron - Howell

Failed

FHB50 Search warrants; examination of things or persons seized. Clarifies that when an object, thing, or person is seized pursuant to a search warrant, the examination of such object, thing, or person, or the contents thereof, may take place in any jurisdiction and not just the jurisdiction where it was seized. Such examination may take place at any time after the execution of the warrant. The bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science.

Patron - Webert

FHB91 Persons not guilty by reason of insanity; court-appointed counsel fees. Increases from \$25 to \$75 the fee paid to court-appointed counsel representing a person in a civil commitment proceeding under Title 19.2 (Criminal Procedure). The bill also provides that court-appointed counsel representing a person who was acquitted of a felony by reason of insanity in a hearing to assess the need for inpatient hospitalization of the acquittee shall be paid a fee not to exceed \$445 based on an hourly rate set by the Supreme Court of Virginia. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council. Patron - Habeeb

EHB112 Search warrant; affidavit filed by lawenforcement officer. Requires that a law-enforcement officer file the affidavit necessary for obtaining a search warrant. Currently, the affidavit may be filed by any person. *Patron - Bell, Richard P.*

EJHB153 Writ of actual innocence based on nonbiological evidence; additional petitions allowed. Removes the limitation that only one petition may be filed by allowing additional petitions based on new retroactive rules of constitutional law and changes in statute when such rules are applicable to a collateral review of a criminal conviction.

Patron - Morrissey

FHB163 Appeal from bail, bond, or recognizance order; compliance with appellate court. Provides that a court from which an appeal of a bail, bond, or recognizance decision is taken shall not modify the appellate court's decision regarding the terms or amount of such bail, bond, or recognizance unless the matter has been remanded for further action or the court from which the appeal was taken finds, upon good cause shown, that a change in circumstances has occurred since the appellate court's decision that warrants a modification. Patron - Albo

FHB173 Search of electronic device without warrant prohibited. Provides that no officer of the law or any other person shall search any cellular telephone, tablet computer, portable computer, desktop computer, or other electronic device containing or designed to contain electronic data or digital information except by virtue of and under a warrant issued by a proper officer.

Patron - Farrell

EHB196 Appeals by the Commonwealth; Class 1 misdemeanors. Allows the Commonwealth a pretrial appeal from a circuit court to the Court of Appeals in a case involving prosecution of a Class 1 misdemeanor where the circuit court dismissed the indictment against the defendant of a charge thereof or prohibited the use of certain evidence on certain con-

stitutional grounds. Currently, such pretrial appeals are only permitted in felony cases.

Patron - Hope

HB274 Procedures for notifying accused of certificate of analysis; two-way video conferencing. Reduces the timing for the attorney for the Commonwealth to give the defendant notice of his intent to present testimony by the person who performed the analysis via two-way video conferencing from 28 days to 10 days. The bill also eliminates the requirement that the defendant file written objections to the use of such testimony 14 days after receiving notice from the attorney for the Commonwealth and only requires the defendant to object prior to the commencement of trial.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

HB385 Expungement of certain misdemeanors.

Allows a person convicted of certain misdemeanors who has successfully completed all terms of probation to file a petition for expungement 10 years after the conviction if he has not been convicted of any other offense upon payment of a fee of \$325. DUI, child abuse or neglect, domestic violence, sex offenses, and crimes against persons do not qualify for expungement. Any conviction that is expunged will be considered a prior conviction for purposes of prosecution of any subsequent offense for which the prior conviction statutorily enhances punishment.

Patron - Chafin

 ${f f f HB481}$ Drugs and paraphernalia forfeited to law enforcement. Provides that seized drugs and drug paraphernalia, the lawful possession of which is not established or the title to which cannot be ascertained, may be forfeited to a lawenforcement agency for research and training purposes. Current law limits such forfeiture to the Department of Forensic Science for research and training purposes. This bill was incorporated into HB 186.

Patron - Villanueva

□HB724 Writ of actual innocence based on biological evidence; petitioners pro se. Provides that the Supreme Court shall not accept a petition for a writ of actual innocence based on biological evidence from a petitioner pro se unless such petition is accompanied by a certificate that a copy of the petition and all attachments has been sent to the attorney for the Commonwealth for the jurisdiction where the conviction or adjudication of delinquency occurred and to the Attorney General. This duplicates the practice for a pro se petition for a writ of actual innocence based on nonbiological evidence filed with the Court of Appeals. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council.

Patron - McClellan

□HB767 Seizure and forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of larcenies; certain other **crimes.** Provides that property used in connection with certain crimes associated with human trafficking is subject to forfeiture to the Commonwealth. The bill also removes certain duplicative offenses from an asset forfeiture statute pertaining only to automobiles.

Patron - Bulova

 ${f f HB770}$ Health benefit exchange navigators; reputation; background checks. Prohibits an individual or entity from acting as a health benefit exchange navigator without (i) submitting to the State Corporation Commission information regarding the individual or entity's character and reputation for honesty and (ii) receiving notice that the Commission has determined that the individual or entity is of good character and has a good reputation for honesty. The required information shall include the same information, including background check requirements, that is required of an applicant for an insurance agent license.

Patron - Hugo

□HB803 Seizure and forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of larcenies; certain other **crimes.** Provides that property used in connection with certain crimes associated with human trafficking is subject to forfeiture to the Commonwealth. The bill also removes certain duplicative offenses from an asset forfeiture statute pertaining only to automobiles. The bill also expands the asset forfeiture statute pertaining to automobiles to include watercraft and vehicles used in attempted robbery.

Patron - Simon

□ HB805 Lineups; Department of Criminal Justice Services model policy. Requires that the written policy and procedure for conducting in-person and photographic lineups established by the Department of State Police and local lawenforcement agencies conform to the model policy for conducting such lineups established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Patron - Lopez

□HB813 Search of electronic device without warrant **prohibited.** Provides that no officer of the law or any other person shall search any cellular telephone, tablet computer, portable computer, desktop computer, or other electronic device containing or designed to contain electronic data or digital information except by virtue of and under a warrant issued by a proper officer.

Patron - Carr

□HB814 Warrant requirement for cellular telephone, etc., as tracking device. Provides that a cellular phone or other wireless telecommunications device is a tracking device when it is used to track the movement of a person and that such use requires a warrant issued by a judicial officer.

EHB817 Warrant requirement for certain telecom**munications records.** Provides that the "location data" of a customer of an electronic communication service or a remote computing service may only be retrieved from the provider by warrant or consent of the customer. Location data is defined as any data or information that tracks, either at a point in time or over a period of time, the location of a subscriber to or customer of a provider of electronic communication service or a remote computing service as determined by the location of an electronic device to which the subscriber or customer has legal title, claim, right, or ultimate control. This bill was incorporated into HB 17.

Patron - Carr

FHB982 Expungement of police and court records; hearing. Provides that a circuit court may waive hearing in an expungement proceeding where an agreed order is submitted by the Commonwealth and the petitioner.

Patron - Surovell

FHB984 Appeal from bail, bond, or recognizance order; compliance with appellate court. Provides that a court from which an appeal of a bail, bond, or recognizance decision is taken shall not modify the appellate court's decision regarding the terms or amount of such bail, bond, or recognizance unless the matter has been remanded for further action or the court from which the appeal was taken finds, upon good cause

shown, that a change in circumstances has occurred since the appellate court's decision that warrants a modification. *Patron - Suroyell*

FHB1133 Death penalty; persons with mental disability and mental impairments ineligible. Provides that persons who are mentally disabled or mentally impaired are, like persons who are mentally retarded, ineligible for the death penalty. "Mentally disabled" is defined as a disability, originating at any age, characterized concurrently by (i) significantly subaverage intellectual functioning as demonstrated by performance on a standardized measure of intellectual functioning administered in conformity with accepted professional practice that is at least two standard deviations below the mean and (ii) significant limitations in adaptive behavior as expressed in conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills. This definition is identical to the current definition of mentally retarded with the exception that the disability need not have originated before the person was 18 years old. "Mentally impaired" is defined as a substantial disorder of a person's cognitive, volitional, or emotional processes characterized concurrently by a demonstrable and significant impairment in the capacity to appreciate the criminality of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of the law. The bill also provides that determinations of whether a person is not eligible for the death penalty due to mental disability, mental impairment, or mental retardation shall be determined by the judge before the commencement of trial. The defendant must give the attorney for the Commonwealth notice at least 60 days before trial of his intention to present evidence of mental disability, mental impairment, or mental retardation. Currently, the determination of whether a defendant is mentally retarded is made by either the jury or the judge at the same time guilt is determined and the notice to the attorney for the Commonwealth must be given at least 21 days before trial.

Patron - Hope

record is available to a petitioner whose misdemeanor charges are dismissed without adjudication of guilt following a deferral of proceedings and satisfaction of terms and conditions imposed by the court. Currently, expungement is only available for an acquittal, a nolle prosequi, a pardon, or an accord and satisfaction.

Patron - Rasoul

EHB1155 Seizure and forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of larcenies; certain other crimes. Provides that property used in connection with certain crimes associated with human trafficking is subject to forfeiture to the Commonwealth. The bill also removes certain duplicative offenses from an asset forfeiture statute pertaining only to automobiles.

Patron - Comstock

FHB1189 Writ of actual innocence; bail hearings. Provides that when the attorney for the Commonwealth joins in a petition for a writ of actual innocence, the petitioner may move the circuit court that entered the felony conviction for a bail hearing.

Patron - Gilbert

EHB1199 Procedures for notifying accused of certificate of analysis; witness fees. Provides that an accused who, in a case where a certificate of analysis is to be introduced into evidence, demands the presence of or calls as a witness a person involved in the chain of custody of the material subject to the certificate of analysis shall be charged \$50 as court costs if

the accused is found guilty of the charge for which such witness was summoned.

Patron - Minchew

EHB1252 Child welfare agencies; criminal history background checks. This bill was incorporated into HB 412. *Patron - Peace*

ESB6 DNA sample upon arrest. Adds indecent exposure and obscene sexual display to the list of crimes for which a DNA sample must be taken upon conviction or arrest for commission or attempted commission and adds sexual battery, peeping or spying into a dwelling, and penetration of mouth of a child with lascivious intent to the list of crimes for which a sample must be taken upon arrest.

Patron - Stuart

ESB33 Sentence modification; felony. Amends provision that allows felony sentence modification prior to transfer to the Department of Corrections to specify that the transfer must have been lawful. This bill was incorporated into SB 146. *Patron - Stanley*

ESB35 Capital cases; appointment of counsel. Provides that when the defendant whose capital offense was charged by warrant in district court requests appointment of counsel, the case must be referred to the circuit court for appointment of counsel. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.

Patron - Stanley

ESB56 Persons not guilty by reason of insanity; courtappointed counsel fees. Increases from \$25 to \$75 the fee paid to court-appointed counsel representing a person in a civil commitment proceeding under Title 19.2 (Criminal Procedure). The bill also provides that court-appointed counsel representing a person who was acquitted of a felony by reason of insanity in a hearing to assess the need for inpatient hospitalization of the acquittee shall be paid a fee not to exceed \$445 based on an hourly rate set by the Supreme Court of Virginia. The bill will not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of the bill is included in the 2014 appropriation act. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Judicial Council.

Patron - McDougle

${\mathbb F} SB111$ Expungement of criminal conviction record.

Allows a person convicted of certain criminal offenses to petition to have his conviction expunged after a five-year period has expired following the conviction, upon a showing that his opportunities for employment, education, or professional licensure are prejudiced by the existence of the criminal record. Expungement would not be available for someone convicted of a violent felony, a DUI-related offense, an offense for which registration on the sex offender registry is required, or domestic violence.

Patron - Stanley

ESB146 Sentence modification; felony. Amends provision that allows felony sentence modification prior to transfer to the Department of Corrections to allow sentence modification after transfer to the Department of Corrections pursuant to a motion for a sentence modification hearing agreed to by the attorney for the Commonwealth and the defendant. This bill incorporates SB 33.

Patron - Stuart

IFSB171 Writ of actual innocence based on nonbiological evidence; additional petitions allowed. Removes the limitation that only one petition may be filed by allowing addi-

tional petitions based on new retroactive rules of constitutional law and changes in statute when such rules are applicable to a collateral review of a criminal conviction.

Patron - Stanley

ESB173 Deferred disposition in criminal cases. Allows a court to defer and dismiss a criminal case, other than an act of violence, where the defendant has been diagnosed with autism or an intellectual disability.

Patron - Stuart

FSB235 Appeal from bail, bond, or recognizance order; compliance with appellate court. Provides that a court from which an appeal of a bail, bond, or recognizance decision is taken shall not modify the appellate court's decision regarding the terms or amount of such bail, bond, or recognizance unless the matter has been remanded for further action or the court from which the appeal was taken finds, upon good cause shown, that a change in circumstances has occurred since the appellate court's decision that warrants a modification.

Patron - Petersen

ESB528 Issuance of warrants by magistrates.

Requires a magistrate to receive the results of a law-enforcement investigation prior to issuing a misdemeanor arrest warrant where the accused is an elected official, judge, magistrate, law-enforcement officer, public school teacher, firefighter, or court employee and the alleged offense is directly related to his employment or service and the complainant is not a law-enforcement officer or animal control officer.

Patron - Stuart

ESB610 Criminal history record information checks; protective order registry; dissemination of information. Provides that certain criminal history record information and protective order registry information shall be made available to the Attorney General of the United States for the purposes of a National Instant Criminal Background check to determine a person's eligibility to possess or purchase a firearm under state or federal law.

Patron - Cosgrove

ESB621 Certain felony convictions. Provides that subsequent to a felony conviction, the court has jurisdiction to amend the conviction, if it is not an act of violence as defined in § 19.2-297.1, to a misdemeanor conviction pursuant to the terms and conditions of a plea agreement contained in a sentencing order upon the court's determination that those terms and conditions have been fulfilled.

Patron - Stanley

FSB659 Preliminary protective orders. Changes the standard for issuing a preliminary protective order by requiring that the petitioner be subjected to act in furtherance of the violence, force, or threat. The bill also gives the attorney for the Commonwealth standing to participate in a preliminary protective order proceeding at his discretion and makes the proceeding subject to an existing Code provision governing the signing of pleadings.

Patron - Black

Carried Over

CHB598 Plea required for issuance of a writ of actual innocence. Provides that a convicted person may petition for a writ of actual innocence regardless of the type of plea he entered at trial. Under current law, a person may petition for a writ based on nonbiological evidence if he entered a plea of

not guilty; a person may petition for a writ based on biological evidence if he (i) entered a plea of not guilty, (ii) is convicted of murder, or (iii) is convicted of a felony for which the maximum punishment is imprisonment for life.

Patron - Herring

EHB671 Writ of actual innocence; bail hearings. Provides that when the attorney for the Commonwealth joins in a petition for a writ of actual innocence, the petitioner may move the circuit court that entered the felony conviction for a bail hearing.

Patron - Herring

that a court may allow a witness in a criminal case to testify while wearing a disguise designed to conceal the witness's identity, using a pseudonym, or both if protection of the identity of the witness is necessary to further an important public policy and the reliability of the evidence presented by the witness whose identity would be protected is otherwise assured. The attorney for the Commonwealth may file a motion prior to trial seeking to protect a witness's identity and, if the defendant objects, the court shall hold an in camera hearing on the motion.

Patron - Ramadan

CSB4 Funding of sexual and domestic violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution. Creates a new subfund in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund to be known as the Sexual and Domestic Violence Subfund. The Subfund consists of all funds, from whatever source, in the Commonwealth related to sexual and domestic violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution. The bill also directs the Workers' Compensation Commission to appoint a coordinator to administer and oversee the use of the funds.

Patron - Howell

evidence; petitioners pro se. Provides that the Supreme Court shall not accept a petition for a writ of actual innocence based on biological evidence from a petitioner pro se unless such petition is accompanied by a certificate that a copy of the petition and all attachments has been sent to the attorney for the Commonwealth for the jurisdiction where the conviction or adjudication of delinquency occurred and to the Attorney General. This duplicates the practice for a pro se petition for a writ of actual innocence based on nonbiological evidence filed with the Court of Appeals. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council.

Patron - Howell

□SB142 Juvenile offenders; sentence modification.

Provides a mechanism for persons who are sentenced to life or a term of confinement that would be completed after the person's 60th birthday for a nonhomicide offense committed on or after January 1, 1995, while a juvenile to petition for a modification of sentence at age 35 or after serving 20 years of the sentence, whichever occurs later.

Patron - Marsden

CSB255 Statute of limitations; sexual crimes against minors. Extends the statute of limitations to one year after the victim reaches 18 years of age for the misdemeanor violations of the following crimes: carnal knowledge of consenting victim age 13 or 14 with minor less than three years older, carnal knowledge by employee of bail bond company, sexual battery, infected sexual battery failure to disclose, sexual abuse of a child age 13 or 14, attempted sexual battery, fornication, aiding prostitution or illicit sexual intercourse, adultery or fornication with person forbidden to marry, indecent liberties by children,

tongue penetration of mouth of child under age 13, and consensual sexual intercourse with a child 15 or older. Under existing law, there is a one-year statute of limitations on most misdemeanors.

Patron - Deeds

SB475 Collection of courts costs at DMV. Allows the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the collection of court costs at DMV customer service centers. The bill also allows DMV to collect a \$2 processing fee to pay its processing costs.

Patron - Newman

SB495 Special conservators of the peace. Makes various changes to the laws providing for the appointment of special conservators of the peace, including (i) requiring the Criminal Justice Services Board to establish graduated training standards for special conservators, and in adopting such standards, requiring that the Board seek the advice of the Private Security Services Advisory Board; (ii) removing the limits on the number of hours the Board is able to require for training; (iii) specifying that applications for appointments of special conservators shall be submitted on forms developed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in consultation with the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia; (iv) disallowing persons who have registered on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry from registering as special conservators; (v) requiring all applicants to register with DCJS, regardless of a person's standing as a law-enforcement officer; (vi) requiring the employer of a special conservator to notify DCJS and the circuit court within 30 days after a person employed as a special conservator has left his position; (vii) requiring the order of appointment to specify the geographic location in which the special conservator will serve; (viii) as of October 1, 2014, disallowing special conservators from using the seal of the Commonwealth or the word 'police" on any uniform, badge, credential, or vehicle, except that special conservators employed by a state agency may use the seal of the Commonwealth; and (ix) providing that the circuit court shall retain jurisdiction for four years over any appointment order and may revoke such appointment for good cause. The bill also defines private police department and allows such departments employing officers meeting the compulsory minimum training standards established by the Board as of July 1, 2014 to continue to operate and use the word "police" until July 1, 2015.

Patron - Norment

Domestic Relations

Passed

PHB141 Court orders in pending suit for divorce; life **insurance policies.** Provides that a court may, pending a suit for divorce, compel a party, or the parties together, to maintain a life insurance policy on the other party or another beneficiary for the exclusive use and benefit of the minor children. Patron - Minchew

PHB359 Jurisdiction; custody and visitation arrangements for minor children; definitions; person with a legitimate interest. Adds step-grandparents to the list of persons and parties with a legitimate interest involving custody, visitation, and support matters.

Patron - Chafin

PHB933 Update to child support guidelines. Provides for updated child support guidelines. The new guidelines specify obligors' monthly child support obligation on the basis of gross monthly income in increments up to \$35,000, with an additional amount calculated as a percentage of gross monthly income above \$35,000. The bill allows the court to set a support obligation below the presumptive statutory minimum for obligors who earn up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level, provided that such lower amount does not seriously impair the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. The bill also removes the \$250 floor on reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses that parents are required to pay in proportion to their gross incomes. This bill is a recommendation of the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel.

Patron - Watts

PHB1019 Divorce; affidavit in support. Changes the requirements in affidavits for no-fault divorce relating to incarceration from affirming or verifying that neither party is incarcerated to affirming or verifying the incarceration status of both parties. The bill replaces references to "allegations" in such affidavits with "grounds for divorce," language more consistent with the rest of the title. The bill also provides that, if either party is incarcerated, neither party shall submit evidence by affidavit without leave of court or the consent in writing of the guardian ad litem for an incarcerated party, or of an incarcerated party if a guardian ad litem is not required.

Patron - Kilgore

PSB94 Evidence by affidavit in divorce proceedings; residency requirement. Provides that the affidavits submitted as evidence by a party in a no-fault divorce action and by a corroborating witness affirm that at least one party to the suit is, and has been for a period in excess of six months immediately preceding the commencement of the suit, a bona fide resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth. Current law does not specify that the six-month period of residency must immediately precede the commencement of the suit. Patron - Edwards

 ${f subset SB271}$ Charges for additional services provided by a marriage celebrant. Allows a person other than a minister who is authorized to celebrate the rites of marriage to negotiate payment for any services in addition to the marriage ceremony that are agreed to by the celebrant and the couple. Patron - Miller

Failed

EHB276 Solemnization of marriage; persons other than ministers who may celebrate rites of marriage. Authorizes any current or former Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General of the Commonwealth, any current or former member of the General Assembly, or any current or former mayor or person elected as a member of the governing body of a locality in the Commonwealth to celebrate the rites of marriage anywhere in the Commonwealth without the necessity of bond or order of authorization. The bill also directs that the marriage license application allow the parties to, upon payment of a fee, designate an officiant to celebrate the rites of such marriage, who shall subscribe to the certificate of marriage before a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths.

Patron - Krupicka

THB939 Same-sex marriages; civil unions. Repeals the statutory prohibitions on same-sex marriages and civil unions or other arrangements between persons of the same sex purporting to bestow the privileges and obligations of marriage. The prohibition on these relationships contained in Article I, Section 15-A of the Constitution of Virginia is unaffected by this bill.

Patron - Surovell

Education

Passed

with diabetes. Requires local school boards to permit students who are diagnosed with diabetes to (i) carry with them and use supplies, including a reasonable and appropriate short-term supply of carbohydrates, an insulin pump, and equipment for immediate treatment of high and low blood glucose levels, and (ii) self-check their blood glucose levels on a school bus, on school property, and at a school-sponsored activity. The bill also requires the Department of Education to review and update the Manual for Training Public School Employees in the Administration of Insulin and Glucagon.

Patron - Cole

PHB157 Charter schools; restrictions and pre-lottery enrollment for current students of conversion charter schools. Provides that in the case of the conversion of an existing public school, students who attend the school and the siblings of such students may be given the opportunity to enroll in advance of the lottery process. The bill removes the requirement that at least one-half of public charter schools per division be for at-risk students.

Patron - Minchew

PHB197 Supplementary written materials on documents of Virginia history and the United States Constitution. Requires teachers to ensure that all supplementary written materials used to teach the Declaration of American Independence, the general principles of the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights, the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, the charters of the Virginia Company of April 10, 1606, May 23, 1609, and March 12, 1612, and the Virginia Declaration of Rights contain accurate restatements of the principles contained in these documents and directs the Department of Education to develop guidelines for such supplementary written materials used by teachers. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Landes

PHB198 Elementary and secondary school students; expulsion. Clarifies that students who have committed certain weapons or drugs offenses are not required to be expelled regardless of the facts of the particular situation. This bill is identical to HB 752 and SB 441.

Patron - Landes

PHB258 Restrictions on student speech at institutions of higher education; limitations. Prohibits public institutions of higher education from imposing restrictions on the time, place, and manner of student speech that occurs in the outdoor areas of the institution's campus and is protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution unless the restrictions (i) are reasonable, (ii) are justified without reference to the content of the regulated speech, (iii) are narrowly

tailored to serve a significant governmental interest, and (iv) leave open ample alternative channels for communication of the information.

Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB307 After-school hunter safety education programs for students in grades seven through 12. Permits local school boards to provide after-school hunter safety education programs for students in the school division in grades seven through 12. Students are required to bear the cost of participation. The bill also requires local school boards that provide such programs to display information on the programs in each school and distribute information to the parents of each student in the school division in grades seven through 12. The bill requires the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to establish a uniform curriculum for such programs and requires each program to be taught by a hunter safety instructor certified by the Department.

Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB401 School board of the City of Norfolk; term length. Increases from two years to three years the terms for the members of the school board of the City of Norfolk without affecting the length of any term that began prior to July 1, 2014. This bill is identical to SB 90.

Patron - Howell, A.T.

 ${f ilde PHB410}$ Student-athletes; concussion policies.

Requires each non-interscholastic youth sports program utilizing public school property to (i) establish policies and procedures regarding the identification and handling of suspected concussions in student-athletes, consistent with either the local school division's policies and procedures or the Board's Guidelines for Policies on Concussions in Student-Athletes, or (ii) follow the local school division's policies and procedures regarding the identification and handling of suspected concussions in student-athletes. The bill also adds information on the effects of concussions on academic performance to the Board's Guidelines for Policies on Concussions in Student-Athletes. This bill is identical to SB 172.

Patron - Anderson

PHB449 Student information; release to federal government agencies. Prohibits a member or employee of a local school board or the Department of Education from transmitting personally identifiable information from a student's record to a federal government agency or an authorized representative of such agency, except as required by federal law or regulation. Patron - Bell. Robert B.

and secondary schools. Requires each school board to (i) develop and implement a policy to prohibit the use of electronic cigarettes on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity and (ii) include in its code of student conduct a prohibition against possessing electronic cigarettes on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity. The bill requires school boards to update their policies and codes of student conduct by July 1, 2015.

Patron - Kory

EHB720 School board policy; employee lactation support. Requires each local school board to adopt a policy to set aside, in each school in the school division, a non-restroom location that is shielded from the public view to be designated as an area in which any mother who is employed by the local school board or enrolled as a student may take breaks of reasonable length during the school day to express milk to feed her child until the child reaches the age of one.

Patron - McClellan

Licensure; membership. Increases from 19 to 21 the total number of members and increases from two to four the number of members who shall be faculty members in teacher preparation programs in public or private institutions of higher education on the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure.

Patron - McClellan

PHB751 Expulsion of students for certain drugs offenses. Provides that a school administrator, pursuant to school board policy, may determine that a disciplinary action other than expulsion is appropriate for drug offenses and clarifies that students who have committed drug offenses are not required to be expelled regardless of the facts of the particular situation.

Patron - Rust

PHB752 Elementary and secondary school students; expulsion. Clarifies that students who have committed certain weapons or drugs offenses are not required to be expelled regardless of the facts of the particular situation. This bill is identical to HB 198 and SB 441.

Patron - Rust

education endorsement. Requires every teacher seeking initial licensure with an endorsement in the area of career and technical education to have an industry certification credential in the area in which the teacher seeks endorsement that is earned by successfully passing a Board of Education-approved industry certification examination, being issued a state professional license, or passing an occupational competency examination.

Patron - Rust

PHB887 Board of Education; Academic-Year Career and Technical Education Governor's School. Requires the Board of Education to develop model criteria and procedures for establishing a jointly operated high school with a career and technical education focus to be recommended to the Governor and the General Assembly for funding as a Governor's Career and Technical Education School.

Patron - Peace

PHB930 Standards of Learning assessments; reform. Provides that the number and type of Standards of Learning assessments shall not exceed 17 specified assessments in grades three through eight. The bill requires each local school board to certify that it has provided instruction and administered an alternative assessment, in conformance with Board guidelines, for each subject area in which the Standards of Learning assessment was not administered. The bill also requires the Secretary of Education to establish the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee to periodically review the Standards of Learning and assessments. This bill is identical to SB 306.

Patron - Greason

PHB977 Teachers; dismissal. Extends from five business days to 10 business days the deadline for a teacher to request a hearing after receiving written notice of a recommendation of dismissal. This bill is identical to SB 43.

Patron - Rust

PHB1007 High school equivalency programs and examinations. Replaces references throughout the Code to a General Education Development (GED) program or test with

"a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education."

Patron - Byron

PHB1054 High school diploma course and credit requirements; computer science. Requires the Board of Education to consider all computer science course credits earned by students to be science course credits, mathematics course credits, or career and technical education credits in establishing course and credit requirements for a high school diploma and requires the Board to develop guidelines addressing how computer science courses can satisfy graduation requirements. Patron - Loupassi

PHB1086 Special education; full-time virtual school programs. Requires each local school board to provide free and appropriate special education for each student with a disability who attends a full-time virtual school program in the school division but resides in another school division in the Commonwealth. The bill provides that the school division in which the student resides shall (i) be released from the obligation to provide free and appropriate special education for such student and (ii) transfer to the school division in which the student attends a full-time virtual school program state and federal funds for the education of such students.

PHB1096 Board of Education; amend guidelines for school division policies and procedures on concussions in student-athletes. Requires the Board of Education to amend its guidelines for school division policies and procedures on concussions in student-athletes to include a "Return to Learn Protocol" with requirements that school personnel (i) be alert to cognitive and academic issues that may be experienced by a student-athlete who has suffered a concussion or other head injury and (ii) accommodate the gradual return to full participation in academic activities by a student-athlete who has suffered a concussion or other head injury.

Patron - Filler-Corn

Patron - Bell, Richard P.

PHB1110 Children placed in child-caring institutions or group homes; reimbursement of costs to educate. Requires a school division to be reimbursed by the school division in which a child's custodial parent or guardian or most recent custodial parent or guardian resides for the costs of educating such child, whether disabled or not, who has been placed, not solely for school purposes, in foster care or a licensed child-caring institution or group home that is located within the geographical boundaries of the school division to be reimbursed.

Patron - Toscano

HB1115 Virtual Virginia; local school divisions; **shared online courses.** Permits the Department of Education to contract with one or more local school boards that have created online courses to make such courses available to other school divisions through Virtual Virginia. The bill permits such school divisions to charge a per-student or per-course fee, subject to Board of Education approval. The bill requires the Department to establish the Virtual Learning Advisory Committee to advise the Department on (i) online courses, in-service training, and digital instructional resources that school divisions need to meet the Commonwealth's graduation requirements and (ii) strategic planning to expand blended and online learning opportunities in Virginia's public schools. The bill permits the Department to charge school divisions requesting to offer a course through Virtual Virginia and multidivision online providers an application fee.

Patron - Greason

PHB1229 Public schools; individual school performance grading system; delay. Delays the implementation of the A-to-F school performance grading system by two years, to October 1, 2016. The bill also requires the Board of Education to develop a preliminary plan for the school performance grading system and provide public notice and solicit public comment on the system. This bill is identical to SB 324. Patron - Landes

PHB1242 Elected school boards; tie breaker. Requires the tie breaker of any elected school board to be elected in the same manner and for the same length of term as the members of the school board and at a general election at which members of the school board are elected. Currently, tie breakers for elected school boards are appointed by the school board. This bill does not require elected school boards to have a tie breaker. The provisions of this bill do not affect the term of any tie breaker appointed by an elected school board prior to July 1, 2014.

Patron - O'Quinn

PSB2 Public school textbooks; East Sea. Requires all textbooks approved by the Board of Education after July 1, 2014, to note that the Sea of Japan is also referred to as the East Sea.

Patron - Marsden

PSB43 Teachers; dismissal. Extends from five business days to 10 business days the deadline for a teacher to request a hearing after receiving written notice of a recommendation of dismissal. This bill is identical to HB 977.

Patron - Favola

PSB90 School board of the City of Norfolk; term length. Increases from two years to three years the terms for the members of the school board of the City of Norfolk without affecting the length of any term that began prior to July 1, 2014. This bill is identical to HB 401.

Patron - Alexander

□SB172 Student-athletes; concussion policies.

Requires each non-interscholastic youth sports program utilizing public school property to (i) establish policies and procedures regarding the identification and handling of suspected concussions in student-athletes, consistent with either the local school division's policies and procedures or the Board's Guidelines for Policies on Concussions in Student-Athletes, or (ii) follow the local school division's policies and procedures regarding the identification and handling of suspected concussions in student-athletes. The bill also adds information on the effects of concussions on academic performance to the Board's Guidelines for Policies on Concussions. This bill is identical to HB 410.

Patron - Stuart

PSB236 Student religious viewpoint expression. Codifies the right of students to (i) voluntarily pray or engage in religious activities or religious expression before, during, and after the school day in the same manner and to the same extent that students may engage in nonreligious activities or expression; (ii) organize prayer groups, religious clubs, "see you at the pole" gatherings, or other religious gatherings before, during, and after school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other activities and groups; and (iii) wear clothing, accessories, or jewelry that displays religious messages or religious symbols in the same manner and to the same extent that other types of clothing, accessories, and jewelry are permitted. The bill also requires each school division to adopt a policy to permit a student speaker to express a religious viewpoint at any school event at which a student is permitted to

publicly speak. The policy shall declare each such school event to be a limited public forum, provide a neutral method for the selection of student speakers, and require each school principal to provide a disclaimer in advance of each such school event that the school division does not endorse any religious viewpoint that may be expressed by student speakers.

Patron - Carrico

DSB270 Third grade SOLs; math and English only. Directs the Board of Education to require only math and English reading Standards of Learning assessments for third graders.

Patron - Miller

PSB276 Charter schools; enrollment. Authorizes the local school board to require that current students of an existing public school that is to be converted into a public charter school and their siblings be given enrollment priority over the open enrollment lottery.

Patron - Favola

PISB306 Standards of Learning assessments; reform. Provides that the number and type of Standards of Learning

assessments shall not exceed 17 specified assessments in grades three through eight. The bill requires each local school board to certify that it has provided instruction and administered an alternative assessment, in conformance with Board guidelines, for each subject area in which the Standards of Learning assessment was not administered. The bill also requires the Secretary of Education to establish the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee to periodically review the Standards of Learning and assessments. This bill is identical to HB 930.

Patron - Deeds

PSB324 Public schools; individual school performance grading system; delay. Delays the implementation of the A-to-F school performance grading system by two years, to October 1, 2016. The bill also requires the Board of Education to develop a preliminary plan for the school performance grading system and provide public notice and solicit public comment on the system. This bill is identical to HB 1229. Patron - Miller

PSB441 Elementary and secondary school students; expulsion. Clarifies that students who have committed certain weapons or drug offenses are not required to be expelled regardless of the facts of the particular situation. This bill is identical to HB 752 and HB 198.

Patron - Garrett

PSB532 Care of students who have been diagnosed with diabetes. Requires local school boards to permit students who are diagnosed with diabetes to (i) carry with them and use supplies, including a reasonable and appropriate short-term supply of carbohydrates, an insulin pump, and equipment for immediate treatment of high and low blood glucose levels, and (ii) self-check their blood glucose levels on a school bus, on school property, and at a school-sponsored activity. The bill also requires that the training that certain school personnel receive in the administration of insulin and glucagon be in compliance with the Board of Education's Manual for Training Public School Employees in the Administration of Insulin and Glucagon and shall include certain training regarding the use of insulin pumps. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Education to review and update the Manual for Training Public School Employees in the Administration of Insulin and Glucagon.

Patron - Stuart

Failed

EHB11 Public school textbooks; East Sea. Requires all textbooks approved by the Board of Education after July 1, 2014, to note that the Sea of Japan is also referred to as the East Sea.

Patron - Hugo

EHB34 Opening of the school day; public high schools. Requires local school boards to set the daily school calendar so that programs of instruction at public high schools start no earlier than 8:00 a.m. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2016.

Patron - Kory

EHB35 School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening day of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement. The bill contains technical amendments. Patron - Kory

EHB36 Board of Education; guidelines for policies on concussions in student-athletes. Requires the Board of Education to update its guidelines for school board policies on concussions in student-athletes to include in information provided to coaches, student-athletes, and student-athletes' parents or guardians the effects of concussions on student-athletes' academic performance.

Patron - Kory

FHB42 School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening date of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Habeeb

FHB63 Students receiving home instruction; participation in interscholastic programs. Prohibits public schools from joining an organization governing interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student who (i) is receiving home instruction; (ii) has demonstrated evidence of progress for two consecutive academic years; (iii) is in compliance with immunization requirements; (iv) is entitled to free tuition in a public school; (v) has not reached the age of 19 by August 1 of the current academic year; (vi) is an amateur who receives no compensation but participates solely for the educational, physical, mental, and social benefits of the activity; (vii) complies with all disciplinary rules and is subject to all codes of conduct applicable to all public high school athletes; and (viii) complies with all other rules governing awards, all-star games, maximum consecutive semesters of high school enrollment, parental consents, physical examinations, and transfers applicable to all high school athletes. The bill allows such students to be charged reasonable fees for participation. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2019.

HB113 Separation of powers; Opportunity Educational Institution abolished. Abolishes the Opportunity Educational Institution.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

 ${}^{ extsf{F}} HB172$ Standards of Learning tests; expedited retake. Requires the Board of Education to promulgate regulations to provide the same criteria for eligibility for an expedited retake of any Standards of Learning test to all students regardless of grade level or course.

Patron - Farrell

HB175 Local school boards; administration of Standards of Learning assessments. Requires the Board of Education to make Standards of Learning assessments available to each local school board in advance of each school year and requires the school board to administer such assessments on the date during the school year that the board deems most appropriate to evaluate each student's knowledge, application of knowledge, critical thinking, and skills related to the Standards of Learning being assessed.

Patron - Farrell

EHB200 Student information; release to federal government agencies. Prohibits a member or employee of a local school board or the Board of Education from transmitting personally identifiable information from a student's record to a federal government agency or an authorized representative of such agency for purposes permitted by local, state, or federal law unless the member or employee first notifies the student's parent and provides the parent with the opportunity to opt out of the transmission.

Patron - Landes

FHB207 Instruction in science. Requires the Board of Education, local school boards, division superintendents, and school board employees to (i) create an environment in public elementary and secondary schools that encourages students to explore scientific questions, learn about scientific evidence, develop critical thinking skills, and respond appropriately and respectfully to differences of opinion about scientific controversies in science classes; (ii) assist teachers to find effective ways to present scientific controversies in science classes; and (iii) allow teachers to help students understand, analyze, critique, and review in an objective manner the scientific strengths and scientific weaknesses of existing scientific theories covered in science classes.

Patron - Bell, Richard P.

HB221 Students admitted to certain children's residential facilities. Requires each student admitted under a physician's order, due to medical necessity and not solely for school purposes, to a children's residential facility licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to immediately be enrolled in an education program that is comparable to that which is provided in the child's school division of residence. The bill requires the school division of residence to (i) transfer on a monthly basis to each children's residential facility funds necessary to cover the expenses of providing a comparable education program for each student, (ii) help facilitate the discharge of each such student, and (iii) upon discharge, facilitate the reenrollment of each student in the appropriate school in the school division. Patron - Bell, Richard P.

 ${ t FHB228}$ Visually impaired students; Braille. Requires each visually impaired student to be evaluated by a certified Teacher of the Visually Impaired and requires the student to receive instruction in Braille or the use of Braille unless the team responsible for developing the student's IEP (IEP team) or the team responsible for developing the student's plan pursuant to § 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (504 team) determines that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate to the student's educational needs. Current law requires a determination of the appropriateness of Braille but does not require the evaluation. The bill allows IEP teams and 504 teams to provide other specialized educational services

and assistive technology devices in addition to Braille. The bill disallows the presence of some residual vision from precluding instruction in Braille and the use of Braille. The bill permits IEP teams and 504 teams to provide blind students with instruction in Nemeth Braille and the use of Nemeth Braille in addition to Braille.

Patron - Cole

FHB316 Teachers; probation and dismissal. Specifies that a teacher may be placed on probation for incompetency, immorality, noncompliance with school laws and regulations, disability as shown by competent medical evidence when in compliance with federal law, conviction of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude, or other good and just cause. The bill replaces the current condition constituting incompetency, for the purposes of teacher employment, of one or more unsatisfactory performance evaluations with the condition of more than one unsatisfactory performance evaluation or one unsatisfactory performance evaluation coupled with a finding by the division superintendent that the teacher (i) exhibited a pattern of poor performance or (ii) failed to respond to efforts to improve his performance. The bill extends from five business days to 15 business days the deadline for a teacher to request a hearing after receiving written notice of a recommendation of dismissal. The bill also staggers by 10 days (a) the opportunity for a teacher recommended for dismissal to inspect and copy his personnel file and all other documents relied upon in reaching the decision to recommend dismissal and (b) the opportunity for the division superintendent to inspect and copy the documents to be offered in rebuttal to the decision to recommend dismissal. The bill also extends from 15 business days to 30 business days the deadline for the school board or hearing officer to set a hearing after a request by a teacher recommended for dismissal.

Patron - Kory

FHB318 Individual school performance; A-to-F school grading system. Abolishes the A-to-F grading system for measuring individual school performance.

Patron - Kory

EHB333 School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening date of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Greason

EHB342 Students enrolled in online courses and virtual programs; tuition. Requires each school division in which all elementary and secondary schools are fully accredited to offer its online courses and virtual school programs tuition-free or at one-third of the normal tuition rate to students who do not reside within the boundaries of the school division and who attend public elementary or secondary schools that are not fully accredited.

Patron - Taylor

EHB362 State funding; instructional positions for students identified as having limited English proficiency. Requires state funding to be provided to support 30 full-time equivalent instructional positions for each 1,000 students identified as having limited English proficiency. Current law requires the General Assembly to fund 17 such positions for each 1,000 students.

Patron - Kory

EHB365 Standards of Learning assessments; revisions. Requires that all revisions to any Standards of Learning

assessment are finalized by December 31 of the school year prior to the school year in which the revised assessment is administered.

Patron - Head

EHB382 Charter schools; funding. Requires local school boards to provide per pupil funding to charter schools by lump sum payment and not on a categorical basis.

Patron - Davis

FHB386 School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening date of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement. The bill contains technical amendments. Patron - Comstock

FJHB447 School accountability; Standards of Learn**ing assessments.** Requires the number and type of assessments to meet but not exceed the minimal requirements established by the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, except that the Board of Education is permitted to administer additional assessments in science and social sciences in grades five and eight. The bill limits programs of prevention, intervention, or remediation for students who are educationally at risk to students in grades five and eight. Under current law, such programs are required for students in grades three through eight. The bill permits the administration of norm-referenced assessments to assess student performance and student progress, including students who receive home instruction. The bill also requires local school boards to implement pathways to industry certification that students may use to fulfill standard diploma requirements and school boards shall use for school accountability purposes. Patron - Minchew

THB462 Full-day kindergarten programs. Requires the daily kindergarten program in each school division to average at least 5.5 hours, not including meal intermissions. Current law allows school divisions to provide half-day kindergarten programs. The bill requires the Board of Education to phase in these requirements across the school divisions over a 10-year period.

prevent bullying. Authorizes principals to request that parents meet with the principal or his designee to receive training in bullying prevention. The bill also authorizes the relevant juvenile and domestic relations court, upon petition from the local school board, to order the parent to meet to receive such training.

Patron - McQuinn

Patron - Krupicka

FHB493 Limited public forums for student religious viewpoint expression; school division policy. Requires each school division to adopt a policy to permit a student speaker to express a religious viewpoint at all school events at which a student is permitted to publicly speak. The policy shall declare each such school event to be a limited public forum, provide a neutral method for the selection of student speakers, and require each school principal to provide a disclaimer in advance of each such school event that the school division does not endorse any religious viewpoint that may be expressed by student speakers.

Patron - Lingamfelter

EHB498 Standards of Learning assessments and alternative assessment tools. Requires the Standards of

Learning assessments administered to students (i) in grade three to be limited to English and mathematics, (ii) in grade four to be limited to English, mathematics, and the Virginia and Community history and social science assessment, (iii) in grade five to be limited to English, writing, mathematics, and science, and (iv) in grade six to be limited to English and mathematics, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. The bill also requires the history and social science Standards of Learning assessment in grades seven through 12 to be limited to History, Economy, and Civics in grade eight and Modern World and United States History in grade 10, 11, or 12, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. The bill requires the Board of Education, by January 1, 2015, to establish guidelines for the development of alternative assessment tools by local school boards and permits the Board to (i) limit the initial number of school divisions that are permitted to develop and implement alternative assessment tools in accordance with Board guidelines and (ii) develop a phased process for the implementation of the alternative assessment tools by local school boards that aligns implementation in each subject area with the regular cycle of Standards of Learning assessment review and updates. The bill provides that in school divisions in which the school board has adopted approved authentic assessment methodologies for the history and social science and science Standards of Learning that include approved verification measures that provide explicit data on student learning, the Board shall waive the history and social science and science Standards of Learning assessment requirements.

Patron - Krupicka

FHB526 Programs of physical fitness in high schools; Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Permits each local school board to include the option for high school students to satisfy all health and physical education and physical fitness program requirements through participation in a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program in any of the armed services of the United States.

Patron - Pogge

EHB548 Standards of Learning tests; expedited retake. Requires the Board of Education to promulgate regulations to provide the same criteria for eligibility for an expedited retake of any Standards of Learning test to all students regardless of grade level or course.

Patron - Filler-Corn

FHB553 Individual school performance; A-to-F school grading system. Changes the A-to-F school grading system by requiring the Board of Education, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, to assign each public elementary and secondary school five separate grades based on (i) individual school performance and (ii) the performance of students who are (a) receiving special education, (b) enrolled in English as a second language (ESL) programs, (c) eligible to receive free or reduced price meals, and (d) not eligible to receive free or reduced price meals.

Patron - Krupicka

schedules. Permits a division superintendent, with the approval of the local school board, to (i) set the academic calendar for any school within the local school division that has failed to achieve full accreditation status and (ii) set the academic calendar for the entire local school division if more than 15 percent of all public schools within the local school division have failed to achieve full accreditation status. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Stolle

FHB610 School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening date of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement. The bill also prohibits local school boards from requiring students to attend school from either (i) the Thursday immediately preceding Labor Day through Labor Day or (ii) the Friday immediately preceding Labor Day through the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day.

Patron - Robinson

EHB613 Violations of certain mandatory school attendance laws; penalty. Provides that individuals who violate certain compulsory school attendance laws are guilty of a misdemeanor and may be confined not more than 30 days or fined not more than \$500 or both. Under current law, such individuals may be found guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and fined not more than \$500. The bill removes the requirement that second or subsequent offenders must have knowingly and willfully violated such compulsory school attendance laws to be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. The bill also permits judges to take cases involving first-time offenders of such compulsory school attendance laws under advisement and discharge the individual and dismiss the charges upon satisfaction of terms and conditions.

Patron - Robinson

HB618 Public schools; individual school performance grading system. Delays from October 1, 2014, to October 1, 2017, the date by which the Board of Education is required to implement the A-to-F individual school performance grading system. The bill requires the Board to take into account certain additional factors in assigning grades, including all state mandated assessments; any assessment developed by the relevant local school board; student mobility; the experience and qualifications of staff; cost and funding per pupil; extracurricular activities; and parental engagement and satisfaction levels. The bill also requires the Board to make the system and grades available to the public in a format which allows for a comparison of similarly situated schools in terms of percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, percentage of English language learners, local funding beyond what is required by the composite index, student mobility, and any other category the Board deems appropriate. Patron - Mason

FHB640 Standards of Learning assessments. Provides that the number and type of Standards of Learning assessments shall meet but not exceed the minimal requirements established by the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended. Patron - Campbell

HB643 Virginia Public School Improvement Program. Creates the Virginia Public School Improvement Program to offer maximum educational options and flexibility for parents, teachers, and students. The bill authorizes local school boards to designate or approve any public school within its school division to participate in the Program if (i) it has not applied for, converted to, or received permission from the local school board to operate as a public charter school, (ii) a majority of parents and teachers of students at the school have petitioned the school board to participate in the Program, or (iii) the school board has determined that, notwithstanding having satisfied the requirements of the Standards of Learning and Standards of Accreditation, less than 81 percent of the students enrolled in a public school within the school division have failed to demonstrate proficiency in reading and less than 79 percent of the students enrolled have failed to demonstrate proficiency in mathematics for three consecutive school years. Local school boards would continue to receive state basic school aid funding for such schools; participating schools would be exempt from certain school division policies and state regulations, but would have to meet SOQ, SOL, SOA, and certain federal requirements; participation can be rescinded by petition of a majority of parents and teachers, violation of the contract with the local school board, or failure of students to achieve satisfactory academic progress each year for two consecutive school years. The Board of Education must establish guidelines to assist school boards in implementing the Program in the school division and provide technical assistance to school boards upon request.

Patron - McQuinn

Requires each local school boards; annual workforce summit. Requires each local school board to annually host a workforce summit at which members of the local business community, including representatives from the local Chamber of Commerce or other similar organization, shall provide information on the workforce skills necessary to meet the workforce demands of the local business community and ways in which elementary and secondary education can better foster such skills.

Patron - Poindexter

FHB726 Suspension and expulsion of students; continuation of curriculum. Requires that each student who is suspended or expelled from aftendance shall be afforded the opportunity to continue to progress in the curriculum of the school division during the suspension or expulsion. The bill requires all committees of the school board, division superintendents, school principals, assistant principals, and teachers considering disciplinary action for a student to exercise discretion, consider ways to reengage the student in the learning process, and consider all alternatives to suspension or expulsion before suspending or expelling a student. The bill also requires any student who is suspended for more than 10 days cumulatively in a school year to receive a plan of positive behavioral interventions, strategies, and supports to address the student's behavior so that it does not continue to impede the student's learning or other students' learning.

Patron - McClellan

□HB742 Elementary and secondary schools; electronic textbooks. Specifies that a local school board's contracts and purchase orders with publishers of textbooks approved by the Board for use in kindergarten through grade 12 shall allow for the purchase of printed textbooks, printed textbooks with electronic files, or electronic textbooks separate and apart from printed versions of the same textbook. Under current law, contracts and purchase orders for textbooks in these three forms is only permitted for textbooks to be used in grades six through 12. The bill also clarifies that if a local school board decides to purchase an electronic textbook, it shall provide it to each student free of charge. The bill finally requires the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Center for Innovative Technology, to report annually to the General Assembly on (i) the level of broadband connectivity of each local school division, and (ii) the ability of each student within each school division to access electronic textbooks, both at school and outside of school. Patron - Kory

EHB754 Student discipline; modifying long-term suspensions and expulsions. Permits a school board or a committee thereof to reduce the long-term suspension or expulsion of a student or students who received a greater punishment in cases in which the school board or committee determines that (i) two or more students have engaged in closely related

offenses arising out of the same incident or circumstances that led to each student's expulsion or suspension, (ii) the cases resulted in highly disparate disciplinary decisions in which at least one student received a lesser punishment, and (iii) no rational basis exists for the disparate disciplinary decisions. The bill provides that such decisions of the school board or a committee thereof are not subject to judicial review. *Patron - Rust*

FHB760 Driver education programs. Expands the driver education program in Planning District Eight that deals with juvenile driver behavior, juvenile driving restrictions pursuant to the Code of Virginia, and the dangers of driving while intoxicated and underage consumption of alcohol to cover the whole Commonwealth, beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year.

Patron - Rust

EHB778 School boards; administration of student surveys and questionnaires. Prohibits school boards from administering surveys and questionnaires requesting of students (i) sexual information, (ii) mental health information, (iii) medical information, (iv) information on student health risk behaviors, (v) information on controlled substance use, or (vi) other information that the school board deems to be sensitive in nature without written, informed parental consent for the student's participation.

Patron - Wilt

board employees; grounds. Provides that no school board employees shall be dismissed or placed on probation solely on the grounds that (i) he possessed an unloaded firearm that is in a closed container in or upon his vehicle or in the locked trunk of his vehicle, a knife having a metal blade in or upon his motor vehicle, or an unloaded shotgun or rifle in a firearms rack in or upon his motor vehicle or (ii) the employee, who has a valid concealed handgun permit, possessed a concealed handgun while in his motor vehicle in a parking lot, traffic circle, or other means of vehicular ingress or egress to the school. Patron - Wilt

assessments; Board of Education review. Requires the Board of Education to solicit recommendations from the local school divisions and the public regarding the frequency with which Standards of Learning assessments are administered to public elementary and secondary school students in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Board, no later than January 1, 2015, to make recommendations to the General Assembly for reducing the frequency with which Standards of Learning assessments are administered to students while ensuring adequate measurement of student academic achievement. Patron - LeMunyon

EHB859 Schools accredited with warning for three consecutive years or denied accreditation; alternative enrollment policy. Requires the Board of Education to establish and implement a policy, with certain conditions and limitations, to allow any student assigned to a school accredited with warning for three consecutive years or denied accreditation to enroll at another school in the school division upon the request of a parent or guardian.

Patron - LeMunyon

FHB862 Full-day kindergarten program plans. Requires each local school board that does not offer a full-day kindergarten program for each kindergarten student in the school division to develop a plan to phase in a full-day kindergarten program for each kindergarten student in the school

division over the course of three school years and submit the plan to the General Assembly in advance of the General Assembly's next regular session.

Patron - Comstock

EHB865 STEAM Summer Learning Center Fund established. Creates the STEAM Summer Learning Center Fund to award competitive grants to local school divisions in certain regions to train public high school teachers in STEAM education and project-based learning and to provide teachers with skills to conduct workshops to engage public high school students in hands-on, project-based learning in science, technology, engineering, and applied mathematics, including design-build, manufacturing, and modeling and simulation. Patron - Yancey

HB936 Access to electronic textbooks. Prohibits school boards from making electronic textbooks available for use by students in their residence or residences unless the school board adopts a plan to ensure that by July 1, 2017, every student in the local school division will have access to a personal computing device approved by the Board and access to Internet service in his residence or residences. The bill permits a local school board to establish a pilot program for the use of electronic textbooks at any secondary school in the local school division provided that (i) each student at the secondary school has access to a personal computing device approved by the Board and access to Internet service in his residence or residences and (ii) the secondary school is receiving federal funds pursuant to Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, P.L. 89-10, as amended, or no more than 5% of the students in the local school division or 300 children, whichever is greater, participate in the pilot program. The bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science.

Patron - Surovell

breastfeeding area for employees. Requires each local school board to adopt a policy to set aside, in each school in the school division, space that is shielded from the public view to be designated as a breastfeeding area in which any mother who is employed by the local school board may breastfeed her child until the child reaches the age of one.

Patron - O'Quinn

FHB961 Elementary and secondary school students; screening for dyslexia. Requires each student in grades kindergarten through six who enrolls in a local school division to be screened for dyslexia and related disorders using the tools and methods prescribed by the Board of Education and within a reasonable amount of time following enrollment. The bill permits the Board of Education to provide by regulation for such additional screenings as it deems necessary.

Patron - Kory

FHB993 Teacher licensure; study in human trafficking. Requires every person seeking initial licensure as a teacher and every person seeking renewal of a license who has not completed such study to complete study in human trafficking recognition, intervention, and prevention in accordance with curriculum guidelines developed by the Board of Education and the Department of Social Services.

Patron - BaCote

EHB1003 Opportunity Educational Institution; funding. Requires the transfer of per pupil funding from the local school division of residence to the Opportunity Educational Institution for each student enrolled in a school under the supervision of the Opportunity Educational Institution Board.

The per pupil funding consists of (i) any state-funded accounts paid on the basis of student enrollment, including fall membership, March 31 average daily membership, and school-aged population; (ii) the proportionate share of any applicable federal aid programs allocated for students and teachers in the Institution, including, but not limited to, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.), Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), and the Teacher Training Grant Program pursuant to part A of Title II of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.); (iii) the proportionate share of state moneys that are allocated under other applicable Direct Aid to Public Education programs and that are not included in clause (i); (iv) the per pupil required local effort for the Standards of Quality programs; (v) the per pupil required local match for any optional direct aid programs in which the local school division of residence participates that are applicable to the enrollment of the Institution; and (vi) any other proportionate share of local funding not included in clauses (iv) and (v) that would otherwise be provided for such students enrolled in the school if the school had remained under the supervision of the local school board.

Patron - Greason

EHB1066 Industry certification and state licensure examinations; substitution for Standards of Learning assessments. Requires the Board of Education to authorize local school boards to select and substitute industry certification and state licensure examinations for Standards of Learning assessments for the purpose of awarding verified units of credit for career and technical education courses. Current law permits but does not require the substitution of industry certification and state licensure examinations for Standards of Learning assessments for the purpose of awarding verified units of credit for career and technical education courses.

Patron - Webert

EHB1091 Opportunity Educational Institution; supervision of schools. Removes the authority of the Opportunity Educational Institution Board, upon a majority vote, to transfer supervision of a school that has failed to meet the requirements to be rated fully accredited for three consecutive years.

Patron - Garrett

FHB1128 Cooperative career and technical education. Permits two or more school boards to provide, by cooperative agreement, career and technical education whereby middle and high school students enrolled in any such school division may attend career and technical education courses and programs part-time in any such school division outside of the student's school division of residence. The bill requires agreements among school divisions to be in writing and include provisions for a student application process, the transportation of participating students, special education, enrollment capacity, and the award of high school credit, as applicable. The bill requires each participating student to be counted in the average daily membership of his school division of residence but does not prohibit school divisions from charging tuition to participating students.

Patron - Rasoul

FHB1156 Divisionwide ratios of students in average daily membership to full-time equivalent teaching positions. Reduces the maximum class size and the ratio of students in average daily membership to full-time equivalent teaching positions in kindergarten and grades one, two, and three.

Patron - Watts

FHB1182 A-to-F school grading system; exemption for schools with alternative accreditation plans. Exempts from the A-to-F school grading system schools for which the Board of Education has approved an alternative accreditation plan to meet the graduation and completion index benchmark. Patron - Rasoul

HB1198 School buildings; National Register of Historic Places and Virginia Landmarks Register. Requires each local school board to maintain an inventory of all school buildings over 50 years old and determine, in consultation with the Department of Historic Resources, whether each building on the inventory is eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Virginia Landmarks Register, or both. The bill provides that prior to demolishing, transferring, or selling a school building that has been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the Virginia Landmarks Register, or both, the local school board shall solicit public comment and consider alternatives such as renovation, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse.

EHB1205 Student teachers; fingerprinting, criminal history records check, and child abuse and neglect data. Permits education preparation program faculty to require student teachers at public institutions of higher education, as a condition of participation in a classroom teaching, internship, clinical, or field experience in a public elementary or secondary school, to submit to fingerprinting and a criminal history records check. The bill permits education preparation program faculty to require student teachers to provide the necessary personal information to conduct a search of the registry of founded complaints of child abuse and neglect in the Commonwealth and to obtain such information from other states if the individual has lived in another state in the past five years. The bill further requires the Board of Education to develop guidelines for each education preparation program director to use to decide whether to deny student teachers placement in a public elementary or secondary school on the basis of the findings of the criminal history records check and registry search. Patron - Yost

HB1255 Access to electronic textbooks. Prohibits school boards from making electronic textbooks available for use by students in their residence or residences unless the school board adopts a plan to ensure that by July 1, 2017, every student in the local school division will have access to a personal computing device approved by the Board and access to Internet service in his residence or residences. The bill permits a local school board to establish a pilot program for the use of electronic textbooks at any secondary school in the local school division provided that (i) each student at the secondary school has access to a personal computing device approved by the Board and access to Internet service in his residence or residences and (ii) the secondary school is receiving federal funds pursuant to Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, P.L. 89-10, as amended, or no more than 5% of the students in the local school division or 300 children, whichever is greater, participate in the pilot program. The bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science. Patron - Taylor

FHB1262 Public schools; individual school performance grading system. Delays from October 1, 2014, to October 1, 2017, the date by which the Board of Education is required to implement the A-to-F individual school performance grading system. The bill requires the Board to provide a clear series of A to F grades for schools and to take into account certain factors in assigning grades, including all state

mandated assessments; any assessment developed or approved for use by the relevant local school board; student mobility; the experience and qualifications of staff; total cost and funding per pupil; extracurricular activities and the number of participants in such activities; and parental engagement and satisfaction levels. The bill also requires the Board to make the system and grades available to the public in a format which allows for a comparison of similarly situated schools in terms of percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, percentage of English language learners, local funding beyond what is required by the composite index, student mobility, and any other category the Board deems appropriate.

Patron - Miller

HB1271 School board member training. Requires each newly elected or appointed member of a local school board in a school division that contains one or more schools denied accreditation or accredited with warning for three consecutive years to participate, within one year of his election or appointment, in at least 15 hours of high-quality professional development training at the state, local, or national level on governance, including ethics, personnel policies and practices, and several other topics. The bill requires school board members who have completed one or more years of continuous service in such school divisions to participate in 12 hours of such training. The bill requires school board members in all other school divisions to participate in nine hours of high-quality professional development training and adds school financing and budgeting to the list of topics to be covered. Current law does not contain an hours requirement for such training. The bill also requires each provider of training to certify its compliance with the training requirement, including a description of the curricula, to the Board of Education.

Patron - Davis

Requests that the Department of Education create one regional Innovation Council for each of the eight Superintendent's Regions to meet twice annually to discuss strategies for preparing students to meet the future workforce needs of the Commonwealth and to consist of educators, members of the business community, members from institutions of higher education in the region, local and state elected officials, and any other members whose participation the Department deems

appropriate.

Patron - Futrell

ESB15 Public school textbooks; East Sea. Requires all textbooks approved by the Board of Education to note that the Sea of Japan is also referred to as the East Sea. *Patron - Black*

FSB113 Repayment of a Literary Fund loan to the Patrick County Board of Supervisors to be applied to the costs of reconstructing Meadows of Dan Elementary School. Provides that in the event that the Patrick County Board of Supervisors applies to the Board of Education for a Literary Fund loan to cover some or all of the cost of reconstructing Meadows of Dan Elementary School and the Board of Education grants such application, the General Assembly shall provide in the succeeding general appropriation act such funds to the Patrick County Board of Supervisors as are sufficient for full repayment of the Literary Fund loan.

Patron - Stanley

FSB131 School calendar; continuing waivers. Requires the Board of Education to waive the requirement that a local school board set the first day students are required to attend school to be after Labor Day for any local school board

that was granted a "good cause" waiver of this requirement for the 2011-2012 school year.

Patron - Newman

ESB144 Standards of Learning assessments; revisions. Requires that all revisions to any Standards of Learning assessment are finalized by December 31 of the school year prior to the school year in which the revised assessment is administered.

Patron - Edwards

FSB155 Public schools; physical activity requirement. Requires at least 20 minutes of physical activity per day or an average of 100 minutes per week during the regular school year for students in grades kindergarten through five. This requirement becomes effective beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

Patron - Miller

 ${f f f LSB160}$ Policies on concussions in student-athletes.

Requires each non-interscholastic youth sports program utilizing public school property to establish policies and procedures based on either the local school division's guidelines or the Board of Education's guidelines regarding the identification and handling of suspected concussions in student-athletes. The bill also directs the Board of Education to review and revise the Board's guidelines on concussions as necessary.

Patron - Miller

ESB291 Visually impaired students; Braille. Requires each visually impaired student to be evaluated by a certified Teacher of the Visually Impaired and requires the student to receive instruction in Braille or the use of Braille unless the team responsible for developing the student's IEP (IEP team) or the team responsible for developing the student's plan pursuant to § 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (504 team) determines that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate to the student's educational needs. Current law requires a determination of the appropriateness of Braille but does not require the evaluation. The bill allows IEP teams and 504 teams to provide other specialized educational services and assistive technology devices in addition to Braille. The bill disallows the presence of some residual vision from precluding instruction in Braille and the use of Braille. The bill permits IEP teams and 504 teams to provide blind students with instruction in Braille mathematics code in addition to Braille. Patron - Carrico

ESB305 Standards of Learning; expedited retakes. Requires the Board of Education to promulgate regulations to (a) increase the number of students and the number of grade levels that are eligible for an expedited retake of Standards of Learning assessments and (b) permit students in grades three through five who score in the 390 to 399 range on a Standards of Learning assessment to receive focused remediation and retake the assessment in the established testing window. Patron - Deeds

ESB325 Standards of Quality; waivers from third grade Standards of Learning assessments in certain scenarios. Allows a public elementary school that had an adjusted pass rate of less than 75 percent on the third grade Standards of Learning reading assessment administered during the previous school year to apply to the Board of Education for a two-year waiver from the science or history and social science Standards of Learning assessment requirement, or both, for third grade students. Elementary schools that apply for a two-year waiver must satisfy certain conditions to be granted the waiver. The bill contains an expiration date of July 1, 2016.

Patron - Miller

FISB372 Early childhood education. Requires, on and after July 1, 2019, all school divisions to provide early childhood education programs for four-year-olds and five-year-olds who are not eligible to attend kindergarten or at-risk early childhood education programs and whose parents voluntarily wish to enroll them in such programs. These mandated early childhood education programs must be coordinated with the current at-risk early childhood programs, consistent with the Department of Education's guidelines for early childhood education, and meet the standards established by the Board of Education. The Board of Education is required to promulgate regulations to implement the orderly phase-in of the required programs with the current voluntary programs for at-risk fouryear-olds and at-risk five-year-olds who are not eligible to attend kindergarten. Implementation and funding of the required public school early childhood education programs is contingent on funding in the appropriation act. The grants for the at-risk programs may continue to be funded in public schools or other local agencies; however, the Standards of Quality funding of early childhood education will only be provided to public schools.

Patron - Edwards

grading system. Requires the Board of Education to (i) provide an opportunity for public comment on the A-to-F school grading system and the grades assigned to each public school in the Commonwealth and (ii) include in its report to the General Assembly a summary of the public comments. The bill also requires the Board to make its report to the General Assembly by November 30, 2015. The bill contains an expiration date of July 1, 2016.

Patron - Reeves

ESB388 Public schools; Standards of Learning assessments. Requires the Board of Education to promulgate regulations authorizing local school divisions to determine the date for administering Standards of Learning assessments. Patron - Barker

ESB389 Public schools; Standards of Learning tests. Directs the Board of Education to promulgate regulations to provide the same criteria for eligibility for an expedited retake of any Standards of Learning test to each student regardless of grade level or course.

Patron - Barker

charter schools; personnel. Allows public charter schools to designate in their applications whether their employees will participate in the Virginia Retirement System. The bill directs the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System to develop procedures allowing school boards that approve such applications to exempt the charter school employees from participation. The bill also (i) requires at least 75 percent of public charter elementary school teachers to be licensed and at least 50 percent of public charter middle and high school teachers to be licensed and (ii) specifies that all teachers otherwise be "highly qualified," as defined by the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Patron - Obenshain

ESB465 Opportunity Educational Institution; supervision of schools. Increases the number of years, from four to five, that a school must fail to meet the requirements to be rated fully accredited before the supervision of such school is transferred to the Opportunity Educational Institution. Removes the authority of the Opportunity Educational Institution Board, upon a majority vote, to transfer supervision of a

school that has failed to meet the requirements to be rated fully accredited for three consecutive years.

Patron - Newman

ESB497 Public schools; individual school performance grading system. Delays from October 1, 2014, to October 1, 2015, the date by which the Board of Education is required to (i) assign a grade from A to F to each public school in the Commonwealth; (ii) make both the system by which grades are assigned and the grade assigned to each school in the Commonwealth available to the public; and (iii) report to the General Assembly a summary of the system and the assigned grades. The bill also requires the Board of Education to evaluate the purposes of the A-to-F grading system for individual school performance and the results of other states that have implemented a similar grading system and to report its findings to the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2014.

Patron - Hanger

ESB499 Opportunity Educational Institution. Delays the initial transfer of supervision of certain public schools from the local school boards to the Opportunity Educational Institution by one year, from after the 2013-2014 school year to after the 2014-2015 school year.

Patron - Hanger

ESB509 Public schools; kindergarten instructional time. Directs the Board of Education to promulgate regulations, by July 1, 2016, establishing standards for accreditation that include a requirement that the standard school day for students in kindergarten must average at least 5.5 instructional hours in order to qualify for full accreditation. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2016.

Patron - Barker

FSB539 Secretary of Education; annual report. Requires the Secretary of Education, on or before October 1 of each year, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Commonwealth's efforts to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education; career readiness; and career and professional certification at all levels of education.

Patron - Howell

viewpoint expression; school division policy. Requires each school division to adopt a policy to permit a student speaker to express a religious viewpoint at all school events at which a student is permitted to publicly speak. The policy shall declare each such school event to be a limited public forum, provide a neutral method for the selection of student speakers, and require each school principal to provide a disclaimer in advance of each such school event that the school division does not endorse any religious viewpoint that may be expressed by student speakers.

Patron - Black

ESB588 Student discipline; modifying suspensions and expulsions. Provides that a school board, in its sole discretion, may modify a suspension or expulsion of a student if it deems such action to be warranted and that such decisions of the school board are not subject to judicial review. Patron - Black

ESB599 Student data; cloud computing. Requires each cloud computing service provider that enters into a contract with a local school board to provide services to only process and monitor student data according to the terms of its contract with the local school board. The bill prohibits cloud

computing service providers from using cloud computing services for any secondary purpose that benefits the service provider or a third party, including online behavioral advertising, creating or correcting an individual household profile, the sale of student data for any commercial purpose, or any other similar for-profit activity.

Patron - Cosgrove

ESB636 Board of Education; Standards of Learning assessments. Directs the Board of Education to review the Standards of Learning assessments and to develop a plan to reduce, by the 2015-2016 school year, the number of such assessments, based on the number of assessments required during the 2013-2014 school year, by at least 25 percent. Patron - Hanger

ESB637 School calendar; continuing waivers. Requires the Board of Education to waive the requirement that a local school board set the first day students are required to attend school to be after Labor Day for any local school board that was granted a "good cause" waiver of this requirement for the 2011-2012 school year.

Patron - Smith

ISB672 Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind; out-of-state students. Requires the Board of Visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (Board) to include in its criteria and procedures governing admissions to the school provisions for the admission of students who are not residents of the Commonwealth. The bill provides that out-ofstate students may be admitted on a space-available basis and that priority be given to students who are residents of the Commonwealth. In addition, the Board may delegate authority to the superintendent to accept out-of-state students, and the Board would be required to charge such students tuition, transportation, and other recurring fees as proposed by the superintendent and approved by the Board, provided that at least 100 percent of the costs to the Commonwealth are covered. Prior to any enrollment, the Auditor of Public Accounts would be required to verify that the Board's process of determining the costs to charge out-of-state students is reasonable. Patron - Favola

Carried Over

ishes the Board of the Virginia Virtual School as a policy agency in the executive branch of state government for the purpose of governing the online educational programs and services offered to students enrolled in the Virginia Virtual School. The Secretary of Education is responsible for such agency. The 13-member Board is given operational control of the School and assigned powers and duties. The bill requires the School to be open to any school-age person in the Commonwealth and provide an educational program meeting the Standards of Quality for grades kindergarten through 12. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2015. Patron - Bell, Richard P.

CHB388 Charter schools; funding. Requires each local school board to reimburse each public charter school in the school division in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the proportionate share of all state and federal resources allocated for students with disabilities and school personnel assigned to special education programs in the public charter school and (ii) the cost to the local school board to educate such students.

Patron - Davis

CIHB659 Community services boards and behavioral health authorities; information for secondary school students about available services. Requires each community services board and each behavioral health authority to annually make a presentation to each local school board in the locality or localities that the community services board or the behavioral health authority serves regarding services available to students with emotional disability, intellectual disability, or mental illness upon transition into the community after graduation from high school. The bill requires each local school board or its designee to annually make a presentation about services available through the community services board or the behavioral health authority to high school students with emotional disability, intellectual disability, mental illness, or any combination thereof and their parents. The bill requires each such student and his parents to attend the annual presentation of the local school board at least once before the student graduates from high school.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

Patron - Comstock

colline course of instruction. Requires (i) the Board of Education to develop an online course of instruction and assessment in the objectives of economics education and financial literacy and (ii) each local school board to offer the online course of instruction and assessment to public middle and high school students as an alternative to classroom instruction.

CHB965 Governor's Child Safety Test. Permits each local school board to include as part of the program of physical fitness made available to all students the Governor's Child Safety Test, a program of instruction that will consist of at least eight hours of instruction per year on how to recognize, avoid, resist, and escape physical, sexual, and online threats and will result in a certificate signed by the Governor upon successful completion of the program.

Patron - Cline

each cloud computing service provider that enters into a contract with a local school board to provide services to only process and monitor student data according to the terms of its contract with the local school board. The bill prohibits cloud computing service providers from using cloud computing services for any secondary purpose that benefits the service provider or a third party, including online behavioral advertising, creating or correcting an individual household profile, the sale of student data for any commercial purpose, or any other similar for-profit activity.

Patron - Yancey

CSB240 Public schools; withholding child from custodial parent. Makes it a Class 3 misdemeanor for any principal, assistant principal, or supervisor employed by a local school board who fails to or refuses to release a child into the custody of the child's custodial parent or other legal custodian, unless such failure or refusal is necessitated by a critical event or emergency governed by the school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plan.

Patron - Carrico

ESB309 Appeal of computation of the local composite index. Provides a procedure for appealing the computation of the composite index of local ability-to-pay before a review committee consisting of three Board of Education members, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of Education or his designee, and the Secretary of Finance or his designee. The school boards are authorized to petition the Board of Education for review of the determination of the cost appor-

tioned to the school boards for maintaining an educational program meeting the Standards of Quality.

Patron - Vogel

Educational Institutions

Passed

PHB132 Commissioned officers; tuition-free instruction. Adds the departments of emergency management, emergency services, public safety, and disaster management to the list of departments at state institutions of higher education in which commissioned officers of the organized militia and the Governor's military staff may receive instruction for a period not exceeding 10 months without being required to pay any fee or charge for tuition. The bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Services, to establish guidelines for the implementation of such additions.

Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB133 Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program; eligibility criteria. Permits a student to enroll in a four-year institution by the spring following the award of an associate's degree and remain eligible for a grant under the program. Current law requires a student to enroll in a four-year institution by the following fall to be eligible. Patron - Cole

PHB203 Virginia College Savings Plan; incorporated government agency. Declares the Virginia College Savings Plan to be a body politic and corporate. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 215. Patron - O'Bannon

PHB205 Boards of visitors; student-athlete discipline policies. Requires the board of visitors or other governing board of each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to establish policies for the discipline of students who participate in varsity intercollegiate athletics. The bill requires such policies to include a provision requiring an annual report by the administration of the institution to the board of visitors or other governing board regarding enforcement actions taken pursuant to such policies.

Patron - Landes

PHB206 Four-year public institutions of higher education; mental health resources. Requires each four-year public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to create and feature on its website a page with information dedicated solely to the mental health resources available to students at the institution. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2015.

Patron - Hope

PHB355 Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority; chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer. Provides that the President of Virginia Commonwealth University shall serve as the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority. The bill also provides that in the event that a majority of the Board of Directors of the Authority and the Board of Visitors of the University disagree upon the selection, removal, or conditions of appointment, including salary, of the Chief Executive Officer, then each board shall appoint a committee of three members of its board to consider

the matters upon which the boards disagree. If the majority of the members of each committee present and voting agree upon the selection, removal, or conditions of appointment of the Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Directors and the Board of Visitors will be bound by that decision. If the majority of the members of each committee present and voting do not agree upon the selection, removal, or conditions of appointment of the Chief Executive Officer within 30 days of the appointment of the joint committee, the President of the University shall decide the matters upon which the committees disagree, and each board will be bound by that decision. This bill is identical to SB 341.

Patron - Cox

PHB356 Virginia Community College System; quorum and main office of the State Board for Community Colleges. Removes the requirement that the main office of the State Board for Community Colleges be located in the City of Richmond and permits the main office to be located anywhere in the Commonwealth. The bill also changes from seven to eight the number of members of the Board that constitute a quorum for all purposes. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Cox

year-round instruction. Repeals the section of the Code of Virginia that continues in effect a chapter of the Acts of Assembly that directs certain public institutions of higher education to be placed on a year-round basis of instruction as soon as their financial resources will warrant to expedite the training of teachers. The bill is a recommendation of the Code Commission.

Patron - LeMunyon

PHB465 University of Virginia Board of Visitors; executive committee. Increases from six to seven the maximum number of members of the University of Virginia Board of Visitors permitted to serve on the executive committee. Patron - Massie

PHB467 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; interstate agreements. Authorizes the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to enter into interstate reciprocity agreements authorizing postsecondary distance education. SCHEV will administer the agreements and will approve or disapprove participation in the agreements by degree-granting institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth. Participation in the agreements by the institutions is voluntary. The bill also requires SCHEV to establish the Distance Learning Reciprocity Advisory Council, which will include representatives from each participating institution. Patron - Massie

□HB501 Counting students granted in-state tuition for certain purposes. Requires (i) students who live outside the Commonwealth, have been employed full time inside Virginia for at least one year, and were granted in-state tuition and (ii) any active duty members, activated guard or reservist members, or guard or reservist members mobilized or on temporary active orders for six months or more residing in Virginia who were granted in-state tuition to be counted as in-state students for the purposes of determining college admissions, enrollment, and tuition and fee revenue policies. The bill requires (a) any person who is enrolled in certain programs, domiciled in, and entitled to reduced tuition charges in a Southern Regional Education Compact member state that has similar reciprocal provisions for persons domiciled in Virginia, (b) any student from a foreign country who is enrolled in a foreign exchange program during the same period that an exchange student from the same state institution entitled to in-state tuition is attending the foreign institution, and (c) any high school or magnet school student who is enrolled in courses specifically designed as part of the high school or magnet school curriculum in a community college pursuant to a dual enrollment agreement, granted in-state tuition to be counted as out-of-state students for the purposes of determining college admissions, enrollment, and tuition and fee revenue policies. *Patron - Lingamfelter*

□HB576 Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; residency requirements. Deems certain surviving spouses and dependents of military service members eligible for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program if the service member through whom they claim eligibility (i) has had a physical presence in Virginia for at least five years immediately prior to the date on which the admission application to the public institution of higher education was submitted; (ii) had a physical presence in Virginia on the date of his death and for at least five years immediately prior to his death; (iii) is deceased and the surviving parent of the qualifying child has had a physical presence in Virginia for at least five years immediately prior to the date on which the admission application to the public institution of higher education was submitted; and (iv) is deceased and the surviving spouse has had a physical presence in Virginia for at least five years prior to the date on which the admission application was submitted by the qualified spouse. Current law requires bona fide domiciliary status in Virginia in these circumstances. This bill is identical to SB 481.

Patron - Stolle

PHB757 Benefits consortia; benefits plans. Permits employees of the sponsoring association of a benefits consortium, employees of a benefits consortium, and their dependents to participate in the benefits plan offered by a benefits consortium consisting of five or more private educational institutions that have established a self-funded employee welfare benefit plan.

Patron - Rust

PHB776 Surviving spouses; eligibility for in-state tuition charges. Waives the requirement that the factors presented in support of entitlement to in-state tuition must exist for the one-year period prior to the date of the alleged entitlement for spouses of certain military members who were killed in action, are missing in action, or are prisoners of war. Patron - Wilt

PHB886 State Council of Higher Education; postsecondary education and employment data. Requires the State Council of Higher Education to disseminate to each public high school and each institution of higher education in the Commonwealth for which the Council has student-level data a link on its website to certain published postsecondary education and employment data. The bill requires each institution of higher education to provide the link and each local school board to provide annual notice on its website to each enrolled high school student and his parents about the availability of such data.

Patron - Peace

PHB 1102 Longwood University Board of Visitors; removal of visitors. Provides that if any member of the Longwood University Board of Visitors fails to perform the duties of his office for one year without sufficient cause shown to the board, the office of such visitor shall be vacated. The bill also provides that if so many of such visitors fail to perform their duties that a quorum is not met for a year, the rector, any member of the board, or the president of the University may certify

such fact to the Governor and the offices of all visitors failing to attend shall be vacated. This bill is identical to SB 581. *Patron - Edmunds*

PHB1137 Public institutions of higher education; unfunded scholarships. Adds graduate assistants to the number of graduate students used to calculate the total value of unfunded scholarships annually awarded to graduate students and clinical faculty.

Patron - Cox

PHB1161 Christopher Newport University; Board of Visitors. Requires at least six of the 14 members of the Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors to be alumni of the University. This bill is identical to SB 626. *Patron - Yancey*

PHB 1268 Public institutions of higher education; violence prevention committee policies and procedures. Requires the violence prevention committee of each public institution of higher education to establish policies and procedures to require all faculty and staff to report threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a physical threat to the community. The bill also requires each violence prevention committee to include notification of family members or guardians, or both, as a sufficient means of action in the committee's policies and procedures for the assessment of individuals whose behavior may present a physical threat, unless such notification would prove harmful to the individual in question. Patron - Hugo

PSB215 Virginia College Savings Plan; incorporated government agency. Declares the Virginia College Savings Plan to be a body politic and corporate. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to HB 203. *Patron - Howell*

PSB239 Student mental health policies; violence prevention committee. Requires the violence prevention committee of each public institution of higher education to establish policies and procedures to encourage all faculty and staff to report behavior that may represent a threat to the community to members of the campus community identified by the committee. The bill also requires each violence prevention committee to include notification of family members or guardians, or both, as a sufficient means of action in the committee's policies and procedures for the assessment of individuals whose behavior may present a threat, unless such notification would prove harmful to the individual in question.

Patron - Petersen

PSB242 Higher education; students' personal information. Prohibits public institutions of higher education from selling students' personal information, including names, addresses, phone numbers, and email address, to any person. The bill does not apply to certain transactions initiated by the student.

Patron - McWaters

PSB244 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; elimination of certain duties and programs. Eliminates the duty of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to (i) develop policies and procedures for disclosing certain information to students on student lending practices; (ii) develop, in collaboration with public institutions of higher education and the Department of Health, education programs for college students on the etiology, effects, and prevention of infection with human immunodeficiency virus; and (iii) establish institutes that provide in-service training on the effective use of technology to teachers, administrators, and

librarians. The bill transfers the administration of the Virginia Vocational Incentive Scholarship Program for Shipyard Workers and the companion Fund from SCHEV to Tidewater Community College and specifies that shipyard workers enrolled in a certain apprenticeship program are eligible for such program and fund. The bill abolishes the Virginia Graduate and Undergraduate Assistance Program, the College Scholarship Assistance Program, and the Virginia College Savings Program. The bill does not impact the Virginia College Savings Plan, commonly referred to as the Virginia 529 College Savings Plan or Virginia 529. Finally, the bill relocates a traineeship program administered by the Board of Education from Title 23 to Title 22.1.

Patron - Edwards

PISB341 Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority; chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer. Requires the President of Virginia Commonwealth University to serve as the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority. The bill also provides that in the event that the majority of the Board of Directors of the Authority and the Board of Visitors of the University disagree upon the selection, removal, or conditions of employment, including salary, of the Chief Executive Officer, each board shall appoint a committee of three members of its board to consider the matters upon which the boards disagree. If the majority voters of each committee agree upon the selection, removal, or conditions of employment of the Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Directors and the Board of Visitors will be bound by that decision. If the majority voters of each committee disagree upon the selection, removal, or conditions of employment of the Chief Executive Officer within 30 days, the President of the University shall decide the matters upon which the committees disagree, and each board will be bound by that decision. This bill is identical to HB 355.

Patron - McEachin

PSB445 Virginia Military Institute board of visitors; appointment of executive committee and president. Removes the requirement that the Virginia Military Institute board of visitors must wait until after July 1 in any year to appoint an executive committee of the board or the president of the board. The bill also removes the requirement that the board must dissolve its executive committee at its next regular meeting or the following July 1. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Norment

PSB449 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements. Renames the State Transfer Module as the State Transfer Tool and requires the State Council of Higher Education to develop guidelines to govern the development and implementation of articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements between the Commonwealth's public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education. Under current law, the Council is required to use the State Transfer Module to develop articulation, transfer, and dual enrollment and admissions agreements between the Commonwealth's public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education.

Patron - Norment

PSB460 Private institutions of higher education; certification. Increases, from 10 to 20, the number of years a private institution is required to have maintained a main or branch campus continuously in the Commonwealth under its current ownership and has been continuously approved or authorized to confer or grant academic or professional degrees by the

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, by the Board of Education, or by an act of the General Assembly in order to be exempt from the requirement to obtain another certification from the Council. The bill contains a grandfather clause. *Patron - Norment*

PSB481 Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; residency requirements. Deems certain surviving spouses and dependents of military service members eligible for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program if the service member through whom they claim eligibility (i) has had a physical presence in Virginia for at least five years immediately prior to the date on which the admission application to the public institution of higher education was submitted; (ii) had a physical presence in Virginia on the date of his death and for at least five years immediately prior to his death; (iii) is deceased and the surviving parent of the qualifying child has had a physical presence in Virginia for at least five years immediately prior to the date on which the admission application to the public institution of higher education was submitted; and (iv) is deceased and the surviving spouse has had a physical presence in Virginia for at least five years prior to the date on which the admission application was submitted by the qualified spouse. Current law requires bona fide domiciliary status in Virginia in these circumstances. This bill is identical to HB 576.

Patron - Puller

PSB562 College partnership laboratory schools; tuition. Authorizes the school board of a school division that partners with a college partnership laboratory school to charge tuition to students enrolled in the college partnership laboratory school who do not reside within the partnering division. *Patron - Locke*

PSB581 Longwood University Board of Visitors; removal of visitors. Provides that if any member of the Longwood University Board of Visitors fails to perform the duties of his office for one year without sufficient cause shown to the board, the office of such visitor shall be vacated. The bill also provides that if so many of such visitors fail to perform their duties that a quorum is not met for a year, the rector, any member of the board, or the president of the University may certify such fact to the Governor and the offices of all visitors failing to attend shall be vacated. This bill is identical to HB 1102. Patron - Garrett

PSB626 Christopher Newport University; Board of Visitors. Requires at least six of the 14 members of the Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors to be alumni of the University. This bill is identical to HB 1161.

Patron - Miller

PSB669 Public institutions of higher education; educational program for governing boards. Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's educational program for members of governing boards of public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth to include a presentation related to the board members' duty to the Commonwealth. *Patron - Martin*

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FHB28 Public institutions of higher education; admission of students domiciled in Virginia. Provides that the board of visitors or other governing body of each public institution of higher education, except for the Virginia Military Institute, Norfolk State University, and Virginia State University.

sity, must establish rules and regulations requiring that by the start of the 2019-2020 academic year at least 75 percent of students admitted and enrolled at the institution are domiciled in Virginia.

Patron - Comstock

hood Arrivals. Declares a student eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has provided an I-797 Approval Notice stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

Patron - Kory

FHB88 In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Child**hood Arrivals.** Declares a student eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has provided documentation that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he, or in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

Patron - Lopez

FHB137 Public institutions of higher education; admission and enrollment of students domiciled in Virginia. Provides that the board of visitors or other governing body of each public institution of higher education, except for the Virginia Military Institute, Norfolk State University, and Virginia State University, shall establish rules and regulations requiring that at least 75 percent of students admitted and enrolled at the institution are domiciled in Virginia. The bill requires each board of visitors or governing board to recover any lost revenue by increasing the tuition charged to out-of-state students.

Patron - Ramadan

FHB144 Public institutions of higher education; admission of students domiciled in Virginia. Provides that the board of visitors or other governing body of each public institution of higher education, except for the Virginia Military Institute, Norfolk State University, and Virginia State University, shall establish rules and regulations requiring that by the start of the 2019-2020 academic year at least 75 percent of undergraduate students admitted at the institution are domiciled in Virginia. The bill requires each board of visitors or governing board to recover any lost revenue by increasing the tuition charged to out-of-state undergraduate students. Patron - Hugo

EHB238 Higher education; spending. Requires the board of visitors or other governing body of every public insti-

tution of higher education to ensure that all funds received from in-state undergraduate tuition are dedicated to the purpose of undergraduate education, that 65 percent of such funds are dedicated to undergraduate instructional expenses, and that 65 percent of all funds received from the Commonwealth for the education and general programs of instruction, academic support, student services, institutional support, and operation and maintenance of the physical plant are dedicated to undergraduate instructional expenses.

Patron - Ramadan

FHB544 Public institutions of higher education; violence prevention committee policies and procedures. Requires the violence prevention committee of each public institution of higher education to establish policies and procedures to encourage all faculty and staff to report threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community and to self to members of the campus community identified by the committee.

Patron - Filler-Corn

□HB573 Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program; grants. Makes several changes to the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program (Program), including adding requirements that (i) each student eligible for the Program receive an award from the institution's appropriations for undergraduate student financial assistance before grants are awarded to students with equivalent remaining need, (ii) each eligible student receive an award in an amount greater than other grants awarded to students with equivalent remaining need, (iii) each eligible student receive an award in an amount greater than the award of each eligible student with equivalent remaining need in the next-lowest class level, and (iv) each award be determined by a proportionate award schedule adopted by each institution and vary according to each student's remaining need and the total of tuition, fees, and other necessary charges, including books. Patron - Cox

FHB696 Higher education; Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program. Changes the name of the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program to Virginia College for All and establishes eligibility criteria for public institutions of higher education to participate, including guarantees that (i) all enrolled undergraduate students from low-income families can afford the full cost of attendance associated with the institution without incurring student loan debt and (ii) all enrolled undergraduate students from middle-income families can attend and complete a degree-granting program within 150 percent of the standard time for completion without incurring any interest on loans to cover tuition and required fees, subject to the availability of funds necessary to meet such a guarantee. The bill establishes criteria for renewal and nonrenewal of grants and loans pursuant to the Program and does not affect the award of any current Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program recipient. Patron - Krupicka

hood Arrivals. Declares a student eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has provided an I-797 Approval Notice stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by

state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

Patron - Rust

FHB781 Student members of education boards. Adds one student member to the Board of Education, each local school board, the board of visitors of each four-year public institution of higher education, the State Board for Community Colleges, each local community college board, and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The bill requires the Governor to make such appointments for two-year terms. The bill specifies that student members are voting members on all nonfiscal issues.

Patron - Futrell

FHB1123 Students and officially recognized student organizations; right to hire counsel and right of review of disciplinary decisions. Grants (i) any student enrolled at a public institution of higher education who is accused of a violation of the institution's rules and regulations for the conduct of students that is punishable by a suspension of more than 10 days or expulsion and (ii) any officially recognized student organization accused of a violation of the institution's rules and regulations for the conduct of students the right to hire counsel. The bill also gives such students and student organizations the right to review of the final decision of the institution in the appropriate circuit court within one year and requires the court to award successful petitioners compensatory damages, reasonable court costs, attorney fees, including expert fees, and any other relief in equity or law that the court deems appropriate, including (a) a de novo rehearing at the public institution of higher education and (b) monetary damages of not less than the cost of tuition paid by the student, or on the student's behalf, to the public institution of higher education for the semester during which the alleged violation occurred plus monetary damages of not less than the amount of any scholarship funding lost as a result of the campus discipline. Patron - Morris

EHB1225 Community colleges; workforce training. Establishes the Community College Workforce Training Grant Program to provide a \$1,000 incentive payment to a community college for each student who (i) has successfully completed a noncredit workforce training program at the community college and (ii) subsequently obtains an industry-recognized certification or license in a high employer demand field in the region served by the community college, with such fields to be identified by the State Board for Community Colleges.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

EHB1272 Governor; removal of board members; certain public institutions of higher education. Provides that the Governor may (i) remove from office any member of the board of any public institution of higher education in Virginia that (a) was founded in 1935 as the Norfolk Unit of Virginia Union University and (b) was established as a corporation under its current name in Chapter 146 of the Acts of Assembly of 1979 and (ii) fill the vacancy resulting from the removal. *Patron - Howell, A.T.*

FSB55 The University of Virginia; board of visitors. Changes the composition of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia from 17 visitors appointed by the Governor to 13 visitors appointed by the Governor and four visitors directly elected by the alumni of the University of Virginia. Patron - Edwards

ESB92 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; preservation of Stadium Woods property. Prohibits

the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Board of Visitors from transferring, building on, or otherwise disposing of the property known as Stadium Woods that includes 11.3 acres of old growth white oak forest owned and possessed by the University and that is adjacent to the east side of Lane Stadium.

Patron - Edwards

Patron - McEachin

ESB249 In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Establishes that a student shall be eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has provided an I-797 Approval Notice stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

ESB303 Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility. Extends the benefits of the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program to the spouse or child of a veteran with at least a 90 percent permanent, service-related disability. Under current law, the spouse or child would be eligible for benefits only if the veteran's disability was incurred during military operations against terrorism, on a peacekeeping mission, as a result of a terrorist act, or in any armed conflict. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a 2014 general appropriation act. Patron - Stuart

INSB327 In-state tuition; undocumented persons. Establishes that a student shall be eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) has provided an affidavit to the institution stating that he has filed an application to become a permanent resident of the United States and is actively pursuing such permanent residency or will do so as soon as he is eligible; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

Patron - Marsden

EXPECTED Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program; Expected Family Contribution. Broadens eligibility for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program by including students whose Expected Family Contribution, as calculated by the federal government using the family's financial information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), is no more than \$12,000. Currently the program is available only to students whose Expected Family Contribution is no more than \$8,000. The additional eligibility requirements for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program remain the same.

Patron - Hanger

ESB429 Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program; amount of grant. Provides that the amount of the Two-Year College Transfer Grant an eligible student receives shall be based on the difference between the costs of tuition and mandatory educational and general fees paid by the recipient at a Virginia two-year institution of higher education and either (i) for a student who transfers to a public four-year institution of higher education, the cost of such tuition and fees at the public institution of higher education to which he has transferred or (ii) for a student who transfers to a private four-year institution of higher education, the average cost of such tuition and fees at a Virginia four-year public institution of higher education. Current law provides for a fixed annual grant of \$1,000 with an additional \$1,000 per year for students pursuing certain undergraduate degrees. The bill broadens eligibility for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program by including students whose Expected Family Contribution, as calculated by the federal government using the family's financial information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), is no more than \$12,000. Currently, the program is available only to students whose Expected Family Contribution is no more than \$8,000. The bill also requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to develop statistics on students receiving the transfer grants and examine whether there is a correlation between receiving the grant and graduation rates. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a 2014 general appropriation act.

Patron - Hanger

Establishes the Community College Workforce training. Establishes the Community College Workforce Training Grant Program to provide a \$1,000 incentive payment to a community college for each student who (i) has successfully completed a noncredit workforce training program at the community college and (ii) subsequently obtains an industry-recognized certification or license in a high employer demand field in the region served by the community college, with such fields to be identified by the State Board for Community Colleges.

Patron - Ruff

ESB633 Higher education; tuition waiver for dependent children of faculty. Authorizes public institutions of higher education to grant full or partial tuition waivers to dependent students of faculty members employed by the institution, to be paid out of the institution's nongeneral funds. The bill would also authorize public institutions to enter into reciprocal agreements that would allow the dependents of faculty to use waivers at other public institutions that are party to the agreement.

Patron - Edwards

Carried Over

CSB663 Virginia community college mental health services pilot program. Requires the Virginia Community College System to create a pilot program to establish a plan or contract with community groups or both to provide mental health services to uninsured students and such other students as the System may identify at eight community college campuses in the Commonwealth, as determined by the System. The bill requires a central program manager for the pilot program. The bill provides that the provision of mental health services will continue through June 30, 2016, or until funds are no longer available, whichever occurs sooner.

Patron - Ebbin

CSJ25 Study; SCHEV; Pay It Forward, Pay It Back; report. Directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to study the feasibility of implementing a "Pay It Forward, Pay It Back" higher education tuition financing model to increase access to educational opportunities and to decrease the debt burden on students in the Commonwealth. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. *Patron - Edwards*

Elections

Passed

PHB97 Elections; central absentee voter precincts. Removes the requirement that a central absentee voter precinct that is allowed by the general registrar to open after 6:00 a.m. on the day of the election must open before noon on the day of the election.

Patron - Head

PHB 104 Elections; officers of elections; chief and assistant chief election officers. Allows the chief and assistant chief election officers to be nonpartisan if a representative for one or both of the two political parties receiving the highest and next highest number of votes in the preceding gubernatorial election is unavailable. The bill requires that notice be given to representatives of both political parties at least 10 days prior to the election that the electoral board intends to use non-affiliated officers so that the political parties have the opportunity to provide additional candidates for election officers. Patron - Cole

PHB275 Local electoral boards; meetings, proceedings, and records. Provides that the general registrar shall determine a reasonable charge, not to exceed the statutory amount set for copies of court records, for copies made of local electoral board books, papers, and records.

Patron - Krupicka

PHB451 Elections; elected and certain appointed officers; removal from office. Adds sexual battery, attempted sexual battery, consensual intercourse with a child 15 years of age or older, indecent exposure, and peeping to the list of offenses for which a circuit court, upon petition, may remove from office an elected officer or officer appointed to fill an elective office. This bill incorporates HB 408. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB512 Elections; form of ballot. Clarifies the ballot language specifying how many candidates a voter may vote for for a given office.

Patron - Hodges

PHB632 Elections; substitution of officers of election. Requires the electoral board to appoint a substitute officer of election for any election if an appointed officer of election is the spouse, parent, grandparent, child, or grandchild of a candidate in that election. The bill as passed by the House does not require notice of the substitution. Currently, a candidate may request the removal of an officer of election for these grounds. The substitute holds office and serves only for that election. Patron - Kilgore

PHB669 Elections; absentee ballots; date requirement. Provides that a voter's failure to provide the date, or any part of the date, on which he signed the statement on the back

of the return envelope shall not render that ballot void or provide officers of election with a basis for rejection.

Patron - Herring

PHB670 Elections; absentee ballots; name requirements. Provides that a voter's failure to provide his full middle name or his middle initial in the statement on the back of an absentee ballot envelope shall not render that absentee ballot void or provide officers of election with a basis for rejection, unless the voter also failed to provide his full first and last name. This bill is identical to SB 333.

Patron - Herring

PHB679 Elections; voting equipment. Makes technical amendments to reflect updates in voting equipment technology. The bill also authorizes the State Board of Elections to conduct audits of ballot scanner machines; currently, these audits are conducted as part of a pilot program. Two outdated sections regarding mechanical voting devices and ballots generally are repealed. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 456.

Patron - Cole

□HB759 Absentee voting and procedures; secure return of voted military-overseas ballots. Requires the State Board of Elections to provide instructions, procedures, services, a security assessment, and security measures for the secure return by electronic means of voted absentee militaryoverseas ballots from uniformed-service voters outside of the United States. The bill requires the State Board to develop and update annually a security assessment and security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of such votes. The State Board is directed to convene a working group for the development of the initial instructions, procedures, services, security assessment, and security measures, and the working group is required to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly beginning January 1, 2016, on the feasibility and cost of implementation of the secure return of such military-overseas ballots. Additionally, the State Board is directed to work with federal, state, local, and other appropriate entities to establish best practices for uniformed-service voter authentication and identification and for the secure return of such military-overseas ballots. The provisions of this bill will not become effective unless reenacted by the 2016 Session of the General Assembly. This bill is identical to SB 11. Patron - Rust

PHB838 Elections; absentee ballot procedures. Provides that an absentee ballot will not be voided solely because the inner envelope containing the ballot was imperfectly sealed so long as the outside envelope containing the ballot envelope is sealed.

Patron - Keam

parties. Streamlines the process by which information regarding candidates' filing of required statements of economic interests is transmitted to the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards. The bill also requires the date a candidate is nominated by a method other than a primary to be certified to the State Board; currently only the name of the candidate so nominated has to be certified.

Patron - Chafin

PHB1024 Elections; vacancies in elected constitutional and local offices. Requires the court to order a special election for a vacancy in any elected constitutional or local office to be held on the date of the next general election, unless the governing body filing the petition for the writ requests in its petition a different date for the special election that precedes

the next general election. In that case the court is required to order the election be held on that date if it complies with current law regarding times for special elections. However, if the vacancy occurs within 90 days of the next general election, the special election shall be held on the second general election, unless otherwise requested in the petition.

Patron - Ingram

PHB1197 Elections; absentee voting; return of unused and defaced absentee ballots. Provides that a voter who returns his unused or defaced absentee ballot before the day of the election shall be entitled to vote a regular ballot on election day if the electoral board, general registrar, or an officer of election is able to confirm the prior return of the unused or defaced ballot. If the ballot's return cannot be confirmed on election day, the voter shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. Additionally, a voter may return his unused or defaced absentee ballot on the day of the election and shall be entitled to vote a regular ballot.

Patron - Brink

PISB11 Absentee voting and procedures; secure return of voted military-overseas ballots. Requires the State Board of Elections to provide instructions, procedures, services, a security assessment, and security measures for the secure return by electronic means of voted absentee military-overseas ballots from uniformed-service voters outside of the United States. The bill requires the State Board to develop and update annually a security assessment and security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of such votes. The State Board is directed to convene a working group for the development of the initial instructions, procedures, services, security assessment, and security measures, and the working group is required to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly beginning January 1, 2016, on the feasibility and cost of implementation of the secure return of such militaryoverseas ballots. Additionally, the State Board is directed to work with federal, state, local, and other appropriate entities to establish best practices for uniformed-service voter authentication and identification and for the secure return of such military-overseas ballots. The provisions of this bill will not become effective unless reenacted by the 2016 Session of the General Assembly. This bill is identical to HB 759.

PSB310 Senate districts; adjustments. Changes district assignments of certain census blocks in Districts 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 33 in Bedford, Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Halifax, and Loudoun Counties and changes district assignments of two precincts between Districts 17 and 22 in Louisa County. The district population deviations remain at two percent or less from the ideal district population. This bill incorporates SB 344 and SB 436.

Patron - Vogel

Patron - Puller

PSB315 State Board of Elections; annual report. Requires the State Board to report by August 1 of each year to the Committees on Privileges and Elections on the activities undertaken by the Board to maintain the Virginia voter registration system and to comply with enumerated Code sections and on the results of those activities. Patron - Vogel

PSB333 Elections; absentee ballots; name requirements. Provides that a voter's failure to provide his full middle name or his middle initial in the statement on the back of the ballot envelope shall not render that absentee ballot void or provide officers of election with a basis for rejection, unless the

voter also failed to provide his full first and last name. This bill is identical to HB 670.

Patron - Ebbin

PSB361 Elections; meeting of electoral board following election; adjournment. Strikes "from day to day" to allow the board to adjourn, for example, from Wednesday to Friday for the review of provisional ballots. Present law allows the electoral board to adjourn from day to day up to seven days after the election to ascertain the results. The bill also allows the voter of a provisional ballot to request an extension without limiting the extension just "to the following day."

Patron - Saslaw

PSB456 Elections; voting equipment. Makes technical amendments to reflect updates in voting equipment technology. The bill also authorizes the State Board of Elections to conduct audits of ballot scanner machines; currently, these audits are conducted as part of a pilot program. Two outdated sections regarding mechanical voting devices and ballots generally are repealed. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to HB 679.

Patron - Obenshain

Failed

THB5 Compensation and expenses of electoral board members and general registrars. Provides for reimbursement by the Commonwealth to the localities of the full cost of compensation and expenses of electoral board members and general registrars.

Patron - Ware

EHB6 Elections; costs of primaries; reimbursement to localities. Provides that each county and city conducting a primary election at the direction of the Commonwealth shall be reimbursed in full for the costs of the primary election by the proper political party committee. The bill also shifts the costs of a presidential primary election from the Commonwealth to the proper political party committee.

Patron - Ware

FIHB31 Primary elections; voter registration by political party. Adds party affiliation to the information that an applicant is asked to provide when registering to vote. The applicant may indicate that he is an independent. Voters registered prior to January 1, 2015, will be designated as independent unless they provide a political party designation in writing to the general registrar. Voters may change their party affiliation or independent status by written notice at any time before the registration records are closed prior to an election. The state party chairman of each political party must notify the State Board of Elections by January 31 of each year of the party rules governing who may participate in the party's primaries held from April 1 of that year and through March 31 of the following year.

Patron - Lingamfelter

years of age or older. Adds to the list of persons entitled to vote by absentee ballot those persons who are 65 years of age or older on or before the day of the election for which an absentee ballot from such persons to include proof of age in a form specified by the State Board of Elections.

Patron - Kory

EHB45 General Assembly districts; technical adjustments. Makes technical changes to House of Delegates Districts 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 64, 65, 67, 75, 76, 77, 80, 87, 93, 94, 95, 96, and 99 in order to eliminate split voting precincts and otherwise facilitate administration of legislative elections by local officials. All districts remain within one percent deviation of the ideal population.

Patron - Cole

affiliation. Adds party affiliation to the information that an applicant is asked to provide when registering to vote. The applicant may indicate that he is an independent. Voters registered prior to January 1, 2015, will be designated as independent unless they provide a political party designation in writing or electronically to the general registrar. Voters may change their party affiliation or independent status at any time before an election until the registration records are closed. The bill does not change Virginia's present primary laws, and all registered voters remain eligible to participate in the primary of a political party that chooses to nominate by primary. Patron - Cole

FHB75 Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail. Patron - Simon

EHB76 Provisional voting; attendance at meetings of the electoral board to determine the validity of provisional ballots. Permits the representative or legal counsel of a person whose provisional vote is being considered to attend the meeting of the electoral board to determine the validity of that provisional vote, without requiring the person whose provisional vote is being considered to be in attendance.

Patron - Simon

FHB77 Elections; vote-by-mail system for elections; pilot program. Requires the State Board of Elections to develop a pilot program for a vote-by-mail system for elections. Localities may opt into the pilot program for one or more elections. The local electoral boards shall decide whether to participate in the pilot program no later than 90 days preceding the election to be conducted by mail, and notice that the election will be conducted by mail shall be mailed to all registered voters in that locality. As with all elections, the costs of conducting a vote-by-mail election are to be paid by the localities. The bill requires the State Board to report on the efficacy and cost savings, in addition to the impact on voter participation, of conducting a vote-by-mail election by December 15 of the year in which a locality participates in the pilot program. The provisions of this bill expire on December 31, 2017.

Patron - Simon

EHB83 Elections; voting procedures; and voter identification. Provides that an unexpired Virginia driver's license remains valid for purposes of voter identification at the polls notwithstanding the fact that it has been suspended or revoked under certain circumstances.

Patron - Krupicka

FHB105 Elections; write-in votes; threshold amount required for certain actions by electoral boards. Saves time and resources for electoral boards in accounting for write-in votes after the election by eliminating the five percent threshold, instead allowing the electoral board to forgo determining

the total votes each write-in candidate received and requiring the abstract of votes to contain only the total number of write-in votes cast when the total number of write-in votes cast for a particular office is less than the total number of votes cast for the candidate receiving the most votes for that office. *Patron - Cole*

FHB119 Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail. Patron - Dance

HB126 Absentee voting and procedures; secure return of voted military-overseas ballots. Requires the State Board of Elections to provide instructions, procedures, and services to enable uniformed-service voters outside of the United States to return voted military-overseas ballots securely by electronic mail or fax. The bill requires the State Board to develop and annually update security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of such votes and requires the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth to approve the measures. The State Board is directed to convene a working group for the initial development of the security measures. Additionally, the State Board is directed to work with the U.S. Department of Defense to use smart cards issued to active-duty military personnel to authenticate and enable the return of such military-overseas ballots. The bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science.

Patron - O'Bannon

FHB194 Party nomination methods. Provides that no political party shall determine its candidates for statewide or General Assembly district office by a method that prohibits absentee ballots from being cast by uniformed-service voters or otherwise eligible voters who are employed overseas under a contract with the U.S. Department of Defense. Patron - Taylor

FHB226 Campaign finance; contributions from certain organizations. Requires political action committees to include in campaign finance reports single or aggregate contributions that exceed \$5,000 from organizations holding tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The bill also requires that certain information about the contributing organization, including information about donors in particular circumstances, be disclosed in the report of the political action committee. The bill subjects single organizations whose contributions exceed \$50,000 in a calendar year, or organizations with one or more contributors in common with other organizations whose total contributions combined exceed \$50,000 in a calendar year, to current requirements for out-of-state political committees.

FHB231 House of Delegates districts; technical adjustment. Changes district assignments of certain census blocks between House Districts 10 and 33 in Clarke County in order to reflect a new precinct line. District 10 will have a deviation of 1.1 percent from the ideal district population. *Patron - Minchew*

EHB271 Candidate filing requirements; gift disclosures. Requires candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and the General Assembly to file gift disclosure information based on the information reportable under Schedule E of the Conflicts of Interests Acts' statement of economic interests for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and General Assembly members. The Schedule E

information will be filed with the State Board of Elections and as part of the candidate's periodic campaign finance reports. This bill was incorporated into HB 1211.

Patron - Bulova

EHB288 House of Delegates districts; technical adjustment. Changes district assignments of two census blocks between Districts 25 and 26 in Rockingham County in order to reflect a new precinct line. Both Districts will have a deviation of less than one percent from the ideal district population.

Patron - Landes

EHB343 Elections; provisional ballots for voters unable to vote in person or by absentee ballot due to hospitalization. Permits a voter who is hospitalized after the deadline for receiving an emergency application and absentee ballot pursuant to § 24.2-706 but before the close of polls on election day to cast a provisional ballot. The bill requires the hospitalized voter and his designated representative to sign a statement that the voter is hospitalized and unable to vote in person or by absentee ballot, and upon receipt of such statement, the general registrar provides a paper ballot, to be filled out by the hospitalized voter and returned by his designated representative to the general registrar by the close of polls on election day. At the meeting of the electoral board to determine the validity of provisional ballots offered in the election, the voter, his designated representative, or both shall present a valid form of identification and a certification by a hospital administrator or the licensed physician who attended the voter that the voter was hospitalized after the deadline for receiving an emergency application and absentee ballot but before the close of polls on election day.

Patron - Taylor

FHB383 House of Delegates districts; technical adjustment. Changes district assignments of certain census blocks for Districts 10, 32, 33, 67, and 87 in Loudoun County in order to reflect new precinct lines. The Districts will have a deviation of less than one percent from the ideal district population.

Patron - Minchew

FHB408 Elections; elected and certain appointed officers; removal from office. Adds sexual battery, attempted sexual battery, consensual intercourse with a child 15 years of age or older, indecent exposure, and peeping to the list of offenses for which a circuit court, upon petition, may remove from office an elected officer or officer appointed to fill an elective office. This bill was incorporated into HB 451. Patron - Anderson

FHB437 Convention to amend the United States Constitution; selection and participation of Virginia delegates. Provides for the selection by the General Assembly of delegates and alternates to attend the convention, for instructions to the delegates and alternates, for their oath to adhere to the instructions, for the appointment of observers, and for the power to recall delegates, alternates, and observers. Patron - LeMunyon

EHB489 House of Delegates districts; technical adjustment. Changes district assignments of certain census blocks between Districts 5 and 6 in Smyth County in order to reflect a new precinct line. Both Districts will have a deviation of less than one percent from the ideal district population. Patron - Campbell

EHB545 Hours polls to be open. Provides that polls shall close on the day of the election at 8:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m.

Patron - Filler-Corn

EHB564 Elections; voter identification; reasonable match of identification and pollbook name. Provides that if a voter's name as listed in the pollbook matches or is reasonably similar to the name listed on the form of identification presented and the name stated by the voter, the voter shall be permitted to vote. The bill does not eliminate the other qualifications for being permitted to vote.

Patron - Watts

FHB601 Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail. Patron - Herring

FHB622 Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail. Patron - Mason

FHB641 Elections; Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; candidates and campaign committees. Requires that all documents, including statements of organization and campaign finance reports, be filed electronically with the State Board of Elections. Currently, the law allows candidates to choose whether to file electronically or on paper. The ability for some local candidates to request exemption from some filing requirements is not changed.

Patron - Campbell

FHB645 Elections; party identification on ballots; constitutional officers. Extends to elections for constitutional officers the requirement that ballots identify the nominating political party for party candidates and identify independent candidates as such. Currently, this requirement applies only to federal, statewide, and General Assembly elections. Patron - Campbell

Eliminates the authority of the State Board of Elections to extend for up to 10 days the deadlines for candidates to file their written statements of qualification and economic interests and certain campaign finance reports.

Patron - Poindexter

FHB692 Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail. Patron - Torian

15 miles from place of work. Adds to the list of persons eligible to vote by absentee ballot those persons whose primary residence, as on the registration records, is a distance of 15 miles or greater from their place of work. The bill requires that the application for the absentee ballot include the name of the applicant's business or employer, the physical address of his place of work, and the distance in miles between the physical

address of his place of work and the physical address of his primary residence.

Patron - Futrell

FHB800 Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail. Patron - Lopez

EHB801 Vote centers; pilot program. Authorizes the State Board of Elections to provide for a pilot program in which localities may establish vote centers for use in primary elections instead of having to operate a polling place for every precinct in the locality. A vote center will consist of a location where voters from two or more designated precincts may vote. The bill stipulates that the State Board shall publish a report on the program by August 15 of any year in which a vote center is used. The provisions of the bill are set to expire on December 31, 2017.

Patron - Simon

EHB802 Elections; absentee voting. Provides that persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested are entitled to vote absentee. *Patron - Lopez*

FHB849 Senate and House districts; technical adjustments. Changes district assignments of certain census blocks between Senate Districts 17 and 24 and between House Districts 18 and 30 in order to eliminate the split of the East Fairfax Precinct in Culpeper County. The district populations remain within guidelines except that Senate District 17 will be slightly over two percent at 2.17 percent.

Patron - Webert

FHB918 Elections; separation of ballots. Removes the requirement that mechanical voting devices and ballots approved for use in elections must be capable of segregating ballots containing write-in votes from all other ballots. The bill also repeals the requirement that separate ballot containers are to be provided in primary elections. Patron - Sickles

FHB919 Provisional voting; attendance at meetings of the electoral board to determine the validity of provisional ballots. Permits the representative or legal counsel of a person whose provisional vote is being considered to attend the meeting of the electoral board to determine the validity of that provisional vote, without requiring the person whose provisional vote is being considered to be in attendance. Patron - Sickles

EHB958 House of Delegates districts; technical adjustment. Changes district assignments of certain census blocks between Districts 31 and 52 in Prince William County in order to eliminate a precinct split. Both Districts will have a deviation of less than one percent from the ideal district population.

Patron - Lingamfelter

FHB970 House of Delegates districts; technical adjustment. Changes district assignments of certain census blocks between House Districts 40 and 87 in Prince William County in order to reflect precinct lines. The district population deviations remain within the one percent guideline. Patron - Lingamfelter

THB980 Absentee voting; publication of street address for return of absentee ballots. Requires the instructions for completing and returning absentee ballots and applications for absentee ballots to include a street address for the offices of the general registrar and electoral board that is capable of receiving mail by commercial delivery service. The bill does not prohibit electoral boards from using a post office box address on the return envelope for absentee ballots. Patron - Surovell

FHB1127 Voting equipment; DREs; Voting Equipment Grant Program and Fund. Prohibits the use of direct recording electronic machines (DREs) and requires the use of ballot scanning systems in all elections beginning January 1, 2019. The bill establishes the Voting Equipment Grant Program and Fund, through which the governing body of a county or city may apply for a grant for an amount equal to 50 percent of the cost of the new ballot scanning systems purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired by the governing body in the period of time beginning July 1, 2014, and ending December 31, 2018.

Patron - Ramadan

FHB1181 Senate and House of Delegates districts; technical adjustments. Changes district assignments of certain Isle of Wight County census blocks between Senate Districts 3, 14, and 18 and House of Delegates Districts 64 and 75 in order to follow current precinct boundaries. All Senate districts remain within two percent deviation and both House of Delegates districts remain within one percent deviation from the respective ideal district populations.

Patron - Morris

□ HB1200 Elections; qualifications of candidates; residency of candidates for General Assembly. Provides that a person seeking to qualify in a special election as a candidate for the General Assembly who establishes residency in a General Assembly district in which he was not previously a resident within 60 days prior to the date upon which the statement of qualification is due for the office shall be permitted to use his new domicile to serve as his residency for purposes of candidate qualification for that office upon a finding of a circuit court that there is clear and convincing evidence of an intent to abandon the prior domicile and an intent to make the new domicile his permanent residency regardless of the outcome of the election. The bill requires the court to hear the matter not later than five days after the filing of a request for such a determination. The provisions of this section shall not apply in the year a decennial redistricting law is enacted.

Patron - Minchew

FHB1201 Elections; absentee voting; special annual applications for absentee ballots for certain voters. Adds physician assistants and nurse practitioners to the list of health providers who may sign the statement verifying a voter's eligibility to vote by absentee ballot due to a disability or illness that accompanies such a voter's special annual application to receive absentee ballots for all elections for which he is eligible to vote in a calendar year.

Patron - Brink

FHB1231 Elections; voting machines. Provides that voting machines purchased by a locality after July 1, 2014, shall not allow wireless communications at any time. Currently, wireless communication between and among voting machines is prohibited only while polls are open on election day.

Patron - Sickles

Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

Patron - Howell

ESB16 Elections; absentee voting. Provides that persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested are entitled to vote absentee. This bill incorporates SB 129, SB 140, and SB 182.

Patron - Miller

ESB129 Elections; absentee voting. Provides that persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested are entitled to vote absentee. This bill was incorporated into SB 16.

Patron - Favola

years of age or older. Adds to the list of persons entitled to vote by absentee ballot those persons who are 65 years of age or older on or before the day of the election for which an absentee ballot is sought. The bill requires the application for absentee ballot from such persons to include proof of age in a form specified by the State Board of Elections. This bill was incorporated into SB 16.

Patron - Barker

FSB158 Bipartisan Virginia Redistricting Commission. Provides for a statewide referendum on the question of whether a bipartisan advisory commission should be created to propose redistricting plans for the House of Delegates, state Senate, and congressional districts. The referendum would be held at the November 2014 statewide election, and the results would be advisory only.

Patron - Miller

ESB181 Absentee voting and procedures; secure return of voted military-overseas ballots. Requires the State Board of Elections to provide instructions, procedures, and services to enable uniformed-service voters outside of the United States to return voted military-overseas ballots securely by electronic mail or fax. The bill requires the State Board to develop and annually update security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of such votes and requires the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth to approve the measures. The State Board is directed to convene a working group for the initial development of the security measures. Additionally, the State Board is directed to work with the U.S. Department of Defense to use smart cards issued to active-duty military personnel to authenticate and enable the return of such military-overseas ballots. The bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science. This bill was incorporated into SB 11. Patron - McWaters

ESB182 Elections; absentee voting. Provides that persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested are entitled to vote absentee. This bill was incorporated into SB 16.

Patron - McWaters

ESB218 State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act, and Campaign Finance Disclosure Act of 2006; limitations on gifts and campaign contributions. Limits undue influence on statewide officers, legislators, and candidates for such offices by imposing caps on gifts and campaign contributions to those persons. Gifts from any one person, other than a rela-

tive or personal friend, are capped at a value of \$2,000 for a single calendar year. This limitation applies to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and members of the General Assembly. Compliance with this limitation is a requirement for candidacy for those offices. Contributions to candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and the General Assembly from persons other than political party committees and political action committees are capped at \$20,000 for an election cycle and \$10,000 for a primary or other nomination process immediately preceding a general or special election. Contributions from political action committees are capped at \$50,000 for an election cycle and \$25,000 for a primary or other nomination process immediately preceding a general or special election. Compliance with these limitations are a requirement for candidacy for those offices. No limits are placed on contributions made by political party committees or by a candidate to his own campaign. The bill imposes civil penalties for violations of the gift and contribution limits. This bill was incorporated into SB 649.

Patron - Petersen

EISB247 Elections; voter registration lists; interstate cross-checking programs. Prohibits the cancellation of the registration of an active voter identified on the basis of interstate cross-check lists as registered in another state without corroboration that he has moved from Virginia. Voters identified as having moved will be given notice before the voter's registration is canceled. The bill also provides a timetable for the general registrars to process names of such voters. This bill was incorporated into SB 191.

Patron - McEachin

ESB283 Elections; powers and duties of the State Board of Elections. Provides that the powers granted and duties assigned to the State Board of Elections shall not be delegated to any other entity and shall be carried out by the State Board, but gives the State Board the discretion to request and direct the assistance of the Department of Elections in the carrying out of some of those powers and duties.

Patron - Cosgrove

FISB314 Elections; candidate filings; Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; candidates and campaign committees. Beginning July 1, 2016, requires that campaign finance documents be filed electronically with the State Board of Elections. Currently, the law allows General Assembly and local candidates to choose whether to file electronically or on paper. The ability for some local candidates to request exemption from some filing requirements is retained. The bill also provides for more immediate notification that candidates have filed required economic interest statements and that parties are choosing nominees by non-primary methods. Patron - Vogel

FSB319 Elections; primary elections; date of June primary elections. Changes the date of primary elections held in the month of June from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday in June and changes candidate filing deadlines to reflect that change of date.

Patron - Vogel

ESB344 Senate districts; technical adjustment.

Changes district assignments of certain census blocks between Senate Districts 19 and 23 in Bedford County in order to reflect precinct lines. The district population deviations remain within the two percent guideline. This bill was incorporated into SB 310

Patron - Newman

ESB436 Senate districts; adjustment. Changes district assignments of two census precincts in Louisa County. The bill moves Fredericks Hall from District 17 to District 22 and South Anna from District 22 to District 17. The population deviation for both districts remains under two percent. This bill was incorporated into SB 310.

Patron - Garrett

FSB474 Elections; method of nominating party candidates. Removes the power of incumbent officeholders in some cases to insist on a primary as the method of nominating political party candidates and removes the power of General Assembly incumbents seeking reelection to determine the method of nomination. The bill leaves the power to determine the method of nominating party candidates to the duly constituted authorities of the political party.

Patron - Smith

PSB507 Party nomination methods. Provides that no political party shall determine its candidates for statewide or General Assembly district office by a method that has the practical effect of excluding participation by active duty personnel and military reservists or by individuals unable to attend meetings because of military service-related injuries, regardless of duty station or location.

Patron - Wagner

FSB558 Officers of election. Provides that a local electoral board may appoint a person 17 years of age as an officer of election, provided such person is a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Commonwealth, and, to the extent practicable, a resident of the precinct he is appointed to serve. The bill provides that persons so appointed shall not serve as chief or assistant chief officer or be appointed in such number as to constitute the majority of the officers in any precinct. Patron - Black

ESB668 Referendum in Grayson County. Provides for a referendum in Grayson County at the November 2014 election on the question whether the County's zoning ordinance should be repealed. The results of the referendum are binding. If a majority of the voters vote to repeal the zoning ordinance it will be repealed effective January 1, 2015. *Patron - Carrico*

Carried Over

Assembly candidates; personal use of campaign funds; penalty. Prohibits statewide and General Assembly candidates from using campaign funds for their personal use. Personal use does not include the ordinary and accepted expenses related to campaigning for or holding office. A violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Simon

CHB665 Elections; voter registration lists; interstate cross-checking programs. Prohibits the cancellation of the registration of an active voter identified on the basis of interstate cross-check lists as registered in another state without corroboration that he has moved from Virginia. Voters identified as having moved will be given notice before the voter's registration is canceled. The bill also provides a timetable for the general registrars to process names of such voters. Patron - Brink

EHB693 Voting by paper ballot. Provides that a voter may be provided a paper ballot to cast his vote when, in the

opinion of the chief officer of election for the precinct, the conditions at the precinct necessitate the use of paper ballots. Patron - Torian

THB694 Elections; voter registration; early registration for persons 16 years of age or older. Allows persons who are otherwise qualified and 16 years of age or older to register to vote. The bill specifies that this early registration does not permit such a person to vote in any election occurring prior to his eighteenth birthday, except for those situations currently set out.

Patron - Torian

CHB727 Campaign finance disclosure; out-of-state political committees. Includes § 501(c)(4) social welfare organizations in the provisions applicable to § 527 groups in the definition of out-of-state committees that are required to file statements of organization and disclosure filings with the State Board of Elections. The bill also requires the filing of a statement of organization when a committee makes contributions in Virginia totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year (the current threshold is \$10,000) and requires disclosure of the committee's donors who contribute a total of \$1,000 or more (the current threshold is \$2,500).

Patron - Lingamfelter

CHB917 Elections; recount; programming of optical scan tabulators. Provides that if an optical scan tabulator cannot be programmed to count only the ballots for an office or issue in question in a recount, the tabulator shall be programmed to set aside all ballots that contain write-in votes, overvotes, and undervotes for any office or issue to be hand counted using State Board of Elections standards.

Patron - Sickles

Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to use campaign funds for the purpose of knowingly and falsely asserting criminal behavior on the part of a candidate.

Patron - Orrock

CHB1030 Campaign finance; independent expenditures disclosure. Adds federal political action committees, out-of-state political committees, and organizations holding tax-exempt status under §§ 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code to the list of entities that must report independent expenditures. The bill defines "expressly advocate" for purposes of independent expenditure disclosure and sets forth the information that must be included in an independent expenditure report.

Patron - Orrock

© SB191 Voter registration; duties of the State Board of Elections. Modifies the provision calling for the State Board to cross-check voter registration lists with other states by requiring that the general registrars complete the processing of the list within 30 days of the receipt of the list from the Department of Elections and requiring that the Department of Elections grant an extension of 30 days to process the list if so requested by a general registrar within 48 hours of initial receipt of the list. The bill also prohibits the cancellation of a voter's registration within 90 days prior to a primary or general election solely on the basis of the interstate cross-check program and requires the general registrars to, at a minimum, compare the Virginia voter registration system's registration history and Virginia voting history with the out-of-state registration data provided in the interstate cross-check list. This bill incorporates SB 247. It does not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of the bill is included

in the general appropriation act passed in 2014 by the General Assembly that becomes law. *Patron - Edwards*

Eminent Domain

Passed

PHB990 Scope of Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies; replacement housing for homeowners and tenants. Provides that relocation assistance and real property acquisition policies of the Commonwealth apply in the case of transportation projects funded in whole or in part with state or federal funds unless compliance would jeopardize the receipt and expenditure of all or a portion of federal funds that would otherwise be available for transportation projects. The bill also raises the authorized payment to a displaced homeowner from \$22,500 to \$31,000 and reduces from 180 to 90 the number of days that may pass between displacement and negotiations for the acquisition of property before such payment is authorized. The bill also increases from \$5,250 to \$7,200 the maximum payment permitted to a person leasing or renting a comparable replacement dwelling for a period of 42 months. The provisions of the bill relating to such payments and time period have a delayed effective date of October 1, 2014.

Patron - Fowler

Failed

ESB666 Eminent domain; costs; attorney fees. Requires the court, in certain condemnation proceedings, to award costs, including reasonable attorney fees, to the owner of property taken by condemnation. Under current law, awarding costs is discretionary and such costs exclude attorney fees. Patron - Petersen

Carried Over

easements; consent required; inverse condemnation. Provides that where the Commonwealth or any political subdivision possessing the power of eminent domain enters into an agreement to obtain a conservation easement, the Commonwealth shall first obtain the consent of all private landowners whose property would be subject to such easement, and any such landowner whose consent is not obtained shall have a cause of action against the Commonwealth for inverse condemnation.

Patron - Lingamfelter

Financial Institutions and Services

Passed

PHB358 Banks; interstate branching. Repeals a limitation on the establishment within the Commonwealth of branches of out-of-state banks. The limitation provides that

such a branch may not be established unless the laws of the home state of the out-of-state bank permit Virginia banks to establish and maintain de novo in that state under substantially the same terms as provided under Virginia law. The measure also repeals (i) a requirement that the State Corporation Commission, when acting on an application by a Virginia bank to establish a branch in another state, consider the views of the state bank supervisor of the state where a branch is proposed to be located and (ii) a nonseverability provision that states that if any provision of Virginia's 1995 law regulating interstate branching is held to be invalid, the entire article is invalid. *Patron - Chafin*

PHB954 Transitional mortgage loan originators; licensing. Authorizes the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to issue transitional mortgage loan originator licenses. Such a license allows an individual to engage in business as a mortgage loan originator for a period of no more than 120 days, during which time the individual may fulfill pre-licensing education and written test requirements and apply for a mortgage loan originator license. The SCC may issue a transitional mortgage loan originator license to an individual who is licensed to originate mortgage loans under the laws of another state or, to the extent permitted under the federal Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act, to an individual who was a registered mortgage loan originator within two months prior to the date that the individual applied for a transitional mortgage loan originator license. An individual applying for a transitional mortgage loan originator license is not required to comply with prelicensing education requirements or pass a written test requirement. In addition, the Commission shall not issue a transitional mortgage loan originator license unless it (i) finds that the applicant has never had a mortgage loan originator license revoked by any governmental authority, has not been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, certain felonies, and has become registered through, and obtained a unique identifier from, the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and (ii) finds that the applicant is employed by a person licensed by the SCC as a mortgage lender or mortgage broker. This bill is identical to SB 118. Patron - Hugo

PHB1026 Check cashers; recordkeeping requirements; civil penalty. Requires each registered check casher to make copies of, or maintain a record of information from, each item cashed and the customer's identification document prior to cashing the item. Records for each transaction are required to be retained for six months. A violation of these requirements is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$100. The measure does not apply to registered check cashers that are principally engaged in the bona fide retail sale of goods or services. Patron - Ingram

HB1044 Banks; director ownership of shares. Provides that a bank director shall be deemed to be the sole owner of, and have in his personal possession or control, shares of stock that are (i) held through a brokerage account or similar arrangement, provided that the director retains sole beneficial ownership and sole legal control over the shares; (ii) held jointly or as a tenant in common, but only to the extent of the book value of the shares divided by the number of joint or tenant in common holders; (iii) deposited by the director in a living trust, or inter vivos trust, as to which the director is the sole trustee and retains an absolute power of revocation; or (iv) held through a profit-sharing plan, individual retirement account, retirement plan, or similar arrangement, provided that the director retains sole beneficial ownership and sole legal control over the shares. Such shares of stock in the bank of which the individual is a director may be used to determine if the director meets the requirement that he own and have in his personal

possession or control shares of such stock with a book value of not less than \$5,000. The measure also corrects a reference to the par value, rather than the book value, of such stock. This bill is identical to SB 359.

Patron - Comstock

□HB1057 Benefits consortium; exemption and **exclusions.** Exempts a benefits consortium and the benefits consortium's sponsoring association from the Commonwealth's insurance laws and regulations, including those otherwise applicable to multiple employer welfare arrangements, and from the premium tax levied on insurance companies. A benefits consortium will be permitted to provide medical, prescription drug, dental, and vision benefits to employees of the sponsoring association and its members and the dependents of those employees through benefits plans. A benefits consortium is a trust that satisfies certain conditions, including (i) being subject to federal regulations applicable to multiple employer welfare arrangements and the enforcement authority of the U.S. Department of Labor; (ii) filing forms for the applicable plan year with the U.S. Department of Labor identifying the arrangement among the trust, sponsoring association, and benefit plans offered through the trust as a multiple employer welfare arrangement; (iii) operating as a nonprofit voluntary employee beneficiary association within the meaning of § 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code; (iv) providing that the trust's funds are to be used for the benefit of the participating employees, and their dependents, through insurance, selfinsurance, or a combination thereof; (v) establishing and maintaining reserves determined in accordance with sound actuarial principles; (vi) purchasing and maintaining policies of specific, aggregate, and terminal excess insurance with retention levels determined in accordance with sound actuarial principles; and (vii) securing guarantees or standby letters of credit guaranteeing the payment of claims. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2015, and is identical to SB 120. Patron - Kilgore

PHB 1062 Banks; minimum capital stock requirement. Provides that the directive that the State Corporation Commission not issue a certificate of authority to a bank unless it finds that individuals have subscribed for specific amounts of the bank's capital stock and surplus does not apply to the Commission's issuance of such a certificate to a bank holding company or to a resulting bank in connection with certain types of mergers involving the holding company and its subsidiary bank. This bill is identical to SB 517.

Patron - Villanueva

Lender from requiring a borrower to provide flood insurance coverage against risks to improvements on real property securing its loan in an amount that exceeds the replacement value of the improvements.

Patron - Puckett

PSB118 Transitional mortgage loan originators; licensing. Authorizes the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to issue transitional mortgage loan originator licenses. Such a license allows an individual to engage in business as a mortgage loan originator for a period of no more than 120 days, during which time the individual may fulfill pre-licensing education and written test requirements and apply for a mortgage loan originator license. The SCC may issue a transitional mortgage loan originator license to an individual who is licensed to originate mortgage loans under the laws of another state or, to the extent permitted under the federal Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act, to an individual who was a registered mortgage loan originator within two months prior to the date that the individual applied for a transi-

tional mortgage loan originator license. An individual applying for a transitional mortgage loan originator license is not required to comply with prelicensing education requirements or pass a written test requirement. In addition, the Commission shall not issue a transitional mortgage loan originator license unless it (i) finds that the applicant has never had a mortgage loan originator license revoked by any governmental authority, has not been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, certain felonies, and has become registered through, and obtained a unique identifier from, the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and (ii) finds that the applicant is employed by a person licensed by the SCC as a mortgage lender or mortgage broker. This bill is identical to HB 954. *Patron - Watkins*

PISB120 Benefits consortium; exemption and exclusions. Exempts a benefits consortium and the benefits consortium's sponsoring association from the Commonwealth's insurance laws and regulations, including those otherwise applicable to multiple employer welfare arrangements, and from the premium tax levied on insurance companies. A benefits consortium will be permitted to provide medical, prescription drug, dental, and vision benefits to employees of the sponsoring association and its members and the dependents of those employees through benefits plans. A benefits consortium is a trust that satisfies certain conditions, including (i) being subject to federal regulations applicable to multiple employer welfare arrangements and the enforcement authority of the U.S. Department of Labor; (ii) filing forms for the applicable plan year with the U.S. Department of Labor identifying the arrangement among the trust, sponsoring association, and benefit plans offered through the trust as a multiple employer welfare arrangement; (iii) operating as a nonprofit voluntary employee beneficiary association within the meaning of § 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code; (iv) providing that the trust's funds are to be used for the benefit of the participating employees, and their dependents, through insurance, selfinsurance, or a combination thereof; (v) establishing and maintaining reserves determined in accordance with sound actuarial principles; (vi) purchasing and maintaining policies of specific, aggregate, and terminal excess insurance with retention levels determined in accordance with sound actuarial principles; and (vii) securing guarantees or standby letters of credit guaranteeing the payment of claims. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2015, and is identical to HB 1057. Patron - Watkins

PSB335 Money order sellers and money transmitters.

Requires criminal background checks on members, senior officers, directors, and principals of applicants for licensure as a money order seller or money transmitter. Obligations imposed on a member apply only to a person who owns or controls a five percent or greater interest in an applicant or licensee that is a limited liability company. The measure allows the Bureau of Financial Institutions to file a claim to recover any required annual fees or actual examination expenses incurred that are not paid by a licensed money order seller and money transmitter. The measure also conforms requirements applicable to licensure by the State Corporation Commission of money order sellers and money transmitters to provisions used for regulation of other nondepository financial institutions, including provisions requiring a licensee to notify the Commissioner of Financial Institutions when it relocates its principal place of business or changes its legal name or fictitious name and prohibiting a licensee from using any name other than a name on its license.

Patron - Puckett

PSB359 Banks; director ownership of shares. Provides that a bank director shall be deemed to be the sole owner

of, and have in his personal possession or control, shares of stock that are (i) held through a brokerage account or similar arrangement, provided that the director retains sole beneficial ownership and sole legal control over the shares; (ii) held jointly or as a tenant in common, but only to the extent of the book value of the shares divided by the number of joint or tenant in common holders; (iii) deposited by the director in a living trust, or inter vivos trust, as to which the director is the sole trustee and retains an absolute power of revocation; or (iv) held through a profit-sharing plan, individual retirement account, retirement plan, or similar arrangement, provided that the director retains sole beneficial ownership and sole legal control over the shares. Such shares of stock in the bank of which the individual is a director may be used to determine if the director meets the requirement that he own and have in his personal possession or control shares of such stock with a book value of not less than \$5,000. The measure also corrects a reference to the par value, rather than the book value, of such stock. This bill is identical to HB 1044.

Patron - McWaters

PISB517 Banks; minimum capital stock requirement. Provides that the directive that the State Corporation Commission not issue a certificate of authority to a bank unless it finds that individuals have subscribed for specific amounts of the bank's capital stock and surplus does not apply to the Commission's issuance of such a certificate to a bank holding company or to a resulting bank in connection with certain types of mergers involving the holding company and its subsidiary bank. This bill is identical to HB 1062.

Patron - Wagner

Failed

HB443 Financial institutions; definition. Broadens the definition of the term "financial institution," as used in Title 6.2, to include any entity that is defined as a financial institution under Subchapter IV (Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision) of Chapter 53 (Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection) of Title 12 of the U.S. Code. Under this federal definition, "financial institution" includes a depository institution, branch or agency of a foreign bank, foreign branch of a national banking association or banking corporation authorized to do foreign banking business pursuant to § 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act, credit union, broker or dealer as defined in § 3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, investment company, insurance company, investment adviser, futures commission merchant, commodity trading advisor, or commodity pool operator, or company engaged in activities that are financial in nature or incidental to a financial activity as described in section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, but does not include designated contract markets, registered futures associations, swap data repositories, and swap execution facilities registered under the Commodity Exchange Act or national securities exchanges, national securities associations, alternative trading systems, securities information processors solely with respect to the activities of the entity as a securities information processor, security-based swap data repositories, and swap execution facilities registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or designated clearing entities with respect to the activities that require the entity to be so registered.

Patron - Davis

EHB1004 Open-end credit agreements. Allows only a seller of goods to extend credit under an open-end credit agreement at such interest rates as the seller and borrower agree, provided a finance charge is not imposed if payment in

full of the unpaid balance is received prior to the next billing date, which follows a 25-day grace period. To extend credit under such a plan, the loan must be for the sole purpose of financing the bona fide purchase price of goods used for personal, family, or household purposes. Currently, any lender may make such loans under an open-end credit plan. Sellers of such goods under an open-end credit agreement are prohibited from engaging in the extension of credit under any other chapter of Title 6.2. The measure provides that licensed consumer finance companies may not make loans under such open-end credit agreements.

Patron - Yancey

civil penalty. Requires a person conducting business as a check casher to make a copy of each item cashed and either make a copy of the customer's valid identification document or obtain the customer's thumbprint. Records for each transaction are required to be retained for one year and made available to law-enforcement officials. A violation of any of these requirements is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$200. Patron - Ingram

FSB157 Payday loans; permitted interest. Repeals provisions of the Payday Loan Act that authorize lenders to charge a loan fee or verification fee, thereby limiting permissible charges on payday loans to simple interest at a maximum annual rate of 36 percent.

Patron - Miller

ESB164 Payday loans; permitted interest. Repeals provisions of the Payday Loan Act that authorize lenders to charge a loan fee or verification fee, thereby limiting permissible charges on payday loans to simple interest at a maximum annual rate of 36 percent.

Patron - Locke

the interest rate on a money judgment entered on or after July 1, 2014, in an action arising from a contract shall be the rate provided by the contract until the judgment date and six percent thereafter. Currently, the judgment rate of interest for a money judgment is the rate provided by the contract or six percent, whichever is higher.

Patron - Puckett

Fire Protection

Failed

HB843 Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer grade fireworks; penalty. Authorizes the use of consumer grade fireworks in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "consumer fireworks" as small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion and complying with certain federal regulations regarding composition and labeling. The bill also defines "display fireworks" and "restricted consumer fireworks." Under the bill any person who causes damage to property or causes injury to another person due to the negligent use of fireworks in violation of local fire prevention codes or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code is guilty of a Class 6 felony. The provisions of the bill are set to become effective January 1, 2015.

Patron - Lewis

FISB343 Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer grade fireworks. Authorizes the use of consumer-grade fireworks in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "consumer fireworks" as small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion and complying with certain federal regulations regarding composition and labeling. The bill also defines "display fireworks" and "restricted consumer fireworks" and provides that consumer and restricted consumer fireworks are to be considered the same hazard class of 1.4G explosives under the Statewide Fire Prevention Code and Uniform Statewide Building Code. The provisions of the bill are set to become effective January 1, 2015.

Patron - Garrett

ESB533 Statewide Fire Prevention Code; permissible fireworks. Redefines what constitutes permissible fireworks in Virginia. Under the bill, "permissible fireworks" means any small fireworks device designed to produce visible effects by combustion and that complies with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, as set forth in 16 C.F.R. Parts 1500 and 1507 and APA Standard 87-1. "Permissible fireworks" also includes whistling devices, ground devices containing 50 mg or less of explosive materials, and aerial devices containing 130 mg or less of explosive materials. Patron - Stuart

Carried Over

©HB651 Statewide Fire Prevention Code; inspection of buildings; exception. Provides that neither the State Fire Marshal nor any local fire official shall inspect the premises of any tanning facility as defined in § 59.1-310.1 or other business establishment that does not have hazardous materials on such premises.

Patron - Villanueva

Fisheries and Habitat of the Tidal Waters

Passed

HB390 Sand replenishment. Provides that when sand or other material is placed on state-owned bottomlands seaward of the mean low-water mark in order to provide beach nourishment or storm protection or as a result of a dredging project, the deposited material shall be deemed accretion. The public has a right of use and maintenance of the area as previously existed on the adjacent land above the mean low-water mark. The bill affects sand placement projects of the specified type beginning January 1, 2009. This bill is identical to SB

Patron - Stolle

PHB572 Wetlands zoning ordinance; local credit for in-lieu fees. Requires a local wetlands board to give a permit applicant credit toward local in-lieu fees in the amount of the fee he has paid, as an agreed-upon permit condition, to the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund or another dedicated wetlands restoration fund. The bill makes technical changes. Patron - DeSteph

PHB648 Oyster measures. Reduces from 2,800 cubic inches to 2,500 cubic inches the minimum size of the container that is one of the measures by which oysters in the shell may be bought or sold.

Patron - Ransone

PHB655 Management of the menhaden fishery. Extends the sunset date for management of the menhaden fishery from January 1, 2015, to July 1, 2016. The bill also allows any person purchasing more than one of the licenses for the same vessel to catch menhaden with a purse net to pay a fee equal to that for a single license. The provisions of the program enacted in 2014 that would be extended include (i) criteria for qualifying for a limited entry purse seine bait license, (ii) allocation of the total allowable landings, (iii) administration of the management program, (iv) reporting requirements, (v) biological sampling, (vi) license fees, (vii) authority of the Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission, and (viii) annual closure of the fishery. This bill is identical to SB 49.

Patron - Scott

PHB845 Baylor Survey lines. Authorizes the Marine Resources Commission to reestablish the boundaries of the Baylor Survey between holders of leases on private grounds and the public grounds. Due to recent information that indicates that a number of private leases were granted by the Commission within the Baylor grounds, the Commission, under certain conditions, would be allowed to adjust the lines between private leases that have been held for more than five years and the publicly accessible Baylor grounds. Patron - Lewis

PHB909 Possession of channel bass. Repeals an obsolete section restricting the taking of channel bass. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission currently establishes the restrictions on the taking of channel bass (red drum). This bill is identical to SB 434.

Patron - Knight

PHB911 Living shorelines general permit. Requires regulations for the issuance of general permits for living shoreline projects to include an expedited review process. The bill allows construction of such projects under the local wetlands and coastal primary sand dunes ordinances. A living shoreline is a shoreline management practice that provides erosion control and water quality benefits; protects, restores, or enhances natural shoreline habitat; and maintains coastal processes through the strategic placement of plants, stone, and fill. This bill is identical to SB 569.

Patron - Knight

PHB1092 Condemnation of oyster grounds. Prohibits localities from exercising the right of eminent domain to condemn privately leased riparian and general oyster planting grounds. These planting grounds are assigned to persons under a lease agreement approved by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. An exception to the condemnation prohibition is made for permitted water-dependent linear wastewater projects where there is no practical alternative. This bill is identical to SB 603.

Patron - Ransone

PISB49 Management of the menhaden fishery. Extends the sunset date for management of the menhaden fishery from January 1, 2015, to July 1, 2016. The bill also allows any person purchasing more than one of the licenses for the same vessel to catch menhaden with a purse net to pay a fee equal to that for a single license. The provisions of the program enacted in 2014 that would be extended include (i) criteria for qualifying for a limited entry purse seine bait license,(ii) allocation of the

total allowable landings, (iii) administration of the management program, (iv) reporting requirements, (v) biological sampling, (vi) license fees, (vii) authority of the Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission, and (viii) annual closure of the fishery. This bill is identical to HB 655.

Patron - Stuart

PSB145 Special fox hunting license. Establishes a special license for hunting foxes on horseback with hounds but without firearms. The license exempts the licensee from the requirement that he complete a hunter education program. The bill provides that the standard hunting license fee shall apply. Patron - Stuart

PSB209 Sand replenishment. Provides that when sand or other material is placed on state-owned bottomlands seaward of the mean low-water mark in order to provide beach nourishment or storm protection or as a result of a dredging project, the deposited material shall be deemed accretion. The public has a right of use and maintenance of the new area as exists on the adjacent land above the mean low-water mark. The bill affects sand placement projects of the specified type beginning January 1, 2009. This bill is identical to HB 390. Patron - McWaters

PISB434 Possession of channel bass. Repeals an obsolete section restricting the taking of channel bass. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission currently establishes the restrictions on the taking of channel bass (red drum). This bill is identical to HB 909.

Patron - Miller

PSB467 Conveyance of easement. Authorizes the Marine Resources Commission to grant an easement and rights-of-way across beds of the York River, including a portion of the Baylor Survey Grounds No. 5, to Plains Marketing for the expansion, construction, updating, and maintenance of the Yorktown oil facility, an area containing 160,908 square feet or 3.694 acres.

Patron - Norment

PSB569 Living shorelines general permit. Requires regulations for the issuance of general permits for living shoreline projects to include an expedited review process. The bill allows construction of such projects under the local wetlands and coastal primary sand dunes ordinances. A living shoreline is a shoreline management practice that provides erosion control and water quality benefits; protects, restores, or enhances natural shoreline habitat; and maintains coastal processes through the strategic placement of plants, stone, and fill. This bill is identical to HB 911.

Patron - Stuart

PSB603 Condemnation of oyster grounds. Prohibits localities from exercising the right of eminent domain to condemn privately leased riparian and general oyster planting grounds. These planting grounds are assigned to persons under a lease agreement approved by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. An exception to the condemnation prohibition is made for permitted water-dependent linear wastewater projects where there is no practical alternative. This bill is identical to HB 1092.

Patron - Stuart

Failed

FHB735 Submerged bottomlands; posting of claim. Requires any property owner posting notice of a claim of a right in a submerged bottomland also to post the location where a record of the special grant for the property may be

Patron - Lingamfelter

EB210 Suspension of tidal fishing privileges. Authorizes the Marine Resources Commission to suspend for five years the tidal fishing privileges of any commercial fisherman who has violated the tidal fishery laws five times or more in a two-year period.

Patron - McWaters

Carried Over

EHB847 Dumping of menhaden. Requires commercial fishermen to report any release, disposal, or dumping of more than 2,000 harvested menhaden to the Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission. The commercial fisherman is also responsible for cleaning up any menhaden that wash onto the abutting shorelines. Any commercial fisherman who violates any of these provisions will be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each offense. The proceeds from the civil penalties shall be deposited into the Marine Habitat and Waterways Improvement Fund.

Patron - Lewis

Game, Inland Fisheries and **Boating**

Passed

PHB127 Use of muzzleloading pistols. Allows persons to hunt big game with muzzleloading pistols of a caliber of .45 or greater where and in those seasons when the use of muzzleloading rifles is permitted. The bill authorizes the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to adopt regulations that specify the types of muzzleloading pistols and projectiles and propellants that can be used. The bill contains technical amendments. Patron - Scott

PHB376 Spotlighting of deer; exemption from restrictions. Allows the employment of lights by localities for the observation of deer (spotlighting) for certain activities authorized by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Patron - Bulova

PHB650 Boating safety course. Exempts from the requirements of the boater safety education course persons who hold various landing and aquaculture licenses and permits from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and persons 45 years of age or older who have possessed a Virginia registration certificate for a motorboat for at least six continuous vears.

Patron - Ransone

PHB715 Special archery license. Establishes a new combined license for persons hunting with a bow and arrow or a crossbow. The cost of the license is \$17 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents. Patron - Wright

PHB857 Hunting with a muzzle-loading rifle; blaze orange clothing. Requires muzzleloader deer hunters during the special season for hunting deer with a muzzle-loading rifle,

in those counties and cities designated by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, to wear blaze orange until they arrive at a stationary location.

Patron - Fariss

PHB991 Hunting and fishing licenses for nonresident disabled veterans. Allows nonresident veterans who are totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability to purchase licenses to hunt or fish at a cost equal to one-quarter the fee for the state nonresident hunting or fishing license. Currently, no discount is given for nonresident disabled veterans.

Patron - Cline

IPHB 1121 Composition of the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries. Changes the criteria for appointments made to the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries. The bill requires the 11 members of the Board, appointed by the Governor, to be citizens of the Commonwealth and knowledgeable of wildlife conservation, hunting, fishing, boating, agriculture, forestry, or habitat. Each of the four regions of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is to be represented by two members, and three members are to be members-at-large, each from a different region. Currently, the Board consists of one member representing each congressional district.

Patron - Scott

PHB1146 Apprentice hunters. Allows persons holding an apprentice hunting license to hunt unsupervised if they have successfully completed a hunter education course. Patron - Fowler

PHB1237 Hunting on Sundays. Allows hunting on Sundays under certain circumstances. A person may hunt waterfowl, subject to restrictions imposed by the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and a landowner and his immediate family or a person with written permission from the landowner may hunt or kill any wild bird or wild animal, including nuisance species, on the landowner's property. However, the aforementioned hunting activities cannot occur within 200 yards of a house of worship. The bill prohibits the hunting of deer or bear with a gun, firearm, or other weapon with the aid or assistance of dogs on Sunday. This bill is identical to SB 154.

Patron - Gilbert

Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to erect or maintain an enclosure for the purpose of pursuing, hunting, or killing a fox or coyote with dogs. Until July 1, 2054, the bill exempts from the ban any foxhound training preserve that was operating under a permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries as of January 1, 2014. The bill also directs the Department to adopt regulations to limit the total number of foxes stocked annually to 900, to be allocated in proportion to the acreage of each operating preserve. Finally, the bill provides that the Department shall not deny a permit solely on the basis of recordkeeping failures, and that any permit denial shall constitute a case decision under the Administrative Process Act. The Department is exempt from the Act under current law.

Patron - Marsden

PSB50 Endangered and threatened species. Allows a person to possess and transport any animal included on any federal list of endangered or threatened species when the federal government, under the Federal Endangered Species Act, authorizes the possession of such species as a personal pet. Patron - Martin

PSB154 Hunting on Sundays. Allows hunting on Sundays under certain circumstances. A person may hunt waterfowl, subject to restrictions imposed by the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and a landowner and his immediate family or a person with written permission from the landowner may hunt or kill any wild bird or wild animal, including nuisance species, on the landowner's property. However, the aforementioned hunting activities cannot occur within 200 yards of a house of worship. The bill prohibits the hunting of deer or bear with a gun, firearm, or other weapon with the aid or assistance of dogs on Sunday. This bill is identical to HB 1237.

Patron - Puckett

PSB371 Terms of hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and permits. Allows the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to issue hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses valid for one year from a future effective date. Under current law, such licenses are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

Patron - McWaters

PSB504 Watercraft titling certificates; amendments to uniform act. Amends the Virginia Uniform Certificate of Title for Watercraft Act to conform it to other watercraft-related laws; the Act, passed by the 2013 General Assembly, contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2014. The bill redefines "watercraft" to include only vessels with mechanical propulsion and to exclude vessels that measure 18 feet in length or less or have valid marine documents issued by the United States Coast Guard. The bill also clarifies the relationship between the titling statutes and the existing registration laws and makes technical amendments.

Patron - Wagner

PISB602 Location of nonriparian blinds. Prohibits the placement of nonriparian stationary blinds in a marked navigation channel. The bill also removes the prohibition against such blinds being located in waters having a depth greater than eight feet at mean high tide.

Patron - Stuart

Failed

THB989 Senior discount for special license. Requires the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to establish a discounted license fee for those persons 65 years of age or older who purchase a special license for hunting bear, deer, and turkey.

Patron - Cline

FHB1042 Use of certain muzzleloading pistols. Allows the use of muzzleloading pistols of .50 caliber or larger that use at least 50 grains of black powder or black powder equivalent when hunting game birds and animals in certain counties east and west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The bill contains technical changes.

Patron - Fariss

EHB1175 Special hunting and fishing license for disabled veterans. Expands the special hunting and fishing license for totally disabled resident veterans to include fishing for trout in waters stocked by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and issuance of the Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp.

Patron - Farrell

FHB1250 Hunting on Sundays. Authorizes the Counties of Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William to adopt an ordinance that allows the hunting of wild animals on private lands on Sunday.

Patron - Ramadan

FSB9 Hunting coyotes on Sunday. Makes it lawful to hunt or kill coyotes on Sundays.

Patron - Garrett

FSB13 Retrieval of hunting dogs and other animals. Requires a hunter to make a good faith effort to obtain permission from the landowner, his agent, or a person occupying a residence located on the property before entering the property to retrieve his hunting dogs, falcons, hawks, or owls from the property.

Patron - Garrett

ESB52 Boating safety course. Exempts persons 45 years of age or older on July 1, 2014, from having to pass a boating safety education course in order to operate a motorboat.

Patron - Stuart

FSB123 Wind energy projects; regulations to mitigate adverse effects of turbine blades on wildlife. Directs the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to adopt regulations establishing mitigation measures to reduce the adverse effects of wind turbines on wildlife. The bill lists two possible measures: the use of visual markers on turbine blades and the incorporation of sonic devices to repel birds and bats flying at night. Patron - Garrett

ESB192 Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; appointment of certain sworn law-enforcement positions. Eliminates the requirement that the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries make appointments to sworn law-enforcement positions above the rank of conservation police officer from existing sworn officers, absent a showing that a sufficient pool of candidates does not exist within the Department.

Patron - McDougle

ESB629 Navigation on certain waters. Provides that no person who is recreationally floating upon certain waters in a nonmotorized vessel shall be liable for civil or criminal trespass. The bill provides that existing ownership rights in real property shall remain unchanged.

Patron - Marsden

Carried Over

Eliminates the requirement that the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, when making appointments to sworn officer positions above the rank of conservation police officer, select from among the sworn conservation police officers within the Department.

Patron - Howell

ESB258 Law-enforcement consolidation plan. Directs the Secretary of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Marine Resources Commission, to develop a plan for the consolidation of the law-enforcement functions of the two agencies under the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The bill includes criteria and issues to be considered in developing the consoli-

dation plan. The bill directs the Secretary to submit the plan to the committees of oversight by November 1, 2014. *Patron - Deeds*

General Assembly

Passed

PHB199 Legislation affecting local government expenditures or reductions. Requires the Division of Legislative Services to identify and forward to the Commission on Local Government (Commission) joint resolutions introduced calling for a study of local government expenditures or revenues. The bill also authorizes the Department of Planning and Budget and the Department of Taxation to forward to the Commission bills introduced requiring additional local government expenditures or a reduction in local government revenues. *Patron - Landes*

PHB364 Commission on Civics Education reestablished. Reestablishes the Commission on Civics Education, which expired on June 30, 2013. The purposes of the Commission are to educate students on the importance of citizen involvement in a constitutional republic, promote the study of state and local government among the Commonwealth's citizenry, and enhance communication and collaboration among organizations in the Commonwealth that conduct civics education. The Commission shall have a total of 15 members. *Patron - Anderson*

Extends the sunset date for the Autism Advisory Council from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2016. This bill is identical to SB 415. *Patron - Plum*

Extends the sunset provision for the Joint Commission on Health Care; sunset. Extends the sunset provision for the Joint Commission on Health Care from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2018. This bill is identical to SB 60.

Patron - Brink

PSB54 General Assembly; signature for prefiled legislation. Removes the sunset clause from Chapter 670 of the Acts of Assembly of 2012, which allows the substitution of an electronic signature for a handwritten signature on prefiled legislation. The provision was due to expire July 1, 2014. *Patron - McDougle*

EXECUTE Extends the sunset provision for the Joint Commission on Health Care from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2018. This bill is identical to HB 680.

Patron - Puller

Extends the sunset date for the Autism Advisory Council; sunset extended. Extends the sunset date for the Autism Advisory Council from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2016. This bill is identical to HB 538. *Patron - Hanger*

PSB538 Absences on legislative commissions. Provides that the absence of any appointed nonlegislative citizen member from three consecutive meetings of a legislative study entity shall be sufficient cause for the position to be declared vacated and replaced.

Patron - McDougle

Failed

FHB14 General appropriation bills; expiration date. Prohibits the General Assembly from considering any general appropriation bill that contains any provision that has an expiration date more than two years and six months after the end of the session.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

Accountability. Vests the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability with the power and duty to make performance reviews of state agencies with transportation responsibilities to ensure that funds appropriated to those agencies are being used for their intended purposes and in accord with legislative intent. The bill also directs the Commission, prior to the 2015 Session, to study the costs and benefits of coordinating traffic light signals.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

 ${f f f HB406}$ Joint Subcommittee to Evaluate Tax Preferences. Requires the Joint Subcommittee to report to the General Assembly annually by October 1 its recommendations with regard to existing tax preferences. The bill provides for the Joint Subcommittee to adopt an initial schedule for reviewing Virginia's tax preferences by October 1, 2014, and to update the schedule by October 1 of each year thereafter, as necessary, for purposes including but not limited to incorporating newly enacted tax preferences. The bill also provides that performance measures established by the Joint Subcommittee for economic development tax preferences require the creation or maintenance of a minimum number of new full-time jobs for which (i) the average wages are at least equal to the prevailing average wage in the county or city in which the economic development project is located, and (ii) standard fringe benefits are paid or provided by the employer. Patron - Toscano

EHB431 State and local tax reform; study; report. Creates a joint legislative subcommittee to perform a two-year study on reforming state and local taxes. The joint subcommittee will assume the tasks of the Joint Subcommittee to Evaluate Tax Preferences, which the bill dissolves. Patron - LeMunyon

HB689 General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; lobbyist reports. Requires legislators and lobbyists to file disclosure forms semiannually rather than annually. *Patron - Torian*

EHB706 Legislative standing to defend laws of the Commonwealth. Provides that the General Assembly, the House of Delegates, the Senate of Virginia, or a member of the General Assembly has standing to represent the interests of the Commonwealth in a proceeding in which a provision of the Constitution of Virginia is contested or the constitutionality, legality, or application of a law established under legislative authority is at issue and the Governor and Attorney General choose not to defend the law.

Patron - Gilbert

FHB818 Virginia Commission on Energy and Environment. Establishes the Virginia Commission on Energy and Environment as a legislative commission to review and recommend steps to implement the Virginia Energy Plan. The Commission is charged, among other things, with the power and duty to (i) undertake studies and gather information and data; (ii) make recommendations as may be necessary to accomplish

its purposes as set forth in the legislation; (iii) make special studies of and reports on measures to secure Virginia's energy future; (iv) establish advisory committees composed of persons with special expertise not represented by individuals serving on the Commission; (v) seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations to enable the Commission to carry out its objectives; (vi) review and make recommendations on legislation affecting energy policy to the General Assembly; and (vii) report annually on its activities during the preceding year to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Patron - Lopez

EHB959 Virginia Legislative Travel Commission established. Creates the Virginia Legislative Travel Commission, sets its membership and duties, which duties include the review of legislative travel requests over \$500 by members of the General Assembly, if such requests are to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth. The Commission shall approve any such travel request where at least 90 percent of the travel is dedicated to the purpose of economic development, diplomacy, trade relations, or education or in furtherance of (i) carrying out duties imposed by statute or (ii) the work of any standing or other committees of the General Assembly or legislative interim study commissions and committees.

Patron - Sickles

FHB1143 Prohibited conduct by legislators and state and local government officers and employees; retaliation. Prohibits a member of the General Assembly or a state or local government officer or employee from using his public position to retaliate or threaten retaliation against any person for expressing views on matters of public concern or for exercising any right that is otherwise protected by law. Patron - Farrell

FHB1183 Virginia Transportation Solutions Working Group. Changes the name of the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability to the Virginia Transportation Solutions Working Group and authorizes it to advise the Commonwealth Transportation Board on matters pertaining to transportation policy, transportation innovation and technologies, and traffic congestion relief strategies.

Patron - Comstock

ESB12 Prohibited conduct by legislators; retaliation. Prohibits a member of the General Assembly from using his public position to retaliate or threaten retaliation against any person for expressing views on matters of public concern or for exercising any right that is otherwise protected by law. *Patron - Garrett*

ESB105 Convention to amend the United States Constitution; delegates. Establishes the procedure for appointing delegates to a convention to amend the United States Constitution and specifies the duties of delegates at such a convention. The bill also classifies a violation of those duties as a Class 6 felony.

Patron - Ruff

ESB148 Appropriation act conference report; availability. Requires the conference committee report of the appropriation act to be available online for 36 hours and distributed to each member of the General Assembly before a vote is taken on the report.

Patron - Stuart

ESB149 General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; disclosure requirements; gifts. Requires a legislator to report gifts received by a member of his immediate family exceeding \$100 in value. The bill defines "immediate family" as the legis-

lator's spouse and dependents residing in the same household. This bill was incorporated into SB 649.

Patron - Stuart

ESB189 Joint Commission on Administrative Rules; powers and duties; effect of administrative rules on private sector employment. Adds to the powers and duties of the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules the power to review proposed rules and regulations of any agency during the promulgation or final adoption process and determine whether or not a rule or regulation will cause a substantial reduction in private sector employment. The bill contains technical amendments. Patron - Garrett

FISB219 General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; Virginia Legislative Ethics Commission. Establishes the Commission to replace the current separate House and Senate Ethics Advisory Panels. The bill authorizes the seven-member Commission to review legislators' Statements of Economic Interests and receive and act on complaints that a legislator has violated the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act. This bill was incorporated into SB 649.

Patron - Petersen

ESB322 Human trafficking; legislative commission created; study; report. Creates a legislative commission for the purpose of developing and implementing a State Plan for the Prevention of Human Trafficking. The commission will expire in two years.

Patron - Ebbin

ESB420 Virginia Retirement System; impact statements. Requires VRS impact statements to detail the financial impact of a proposed bill on members and beneficiaries. *Patron - Hanger*

FSB446 General Assembly; general appropriation bills. Requires the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee to issue reports concurrently with the budget conference report that specifically identify (i) any nonstate agency appropriation, (ii) any item in the conference report that was not included in a general appropriation bill as passed by either the House or the Senate, and (iii) any item that represents legislation that failed in either house during the regular or a special session.

FSB468 General Assembly; consideration of the conference committee report on the biennial budget or general appropriation act. Provides that no legislative action shall be taken on the conference committee report on the biennial budget until the conference committee report has been posted on the General Assembly's website for at least 48 hours. Patron - Smith

ESB500 Compensation of members of the General Assembly. Prohibits compensation to legislators for attending conferences for which the agenda and materials are not available to the public.

Patron - McEachin

Patron - Norment

ESB523 Local fiscal impact bills; first day introduction. Requires local fiscal impact bills to be introduced no later than the first day of the session.

Patron - Ruff

ESB583 General Assembly; testimony under oath before committee or subcommittee. Authorizes the chairman or at least one-third of the total membership of a committee or subcommittee to request any person addressing the committee

or subcommittee to take an oath to testify truthfully. Any person who takes the oath and then knowingly makes a false statement to the committee or subcommittee is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Garrett

IDSB648 General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; lobbyists; prohibited gifts; disclosure. Establishes a ban on any single gift with a value in excess of \$50, or gifts with an aggregate value in excess of \$100, from a single donor, to members and members-elect of the General Assembly. The bill also requires disclosure of permissible gifts; i.e., any single gift with a value of \$50 or less and gifts with an aggregate value of \$100 or less from a single donor. The bill draws on the rules applicable to members of Congress and lists a series of permissible gifts that must be disclosed. It also imposes a civil penalty for the failure to disclose equal to two times the amount not disclosed.

Patron - McEachin

Carried Over

tion. Requires local fiscal impact bills; first day introduction. Requires local fiscal impact bills to be introduced no later than the first day of the session. This bill was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Kilgore

CISB574 Local fiscal impact bills; first day introduction. Requires local fiscal impact bills to be introduced no later than the first day of the session. This bill was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Garrett

General Provisions

Passed

PHB107 Official emblems of the Commonwealth; Maple Festival of Virginia. Designates the Highland County Maple Festival as the official maple festival of Virginia. *Patron - Bell, Richard P.*

PHB143 Courthouse; posting of notices; website. Provides that documents required to be posted by a clerk on or at the front door of a courthouse or on a public bulletin board at a courthouse may instead be posted on the public government website of the locality served by the court.

Patron - Minchew

PHB587 Campus police and security departments; DCJS to conduct study to identify potential minimum core operational functions. Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to conduct a study to identify potential minimum core operational functions for college campus police and security departments. In conducting this study, the Department shall determine the cost to bring existing departments into compliance with such functions and legislative amendments needed in order to require compliance. This bill is identical to SB 440.

Patron - Yost

PHB 1106 Virginia Commission on Youth; review and report on the use of seclusion and restraint in schools. Requires the Virginia Commission on Youth, in consultation

with the Department of Education and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, to review (i) statewide policies and regulations on the use of seclusion and restraint in public and private elementary and secondary schools and (ii) methods used in other states to reduce and eliminate the use of seclusion and restraint in public and private elementary and secondary schools. The bill requires the Commission to make recommendations for the modernization of Virginia's policies and regulations on the use of seclusion and restraint in schools and submit its recommendations no later than November 30, 2014, to the General Assembly. The Virginia Commission on Youth shall report its findings to the Governor and the 2015 Session of the Regular Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Hope

□HB1160 Rules of statutory construction; computation of time. Provides that for the purposes of the section of law relating to the computation of time, any day on which the Governor authorizes the closing of the state government shall be considered a legal holiday.

Patron - Adams

PSB440 Campus police and security departments; DCJS to conduct study to identify potential minimum core **operational functions.** Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to conduct a study to identify potential minimum core operational functions for college campus police and security departments. In conducting this study, the Department shall determine the cost to bring existing departments into compliance with such functions and legislative amendments needed in order to require compliance. This bill is identical to HB 587.

Patron - Barker

Carried Over

SB665 Limitations on eminent domain; right of quiet and peaceful enjoyment. Recognizes the property right of quiet and peaceful enjoyment and provides that just compensation is owed to the owner of property subject to condemnation when quiet and peaceful enjoyment is taken or damaged. This bill is in response to the decision of the Supreme Court of Virginia in Byler v. VEPCO, 284 Va. 501, 731 S.E.2d 916 (2012).

Patron - Petersen

Health

Passed

PHB147 Deferred compensation plan for Medicaid program independent contractors. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services to provide payments or transfers to the Virginia Retirement System's deferred compensation plan for dentists or oral and maxillofacial surgeons who are independent contractors providing services for the Commonwealth's Medicaid program. The provisions of the bill become effective on January 1, 2015, and expire on January 1, 2020. This bill is identical to SB 412. Patron - O'Bannon

PHB305 Payment for certain immunizations. Requires the Department of Health to provide certain vaccines for children free of charge to the parent of the child if the child

is eligible for the Vaccines for Children Program or the child is eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, or CHAMPUS. In cases in which a child is covered by a health carrier, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, or CHAMPUS, the Department shall seek reimbursement for all allowable costs associated with the provision of the vaccine.

Patron - O'Bannon

PHB387 Critical congenital heart defect screening test of newborns. Requires every hospital in the Commonwealth having a newborn nursery to perform a critical congenital heart defect screening test on every newborn in its care when the child is at least 24 hours old but no more than 48 hours old or, in cases in which the infant is discharged prior to reaching 24 hours of age, prior to discharging the infant. An infant whose parent or guardian objects to the test on the grounds that the test conflicts with his religious practices shall not be required to receive the test. The bill also directs the Board of Health to convene a workgroup to provide information and recommendations for the development of regulations to implement the provisions of the act and requires regulations to be promulgated within 280 days of enactment. This bill is identical to SB 183.

Patron - Comstock

PJHB391 National accrediting organizations; Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Replaces outdated references to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations with references to any national accrediting organization granted authority by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure compliance with Medicare conditions of participation. Patron - Stolle

PHB395 Public safety employees; testing for blood**borne pathogens.** Adds the Department of Forensic Science to the definition of "public safety agency," employees of which may be requested or required to undergo testing for certain blood-borne pathogens following involvement in exposure prone incidents.

Patron - O'Bannon

□HB450 Background checks; employment prior to receipt of results. Provides that no person shall be employed in a position that involves direct contact with a patient of, or person or child receiving services from, a nursing home, home health organization, hospice, assisted living facility, adult day care, child welfare agency, or family day home approved by a family day system until the results of a criminal history background check have been received, unless the person works under the direct supervision of a person for whom a background check has been performed.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

□HB476 Home care organizations; inspections. Requires state agencies that inspect home care organizations to coordinate inspections both among subdivisions of the agency and with other agencies and to accept equivalent inspections performed by other agencies or subdivisions of agencies in lieu of performing their own inspections to the extent possible. Patron - Head

PHB586 Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan; eligibility. Eliminates the requirement that an individual under the age of 19 must have been without health insurance for at least four months or must meet the requirements set forth in the Virginia Plan for Title XXI of the Social Security Act (Children's Health Insurance Program) to be eligible for assistance under the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan. The bill requires regulations to be promulgated within 280 days of enactment and is identical to SB 416.

Patron - O'Bannon

PHB674 Water supplies and waterworks; human consumption. Defines "human consumption" as used in the context of water supplies and waterworks.

Patron - Poindexter

PHB702 Uniform assessments; qualified assessors. Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to enter into contracts with public and private entities to conduct community-based and institutional screenings in jurisdictions in which the screening team has been unable to complete screenings within 30 days of an individual's application. The bill also provides that every individual who requests a screening for the purpose of enrollment in a PACE plan shall be eligible for such screening, regardless of whether the individual is eligible under the state plan for medical assistance. The bill requires the Board of Medical Assistance Services to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the bill within 280 days of its enactment.

Patron - Head

PHB924 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; medicolegal death examinations. Clarifies the powers and duties of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Chief Medical Examiner, Assistant Chief Medical Examiners, and appointed local medical examiners related to investigations of deaths.

Patron - O'Bannon

PHB1031 Immunizations. Updates provisions governing immunizations for children.

Patron - Orrock

PHB1177 Safe drinking water; local private well testing requirements. Adds the County of Bedford to the list of localities, the governing bodies of which may establish reasonable testing requirements to determine compliance with existing drinking water quality standards prior to the issuance of building permits.

Patron - Austin

PSB183 Critical congenital heart defect screening test of newborns. Requires every hospital in the Commonwealth having a newborn nursery to perform a critical congenital heart defect screening test on every newborn in its care when the child is at least 24 hours old but no more than 48 hours old or, in cases in which the infant is discharged prior to reaching 24 hours of age, prior to discharging the infant. An infant whose parent or guardian objects to the test on the grounds that the test conflicts with his religious practices shall not be required to receive the test. The bill also directs the Board of Health to convene a work group to provide information and recommendations for the development of regulations to implement the provisions of the act and requires regulations to be promulgated within 280 days of enactment. This bill is identical to HB 387.

Patron - McWaters

PSB281 Certificate of birth; naturalized citizen. Requires the State Registrar of Vital Records, for any adopted person who has attained United States citizenship through naturalization and upon request and receipt of evidence demonstrating such citizenship, to establish and register a new certificate of birth that does not contain a statement that the certificate is not evidence of United States citizenship either

for the adopted child for whom it is issued or for the adoptive parents.

Patron - Cosgrove

PSB304 Disposition of dead bodies. Establishes a process for the disposition of unclaimed dead bodies. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Alexander

PISB412 Deferred compensation plan for Medicaid program independent contractors. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services to provide payments or transfers to the Virginia Retirement System's deferred compensation plan for dentists or oral and maxillofacial surgeons who are independent contractors providing services for the Commonwealth's Medicaid program. The bill will become effective on January 1, 2015, and expire on January 1, 2020. The bill is identical to HB 147.

Patron - Hanger

PSB416 Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan; eligibility. Eliminates the requirement that an individual under the age of 19 must have been without health insurance for at least four months or must meet the requirements set forth in the Virginia Plan for Title XXI of the Social Security Act (Children's Health Insurance Program) to be eligible for assistance under the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan. The bill requires regulations to be promulgated within 280 days of enactment and is identical to HB 586.

Patron - Hanger

PSB595 Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority: Board of Directors. Provides that nonlegislative citizen members of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority shall serve no more than four consecutive two-year terms. This bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Barker

Failed

HB39 Volunteer health care providers. Provides that the Department of Health shall certify as a volunteer health care provider any person who (i) holds a current, valid license as a doctor of medicine or osteopathy from the Board of Medicine or as a dentist from the Board of Dentistry; (ii) is deemed to be an employee of the federal Public Health Services as a free clinic professional providing qualifying health services; and (iii) provides documentation indicating that he has provided at least four hours of qualifying health services at a free clinic or free clinic offsite program per week for four consecutive weeks during the three-month period immediately preceding the date of application. The bill provides that no volunteer health care provider who is certified as a voluntary health care provider shall be liable for civil damages for any injury or wrongful death of any person resulting from the delivery of any health care provided in his professional capacity, absent gross negligence or willful misconduct. The bill further provides that the Attorney General may represent a volunteer health care provider in any civil matter in which a defense of immunity from liability due to status as a certified volunteer health care provider is raised.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

EHB154 Presumed consent for organ donation. Establishes a system of presumed consent for organ donation in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Bell, Richard P.

FHB397 Social worker. Allows family-services specialists and qualified equivalent workers to perform tasks previously limited to social workers. The bill expands the authority of the Adult Protective Services Unit to establish minimum standards of training and educational opportunities for all workers in the field of adult protective services, which minimum standards currently apply to social workers. The bill changes the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) employment requirement for a baccalaureate degree from "social work" positions to "family-services-specialist" positions. The bill adds family-services specialists to the list of individuals required to report suspicions of child abuse or neglect. The bill contains an emergency clause. Patron - Toscano

 ${}^{ extstyle extstyle$ tem design; report. Requires the Department of Health (Department) to convene a work group consisting of representatives from the Department; the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals; the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects; private sector engineering and design firms; and other interested stakeholders identified by the Department of Health to (i) identify and examine any engineering and design services related to the design of onsite septic systems currently offered by the Department to the public that are in inappropriate direct competition with private sector engineering and design firms, (ii) define the role of the Department in services related to onsite sewage system design to avoid inappropriate direct competition, (iii) develop a plan to wind up services offered by the Department deemed to be in inappropriate direct competition, and (iv) identify any necessary legislative or regulatory changes to implement the plan. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Board of Health by October 1, 2014. Patron - Webert

EHB454 Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); expansion. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to expand PACE through a Request-for-Applications process. The bill provides that DMAS shall issue Requests for Applications for new service areas within 30 days of receiving a written request from any organization to pursue PACE expansion or start-up. Patron - Head

EHB531 Planned Parenthood; funding. Prohibits provision of state funds to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any subsidiary thereof. *Patron - Marshall, R.G.*

EHB568 Nursing home standards of care. Increases the staffing and care standards in nursing homes to require a minimum of specific direct care services to each resident per 24-hour period.

Patron - Watts

EHB831 Care of individuals with dementia residing in nursing homes; study; report. Requires the Department of Health to convene a work group to study and make recommendations related to the provision of care for individuals with dementia residing in nursing homes and facilities in the Commonwealth. The work group shall report its findings and rec-

ommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2015.

Patron - Keam

EHB928 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; medicolegal death examinations. Clarifies the powers and duties of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Chief Medical Examiner, Assistant Chief Medical Examiners, and appointed local medical examiners related to investigations of deaths. The bill contains an emergency clause. Patron - O'Bannon

EHB1022 Certificate of public need. Directs the Commissioner of Health to accept and review and authorizes the Commissioner of Health to issue a certificate of public need for establishment of a new hospital with up to 70 new beds in Planning District 1.

Patron - Kilgore

FHB1135 Sexual orientation change efforts prohibited. Prohibits any health care provider from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with any person under 18 years of age. The bill defines "sexual orientation change efforts." *Patron - Hope*

FSB273 Department of Juvenile Justice; eligibility for medical assistance. Provides that Medicaid benefits shall be suspended, rather than terminated, upon a foster-care youth entering the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Patron - Favola

ESB297 DMAS; work search requirements for newly eligible Medicaid enrollees. Requires that, if Virginia expands Medicaid eligibility pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Department of Medical Assistance Services apply for a waiver of certain Medicaid program requirements to establish a work search requirement for newly eligible working-age unemployed enrollees and to report on its progress to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2014.

ESB403 Dead bodies, disposition. Authorizes the Department of Corrections to accept and dispose of an unclaimed dead body of a person who has been received into the state corrections system and died prior to his release and whose body the Commissioner of Health refuses to accept. The bill also provides liability protection for such acceptance and disposition.

Patron - Alexander

Patron - Watkins

ESB529 Certificate of public need; conditions. Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to condition the approval of a certificate of public need upon an agreement of the applicant to support charitable organizations that specifically target providing health care aid to disabled veterans and have a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Health to meet specific unmet or partially unmet community health needs identified by the Department.

Patron - Barker

ESB535 Disposition of dead bodies. Establishes a process for the disposition of unclaimed dead bodies. *Patron - Martin*

Carried Over

gyndrome; identification cards and information. Directs the Department of Health to develop a process for issuing identification cards to individuals diagnosed by a health care provider as having Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, or any other medical condition that requires immediate access to a toilet facility, which shall include information about the symptoms of such conditions and the need for emergency access to restroom facilities of individuals diagnosed with such conditions. The bill also requires the Department to make information about Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and irritable bowel syndrome available to the public via the Department's website. This bill is carried over pursuant to Rule 22 of the House.

Patron - Krupicka

CHB581 Fire services and emergency medical services. Revises terminology related to fire services and emergency medical services and reorganizes provisions governing fire services and emergency medical services. The bill also eliminates provisions exempting leaving an infant at an emergency medical services agency from the definition of abuse or neglect of a child and increases the deemed salary for volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services personnel for the purposes of unemployment compensation from \$300 per month to \$500 per month. This bill is carried over pursuant to Rule 22 of the House.

Patron - Stolle

CHB905 State Registrar of Vital Records; disclosure of death index information. Requires the State Registrar of Vital Records to disclose death index information in bulk format to entities that establish or confirm an individual's status as deceased for legitimate business and government purposes. This bill is carried over pursuant to Rule 22 of the House. Patron - Peace

CHB1010 Emergency medical services providers; certification. Provides that regulations of the Board of Health governing qualifications for certification of emergency medical services providers shall require no more than 40 hours of classroom instruction for certification of an emergency medical services provider as an emergency medical responder or emergency medical services first responder and no more than 80 hours of classroom instruction for certification of an emergency medical services provider as an emergency medical technician. This bill is carried over pursuant to Rule 22 of the House.

Patron - Byron

CSB355 Fire services and emergency medical services. Revises terminology related to fire services and emergency medical services and reorganizes provisions governing fire services and emergency medical services. The bill also eliminates provisions exempting leaving an infant at an emergency medical services agency from the definition of abuse or neglect of a child and increases the deemed salary for volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services personnel for the purposes of unemployment compensation from \$300 per month to \$500 per month.

Patron - Stuart

CSB647 DMAS; **teledentistry pilot program**. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to create a two-year pilot program to provide dental services to school-age children who are eligible to receive pediatric dental services

through the Smiles for Children program in school divisions in which at least 50 percent of the elementary students have not been examined by a dentist within the preceding 12 months or have no dental home of record. Participating dentists will provide supervision of dental hygienists through the use of teledentistry. The bill further directs the Department to report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees on the benefits of teledentistry by November 1, 2016. The pilot program would expire on July 1, 2017. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a 2014 general appropriation act.

Patron - Black

Highways, Bridges and Ferries

Passed

PHB2 Allocations within highway construction districts. Provides for the development of a prioritization process for projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Such prioritization shall weight factors such as congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety, and environmental quality and be applied within each highway construction district.

Patron - Stolle

PHB64 Stephen L. Thompson Memorial Highway. Designates a portion of Virginia Route 24 in Rustburg the Stephen L. Thompson Memorial Highway. *Patron - Fariss*

PHB311 Revision of Title 33.1. Creates proposed Title 33.2 (Highways and Other Surface Transportation Systems) as a revision of existing Title 33.1 (Highways, Bridges and Ferries), as well as portions of Titles 15.2 (Counties, Cities and Towns), 56 (Public Service Companies), and 58.1 (Taxation). Proposed Title 33.2 consists of 32 chapters divided into four subtitles: Subtitle I (General Provisions and Transportation Entities); Subtitle II (Modes of Transportation: Highways, Bridges, Ferries, Rail, and Public Transportation); Subtitle III (Transportation Funding and Development); and Subtitle IV (Local and Regional Transportation). This bill organizes the laws in a more logical manner, removes obsolete and duplicative provisions, and improves the structure and clarity of statutes pertaining to highways, bridges, ferries, rail and public transportation, transportation funding, and local and regional transportation. This bill has a delayed effective date of October 1, 2014. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Code Commission.

Patron - LeMunyon

PHB377 Adjustment or relocation of billboard signs. Includes the erection of a sound barrier as an action that allows relocation of a billboard sign. The bill also allows a billboard to remain in its original location until the Commissioner of Highways or other condemnor gives notice to its owner that the sign must be removed. This bill is identical to SB 295. Patron - Anderson

PHB396 Funding of Department of Rail and Public Transportation. Codifies appropriation act language dealing with funding of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. This bill is identical to SB 298.

Patron - O'Bannon

County. Provides specific goals for VDOT's maintenance of the rural gravel road network in Loudoun County. This bill is identical to SB 397.

Patron - Minchew

PHB560 Issuance of land use permits by Department of Transportation in connection with certain utility service. Exempts persons, including corporations, that provide utility service for their own agricultural or residential use from having to get land use permits from VDOT.

Patron - Fariss

PHB761 Fare enforcement inspectors. Provides for the appointment of fare enforcement inspectors to enforce payment of fares for use of mass transit facilities operated in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia). The bill also provides that failure of a transit user to pay the fare or produce proof of fare payment shall result in a civil penalty of not more than \$100. This bill is identical to SB264.

Patron - Rust

PHB904 Transportation projects; notice of public hearing. Requires VDOT, at least 30 days prior to any public hearing regarding a transportation project valued in excess of \$100 million, to provide notice of the hearing by regular mail to all owners of property within and adjacent to such project study corridor.

Patron - Hugo

PHB986 Designating the Master Trooper Jerry L. Hines Memorial Bridge. Designates the Interstate Route 81 bridge over the Maury River in Rockbridge County the "Master Trooper Jerry L. Hines Memorial Bridge."

Patron - Cline

PHB1048 Funding among highway systems. Includes primary state highway system extensions, the part of the primary highway that runs through a city or town, in the list of highways that receive the 25 percent for reconstruction of deteriorated highways of the amount allocated each year by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The bill also reduces the number of vehicles per day on unpaved roads from 200 to 50 for the unpaved roads that may be considered for five percent of the annual allocation. This bill is identical to SB 518. Patron - Rust

PHB1090 New technologies and innovations in statewide transportation programs. Requires the Secretary of Transportation and VDOT to incorporate new smart road technologies and innovations in statewide transportation technology programs.

Patron - Villanueva

PHB1095 Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund. Creates the Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund to fund pilot programs and fully developed initiatives pertaining to high-tech infrastructure improvements and requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to allocate certain moneys to the Fund.

Patron - Peace

PHB1098 Smart transportation pilot zone. Requires the Secretary of Transportation and VDOT to establish a smart transportation pilot zone to test state-of-the-art smart road technology.

Patron - Anderson

HB1253 Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission created. Creates the Hampton Roads

Transportation Accountability Commission, which is comprised of the chief elected officers of the governing bodies of the 14 localities in Planning District 23, two senators, three delegates, and four nonvoting ex officio members. The bill also moves the responsibility for approval of projects and the priority of such projects pursuant to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund from the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization to the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission. The bill also directs the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization and VDOT to assist the new Commission in its formation. This bill is identical to SB 513.

Patron - Jones

PSB156 Electronic tolling facilities; fees. Directs VDOT to develop and implement a plan to eliminate E-ZPass transponder maintenance fees and encourages the Secretary of Transportation to examine and improve the retail distribution of E-ZPass transponders.

Patron - Miller

PSB264 Fare enforcement inspectors. Provides for the appointment of fare enforcement inspectors to enforce payment of fares for use of mass transit facilities operated in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia). The bill also provides that failure of a transit user to pay the fare or produce proof of fare payment shall result in a civil penalty of not more than \$100. This bill is identical to HB 761.

Patron - Ebbin

PSB295 Adjustment or relocation of billboard signs. Includes the erection of a sound barrier as an action that allows relocation of a billboard sign. The bill also allows a billboard to remain in its original location until the Commissioner of Highways or other condemnor gives notice to its owner that the sign must be removed. This bill is identical to HB 377. Patron - Puckett

PSB298 Funding of Department of Rail and Public Transportation. Codifies appropriation act language dealing with funding of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. This bill is identical to HB 396.

Patron - Watkins

PSB397 Rural gravel road network in Loudoun County. Provides specific goals for VDOT's maintenance of the rural gravel road network in Loudoun County. This bill is identical to HB 416.

Patron - Vogel

PSB513 Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission created. Creates the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, which is comprised of the chief elected officers of the governing bodies of the 14 localities in Planning District 23, two senators, three delegates, and four nonvoting ex officio members. The bill also moves the responsibility for approval of projects and the priority of such projects pursuant to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund from the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization to the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission. The bill also directs the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization and VDOT to assist the new Commission in its formation. This bill is identical to HB 1253.

Patron - Wagner

PSB518 Funding among highway systems. Includes primary state highway system extensions, the part of the primary highway that runs through a city or town, in the list of highways that receive the 25 percent for reconstruction of dete-

riorated highways of the amount allocated each year by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The bill also reduces the number of vehicles per day on unpaved roads from 200 to 50 for the unpaved roads that may be considered for five percent of the annual allocation. This bill is identical to HB 1048. *Patron - Wagner*

PSB612 Designating the Master Trooper Jerry L. Hines Memorial Bridge. Designates two bridges over the Maury River in Rockbridge County as the Master Trooper Jerry L. Hines Memorial Bridge.

Patron - Deeds

Failed

EHB67 Composition of Commonwealth Transportation Board. Increases the total membership of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to 22 members by doubling the representation for the Richmond, Hampton Roads, and Northern Virginia highway construction districts.

Patron - Ramadan

FHB87 Commonwealth priority of projects and funding. Provides that all state funds expended on transportation projects be for (i) projects expected to provide congestion reduction or (ii) projects that increase safety for travelers. Patron - Cole

composition. Increases the size of the Commonwealth Transportation Board; composition. Increases the size of the Commonwealth Transportation Board by six members (from 18 to 24). Three of the new members are to be members of the House of Delegates: two from the majority party and one from the minority party. The three other new members are to be members of the Virginia Senate: two from the majority party and one from the minority party. Patron - Hugo

FHB169 Commonwealth Transportation Board; membership. Increases from 18 to 22 the membership of the Commonwealth Transportation Board by adding four citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Of the four new members, one is to be from the Hampton Roads highway construction district, one is to be from the Northern Virginia highway construction district, and two are to be from rural areas. Patron - Webert

FHB213 Transportation funding in Salem Highway Construction District. Provides additional funds for transportation in the Salem Highway Construction District by allocating revenue attributable to a portion of economic growth due to or facilitated by the Inland Port in Montgomery County. *Patron - Marshall, D.W.*

EHB237 Telework Grant Program. Establishes the Telework Grant Program, to be administered by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, to administer grants in the amount of \$250 for individuals who telework at least 20 hours per week for at least 45 weeks of a calendar year. *Patron - Ramadan*

(CTB); composition. Changes the composition of the CTB so that one member will be appointed from each of Virginia's congressional districts and three will be at-large appointees. The four ex officio members remain unchanged. The bill also

replaces the term "metropolitan statistical areas" with "metropolitan planning areas with populations greater than 200,000." *Patron - Surovell*

FHB426 I-66 improvements. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to include in the next update of its Six-Year Improvement Program a project to add at least two non-high-occupancy vehicle lanes in each direction to I-66 inside the Capital Beltway.

Patron - LeMunyon

EHB427 Periodic quantitative rating of highways. Requires that periodic quantitative ratings of primary or secondary highway segments by VDOT include any commonly-referred-to names of the segments and relevant zip codes. *Patron - LeMunyon*

FHB528 "Revenue-sharing" highway funds. Provides for use of so-called revenue-sharing highway funds for construction and maintenance of ditches and other drainage facilities and obtaining voluntary drainage easements or voluntary permission to enter private property. Patron - Hodges

Allows localities by ordinance to prohibit interfering with or impeding storm water runoff into drains or culverts, etc., on VDOT-controlled highway rights-of-way.

Patron - Kory

FHB626 Allocation of funds among highways systems. Eliminates required allocations of up to \$500 million per year for bridge reconstruction and rehabilitation, high priority projects, and smart roadway technology projects. *Patron - Watts*

EHB653 Allocations by Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Limits allocations by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for transit, rail, and public transportation projects to no more than 25 percent of its total allocations. *Patron - LaRock*

FHB658 CTB allocations to Northern Virginia highway construction district. Limits transit, rail, and public transportation allocations by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to the Northern Virginia highway construction district to no more than 25 percent of total allocations.

Patron - LaRock

FHB691 Prince William County Metrorail Improvement District. Creates the Prince William County Metrorail Improvement District to provide a means of financing an extension of commuter rail service from Fairfax County into Prince William County.

Patron - Torian

FHB744 Blocking highway drains and culverts. Allows localities by ordinance to prohibit interfering with or impeding storm water runoff into drains or culverts on VDOT-controlled highway rights-of-way.

Patron - Kory

FHB806 VDOT tree replacement policy. Requires VDOT, in highway construction projects, to adhere to any tree replacement policy adopted by the locality in which the construction project is located.

Patron - Lopez

FHB920 Funding among highway systems. Advances from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2014, the expiration date of the

annual allocation that can be made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Patron - Sickles

FHB 1100 CTB Six-Year Improvement Program. Requires that the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Six-Year Improvement Program give priority to either projects that are expected to provide the greatest congestion reduction relative to the cost of the project or projects that promote economic development and promote commerce and trade within the highway construction district where they are located. Patron - Yancey

FHB1184 Taking streets into secondary highway system. Provides for the taking of certain streets into the secondary highway system as Rural Rustic Roads under certain conditions.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

concerning Potomac River crossings. Requires VDOT to consider the results of a study regarding Potomac River crossings between Virginia and Maryland. The study shall provide data on congestion for the region, and if it recommends a crossing, then a report shall be provided to the General Assembly by December 1, 2015.

Patron - Rust

FSB24 Use of Downtown and Midtown Tunnels by law enforcement, school buses, emergency medical vehicles, and employees. Adds local police officers, emergency medical vehicles, school buses, and employees of the transportation facility to the list of persons who may use the Downtown and Midtown Tunnels without paying the toll when conducting official business.

Patron - Alexander

ESB147 Department of Transportation; notice and public comment on projects. Requires VDOT to post notice on its website and provide for public comment prior to undertaking a safety-related or congestion management transportation project and when a project is expanded or substantially altered. The bill also requires VDOT to hold a public hearing upon request.

Patron - Stuart

ESB511 Commonwealth Transportation Board; composition. Changes the composition of the CTB so that one member will be appointed from each of Virginia's 11 congressional districts instead of from each of the 9 highway construction districts. The five at-large members and four ex officio members remain unchanged.

Patron - Wagner

Carried Over

CHB125 Virginia's World War II Heritage Alliance Route. Requires the Department of Transportation to place and maintain appropriate markers indicating "Virginia's World War II Heritage Alliance Route," as designated by the Virginia World War II Heritage Alliance and promoted by the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

Patron - O'Bannon

EHB506 Littering. Provides that a person charged with littering in an amount no more than 0.7 cubic feet may prepay a fine of \$50 in lieu of appearance in court.

Patron - Hodges

EHB756 Repair of nonconforming billboards. Revises and updates statutory requirements pertaining to the maintenance and repair of nonconforming billboards. *Patron - Rust*

Exempts certain soil and water conservation district signs. Exempts certain soil and water conservation district signs from regulation as outdoor advertising structures. Patron - Edmunds

EHB1163 Allocation of federal funds for establishment and maintenance of trails. Allows the Commonwealth Transportation Board to allocate eligible federal funds for use in the establishment and maintenance of trails. *Patron - Chafin*

CSB522 Disabled American Veterans Highway. Designates the entire length of Interstate Route 495 (Capital Beltway) in Virginia the "Disabled American Veterans Highway." Patron - Saslaw

CISB606 Withdrawal from secondary highway system. Allows lane-mile payments of \$12,529 for a county with a charter that borders four cities, which elects to withdraw from the secondary system after June 30, 2014. The bill also allows the Commissioner of Highways to enter into agreements with such counties that withdraw for traffic control. *Patron - Watkins*

CSB664 Agreements as to compensation. Requires that the Commissioner of Highways' decisions regarding agreements be reasonable and not arbitrary. *Patron - Petersen*

Housing

Failed

FIHB418 Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination; sexual orientation. Adds discrimination based on sexual orientation as an unlawful discriminatory housing practice. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. "Sexual orientation" does not include sexually deviant disorders (paraphilias) as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistic Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV). Patron - Simon

ble units. Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that at least 10 percent of all dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any newly constructed multifamily residential building shall be affordable, accessible units designed and constructed in a manner that satisfies the criteria for Type A units, in accordance with ANSI A117.1. Currently, at least two percent of dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any multifamily residential building must be Type A units. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission. Patron - Pogge

EHB687 Building Revitalization Grant Fund. Establishes the Building Revitalization Grant Fund administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development to award grants of up to \$100,000 to businesses that make a capi-

tal investment of \$1 million in revitalizing or retrofitting existing buildings to serve as a new place of business.

Patron - Torian

EHB826 Uniform Statewide Building Code; inspection and enforcement. Provides that if any locality elects to enforce Part III of the Building Code, it shall also enforce the unsafe structures provisions for tenant complaints and enforce the elevator, escalator, or related conveyance inspections. The bill also provides that where a county provides enforcement of Parts I and II of the Building Code in a town, and elects to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code, the county is also required to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code in any such town situated in the county that has also adopted Part III, upon entering into a nonmonetary agreement with the town for such enforcement, unless the town elects to inspect and enforce Part III. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Minchew

FHB883 Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination; sexual orientation. Adds discrimination based on sexual orientation as an unlawful discriminatory housing practice. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. "Sexual orientation" does not include sexually deviant disorders (paraphilias) as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistic Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV). Patron - Yost

FHB1094 Uniform Statewide Building Code; enforcement on Indian tribal lands. Provides that the Department of General Services shall not be required to function as the building official for enforcement of the Uniform Statewide Building Code on Indian tribal lands if the Indian tribe in possession of the property has retained one or more qualified firms or individuals to perform building official functions. Patron - Hodges

 ${f f LSB62}$ Residential Improved Accessibility and Universal Visitability Grant Program. Establishes a grant program for homeowners and contractors for the purchase or construction of new residences or renovations to existing residences designed to improve accessibility or to provide universal visitability. The grant program would be administered by the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Subject to funds being appropriated by the General Assembly, the Director would be authorized to award up to \$1 million in grants each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2016. The maximum grant allowed would be (i) \$5,000 for the purchase or construction of a new residence or (ii) 50 percent of the amount expended, but not to exceed \$5,000, for the retrofitting or renovation of an existing residence. The Director each fiscal year would allocate \$500,000 in grants for the purchase or construction of new residences and \$500,000 in grants for the retrofitting or renovation of existing residences. Patron - Puller

units. Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that at least 10 percent of all dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any newly constructed multifamily residential building shall be affordable, accessible units designed and constructed in a manner that satisfies the criteria for Type A units, in accordance with ANSI A117.1. Currently, at least two percent of dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any multifamily residential

building must be Type A units. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.

Patron - Puller

ESB106 Building Revitalization Grant Fund. Establishes the Building Revitalization Grant Fund administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development to award grants of up to \$100,000 to businesses that make a capital investment of \$1 million in revitalizing or retrofitting existing buildings in the Commonwealth to serve as a new place of business. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

Patron - Stanley

Carried Over

that on any Indian Reservation recognized by the Commonwealth whereupon a state-recognized Indian Tribe has contracted with one or more qualified firms or individuals to perform building official functions, under the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.) or equivalent Tribal Law, on the Reservation, neither the Commonwealth nor any locality therein is responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Patron - Peace

CSB313 Uniform Statewide Building Code; inspection and enforcement. Provides that if any locality elects to enforce Part III of the Building Code, it shall also enforce the unsafe structures provisions for tenant complaints and enforce the elevator, escalator, or related conveyance inspections. The bill also provides that where a county provides enforcement of Parts I and II of the Building Code in a town, and elects to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code, the county is also required to inspect and enforce Part III of the Building Code in any such town situated in the county that has also adopted Part III, upon entering into a nonmonetary agreement with the town for such enforcement, unless the town elects to inspect and enforce Part III. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Vogel

Insurance

Passed

PHB33 Pediatric oral health benefits; reasonable assurance of provision. Declares that a health carrier that makes available in the small group market or individual market outside an exchange a health benefit plan issued for policy or plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, that does not include the required minimum essential pediatric oral health benefits shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement that the plan provide such coverage if the health carrier has obtained reasonable assurance that such pediatric oral health benefits are provided to the purchaser of the plan. The health carrier shall be deemed to have obtained such reasonable assurance that such benefits are provided to the purchaser if (i) at least one qualified dental plan offers the required benefits and is available for purchase by the small group or individual purchaser; and (ii) the health carrier prominently discloses that the plan does not provide the required benefits. This bill is identical to SB 484.

Patron - Habeeb

 ${ ilde P}HB108$ Health insurance; carrier contracts with pharmacy providers. Requires any contract between a carrier and its intermediary, pursuant to which the intermediary has the right or obligation to conduct audits of participating pharmacy providers, and any provider contract between a carrier and a participating pharmacy provider or its contracting agent, pursuant to which the carrier has the right or obligation to conduct audits of participating pharmacy providers, that is entered into, amended, extended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2015, to contain provisions that prohibit the carrier or intermediary, in the absence of fraud, from recouping amounts calculated from or arising out of specified acts, claims, or methods. Recoupment is not allowed with regard to any claim authorized and dispensed more than 24 months prior to the date of the audit unless the claim is adjusted at the direction of the State Corporation Commission, except that this time period shall be tolled while the denial of the claim is being appealed. Such contracts are also required to contain provisions prohibiting the carrier or intermediary, in the absence of fraud by the provider, from terminating or failing to renew the contractual relationship with a participating pharmacy provider for invoking its rights under these required contractual provisions. Patron - Ware

HB109 Insurance holding companies. Revises the requirements applicable to insurance holding companies to conform to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act and Insurance Holding Company System Model Regulation. The measure expands insurance regulators' examination authority to ascertain the financial condition of the insurer. The bill (i) requires the ultimate controlling person of an insurance holding company system to submit a confidential Enterprise Risk filing; (ii) requires the parent company seeking to divest its interest in an insurance company subsidiary to provide notice to the domestic regulator prior to the divestiture; (iii) requires the insurer's board of directors to make statements regarding the corporate governance and internal control responsibilities within the registration statement; (iv) subjects the cost-sharing services and management agreements among affiliated entities to minimum reporting requirements; and (v) adds confidentiality protections for information shared. The State Corporation Commission will be authorized to participate in supervisory colleges, which will be used by regulators to coordinate supervision of an insurance holding company system that has national and international operations. The measure also makes dental and optometric services plans subject to the insurance holding company provisions, and dental plan organizations subject to requirements regarding risk-based capital. The holding companies requirements in effect on June 30, 2014, will continue to apply to any insurance holding company transaction commenced prior to January 1, 2015, unless otherwise provided.

Patron - Ware

PHB308 Health insurance; prescription drugs; formularies. Requires any health insurer, corporation providing individual or group accident and sickness subscription contracts, or health maintenance organization that applies a formulary to prescription drug benefits provided under its policy, contract, or plan to provide to each affected group health benefit plan policyholder or contract holder or each affected individual health benefit plan policyholder or contract holder not less than 30 days' prior written notice of a modification to a formulary that results in the movement of a prescription drug to a tier with higher cost-sharing requirements. This requirement does not apply to modifications that occur at the time of coverage renewal. This bill is identical to SB 201.

Patron - Dance

malpractice joint underwriting associations. Updates the insurance company trade associations that are authorized to appoint directors to the Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association and the Commercial Liability Joint Underwriting Association if there is a need for either of the associations to be activated. References to (i) Alliance of American Insurers are changed to Property Casualty Insurers Association of America and (ii) National Association of Independent Insurers are changed to National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB466 Insurance companies; permitted investments in foreign securities. Increases the portion of a domestic insurer's total admitted assets that may be invested in permitted securities of a foreign country from 10 to 15 percent. The measure also increases the aggregate amount of securities of a single foreign country in which a domestic insurer may invest from 3 percent to 5 percent of the insurer's admitted assets if the foreign jurisdiction has a sovereign debt rating of SVO 1. If the foreign jurisdiction's sovereign debt rating is not SVO 1, the maximum amount of its securities in which the insurer may invest remains 3 percent. Finally, the measure allows investments in securities of foreign jurisdictions to be payable in currencies of foreign countries if the investment is effectively hedged, substantially in its entirety, against U.S. currency. This bill is identical to SB 406.

Patron - Massie

 ${ extstyle ex$ reserve basis; use of valuation manual. Requires insurance companies to use (i) a principle-based reserve basis for life, annuity, and accident and health insurance contracts and (ii) a Valuation Manual adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). The measure implements the NAIC's revised Standard Valuation Law model (SVL). The revised model authorizes a principle-based reserve (PBR) basis for life, annuity, and accident and health contracts. A PBR valuation is a reserve valuation that uses one or more methods or one or more assumptions determined by the insurer pursuant to requirements contained in the SVL and the Valuation Manual. The NAIC's Valuation Manual contains both PBR and non-PBR requirements and requirements regarding actuarial opinions and corporate governance. The Valuation Manual will become effective on January 1 of the first calendar year following the first July 1 as of which certain requirements have been met, including a condition that at least 42 states or other U.S. jurisdictions have enacted the revised SVL or substantially similar terms and provisions. The measure has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2015.

Patron - Kilgore

PHB634 Annuity contracts; interest on proceeds. Clarifies that an insurance company is required to pay interest on a death benefit claim under a variable annuity contract commencing from the date of the insurer's receipt of a completed claim form. This bill is identical to SB 86.

Patron - Kilgore

PHB755 Licensed public adjusters. Requires an applicant for a nonresident public adjuster license to maintain a bond in the amount of \$50,000, conditioned on conducting his business in accordance with Virginia law. The measure also provides that a nonresident public adjuster license shall not be renewed unless the applicant meets the requirements for initial licensure.

Patron - Rust

PHB765 Health care policy, group health benefit plan, and health plan; definitions. Updates references to federal programs in the definitions of "health care policy," "group health benefit plan," and "health plan." This bill is identical to SB 360.

Patron - Ware

PHB1005 Health insurance policies; coverage; conversion policies. Repeals provisions relating to the conversion of coverage under a group policy to an individual policy. The measure also provides that certain mandated offers do not apply to health care plans, contracts, or policies issued in the individual or small group market or to a qualified health plan offered in the Commonwealth by a health carrier through a health benefit exchange. The bill deletes references to individual conversion policies and includes technical and conforming changes.

Patron - Byron

□HB1043 Health benefit exchanges; regulation of **navigators.** Requires navigators, on and after September 1. 2014, to be registered with the State Corporation Commission, in addition to being certified by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The measure prohibits navigators from receiving compensation for services when prohibited by federal law. The Commission shall register a navigator if his character and general fitness warrant belief that he will act fairly, in the public interest, and in accordance with law. Navigators are required to submit an application to the Commission in a form the Commission prescribes, pay an application fee, and provide a criminal record history. The Commission is authorized to examine and investigate those involved in navigator activities and requires them to report to the Commission (i) any action taken by HHS, (ii) any felony conviction, and (iii) any administrative action taken in another jurisdiction or by another governmental agency in the Commonwealth. The Commission may determine whether the federal standards and qualifications for navigators are sufficient to ensure that navigators can perform their required duties. If the Commission finds that they are not, it is required to make a good faith effort to work in cooperation with the U.S. Secretary of HHS to propose improvements. If the Commission determines the standards and qualifications remain insufficient, the Commission is directed to adopt the necessary regulations to ensure that navigators can perform their required duties. This bill is identical to SB 542.

Patron - Byron

PHR 116

 ${f extstyle HB1166}$ Blanket group accident and sickness **insurance policies.** Authorizes the delivery of blanket accident and sickness insurance policies. A blanket policy is a form of limited accident and sickness insurance that is defined as an excepted benefit and that provides coverage for specified circumstances and specific classes of persons defined in a policy issued to a master policyholder. Blanket insurance need not specifically name the persons covered, though a statement of the coverage provided may be given, or required by the policy to be given, to eligible persons. An individual application need not be required from a covered person and the insurer is not required to furnish a certificate to each covered person. A blanket accident and sickness insurance policy is required to conform to one of 12 specific categories or to any other risk or class of risks that, in the discretion of the State Corporation Commission, may be subject to the issuance of such a policy. Any benefits payable under the blanket policy are required to be paid directly to the covered person.

Patron - Ingram

PHB1176 Health insurance; notice of increase in premium or deductible. Requires health insurers, including

health maintenance organizations and corporations providing accident and sickness subscription contracts, to provide written notice of intent to increase the annual premium or deductible in conjunction with the proposed renewal of coverage under any individual health insurance policy, contract, or plan. Such notices are required to be given not less than 75 days prior to the proposed renewal of coverage; however, the bill provides that the deadlines for the provision of notices may be adjusted by the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance to account for delays in product or rate approval that result from filing requirements established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The requirement begins with policy, contract, or plan year renewals beginning on or after January 1, 2015. Currently, notices of premium increases are required to be given when a premium increase exceeds 35 percent, and the notices are required to be given at least 60 days prior to the proposed renewal.

Patron - Ware

Designates the Department of Taxation as the agency to handle refunds of surplus funds from members of the Virginia Life, Accident and Sickness Insurance Guaranty Association with respect to an insurer's insolvency. Currently, the State Corporation Commission has such duties.

Patron - Alexander

PSB86 Annuity contracts; interest on proceeds. Clarifies that an insurance company is required to pay interest on a death benefit claim under a variable annuity contract commencing from the date of the insurer's receipt of a completed claim form. This bill is identical to HB 634.

Patron - Watkins

PSB88 Insurers; Own Risk and Solvency Assessments. Requires insurance companies to maintain a risk management framework to assist with identifying, assessing, monitoring, managing, and reporting on material and relevant risks. As part of this requirement, each nonexempt insurer, or the insurance group of which it is a member, is required regularly to conduct an Own Risk and Solvency Assessment (ORSA). An ORSA is a confidential internal assessment, conducted by an insurer, of the material and relevant risks associated with the insurer's current business plan and the sufficiency of capital resources to support those risks. The measure is based on the ORSA Model Act developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The ORSA requirements will also apply to mutual insurance holding companies, subsidiaries of insurance companies, producer-controlled property and casualty insurers, and

health maintenance organizations. The measure has a delayed

effective date of January 1, 2015. *Patron - Watkins*

PSB201 Health insurance; prescription drugs; formularies. Requires any health insurer, corporation providing individual or group accident and sickness subscription contracts, or health maintenance organization that applies a formulary to prescription drug benefits provided under its policy, contract, or plan to provide to each affected group health benefit plan policyholder or contract holder or each affected individual health benefit plan policyholder or contract holder not less than 30 days' prior written notice of a modification to a formulary that results in the movement of a prescription drug to a tier with higher cost-sharing requirements. This requirement does not apply to modifications that occur at the time of coverage renewal. This bill is identical to HB 308.

Patron - Puller

ESB360 Health care policy, group health benefit plan, and health plan; definitions. Updates references to federal

programs in the definitions of "health care policy," "group health benefit plan," and "health plan." This bill is identical to HB 765.

Patron - McWaters

PSB406 Insurance companies; permitted investments in foreign securities. Increases the portion of a domestic insurer's total admitted assets that may be invested in permitted securities of a foreign country from 10 to 15 percent. The measure also increases the aggregate amount of securities of a single foreign country in which a domestic insurer may invest from 3 percent to 5 percent of the insurer's admitted assets if the foreign jurisdiction has a sovereign debt rating of SVO 1. If the foreign jurisdiction's sovereign debt rating is not SVO 1, the maximum amount of its securities in which the insurer may invest remains 3 percent. Finally, the measure allows investments in securities of foreign jurisdictions to be payable in currencies of foreign countries if the investment is effectively hedged, substantially in its entirety, against U.S. currency. This bill is identical to HB 466.

Patron - Newman

PSB484 Pediatric oral health benefits; reasonable assurance of provision. Declares that a health carrier that makes available in the small group market or individual market outside an exchange a health benefit plan issued for policy or plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, that does not include the required minimum essential pediatric oral health benefits shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement that the plan provide such coverage if the health carrier has obtained reasonable assurance that such pediatric oral health benefits are provided to the purchaser of the plan. The health carrier shall be deemed to have obtained such reasonable assurance that such benefits are provided to the purchaser if (i) at least one qualified dental plan offers the required benefits and is available for purchase by the small group or individual purchaser; and (ii) the health carrier prominently discloses that the plan does not provide the required benefits. This bill is identical to HB 33.

Patron - Stuart

ESB542 Health benefit exchanges; regulation of navigators. Requires navigators, on and after September 1, 2014, to be registered with the State Corporation Commission, in addition to being certified by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The measure prohibits navigators from receiving compensation for services when prohibited by federal law. The Commission shall register a navigator if his character and general fitness warrant belief that he will act fairly, in the public interest, and in accordance with law. Navigators are required to submit an application to the Commission in a form the Commission prescribes, pay an application fee, and provide a criminal record history. The Commission is authorized to examine and investigate those involved in navigator activities and requires them to report to the Commission (i) any action taken by HHS, (ii) any felony conviction, and (iii) any administrative action taken in another jurisdiction or by another governmental agency in the Commonwealth. The Commission may determine whether the federal standards and qualifications for navigators are sufficient to ensure that navigators can perform their required duties. If the Commission finds that they are not, it is required to make a good faith effort to work in cooperation with the U.S. Secretary of HHS to propose improvements. If the Commission determines the standards and qualifications remain insufficient, the Commission is directed to adopt the necessary regulations to ensure that navigators can perform their required duties. This bill is identical to HB 1043.

Patron - Martin

Failed

Provides that each insurer issuing individual or group accident and sickness insurance policies, corporation providing individual or group accident or sickness subscription contracts, or health maintenance organization providing a health care plan for health care services that offers a policy, contract, or plan that includes coverage for contraception methods, sterilization procedures, or abortifacient drugs or devices shall be required to offer a policy, contract, or plan identical in all respects except that no such coverage is included. The bill also provides that any employer who provides for health and medical care or reimbursement of medical expenses for his employees as a self-insurer is not required to include coverage for contraception methods, sterilization procedures, or abortifacient drugs or devices.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

□ HB19 Health insurance; contraception coverage.

Provides that no individual or group accident and sickness insurance policy, individual or group accident or sickness subscription contract, or health care plan for health care services shall provide coverage for contraception methods, sterilization procedures, abortifacient drugs or devices unless the subscriber or enrollee in the policy, contract, or plan requests such coverage. The bill also provides that any employer who provides for health and medical care or reimbursement of medical expenses for his employees as a self-insurer is not required to include coverage for contraception methods, sterilization procedures, or abortifacient drugs or devices.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

□HB20 Health insurance; contraception coverage.

Provides that no health insurance plan, regardless of whether such plan consists of self-insurance, purchased insurance, a combination of purchased and self-insurance, or the use of a health maintenance organization, offered by the Commonwealth or any locality to its employees or by any agency, department, division, or institution of the Commonwealth or any locality authorized by law to offer such a plan to its employees is required to include coverage for contraception methods, sterilization procedures, or abortifacient drugs or devices.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

 ${ ilde { ilde {f HB136}}}$ Navigators and other exchange assistors; licensing; regulation; penalties. Requires any navigator, any navigator's subgrantee or partner organization, certain of their employees or volunteers, and any certified application counselor to be licensed by the State Corporation Commission if the person provides advice, guidance, or other assistance with regard to health benefit plans under the provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Conditions for licensure of these exchange assistors include completing a training program, passing an examination, and submitting a criminal history. Grounds for the Commission to refuse to issue or renew a license, or to revoke or suspend a license, include being convicted of a felony involving fraud, misuse of funds, or misuse of information, being required to register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry, and knowingly providing inaccurate information to uninsured persons regarding premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions. The bill makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to provide information that the person obtained while acting as an exchange assistor to any political party or political organization for purposes related to voter registration, to disclose a social security number or any other personal information of any individual that was obtained

while acting as an exchange assistor, or to encourage or direct an individual to knowingly make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations to an exchange or government agency in connection with an application for health insurance coverage, enrollment in a health benefit program, or a subsidy provided under the federal act.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

inconvenience. Requires motor vehicle liability insurance policies to include coverage, with limits of not less than \$10,000, against liability for inconvenience incurred by a third party as a result of negligence in the insured's operation or use of the motor vehicle. The provision of the policy will cover reasonable pecuniary expenses incurred by a third party in the course of dealing with disruptions in the normal routine of the third party's life activities as a result of a collision caused by the insured person's negligence. The coverage applies only when the collision renders the third party's motor vehicle inoperable.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

FHB236 Health benefit plans; renewal and offer of nonconforming plans. Authorizes any health carrier to offer to renew, or to offer, any health benefit plan that would otherwise be required to be canceled, discontinued, or terminated, or would otherwise not be allowed, because it does not meet the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The authorizations apply to the extent and under the terms that federal authorities have suspended enforcement of provisions of the federal Act. The measure has an emergency clause.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

HB292 Virginia Health Benefit Exchange. Creates the Virginia Health Benefit Exchange, which will be established and operated by a new division within the State Corporation Commission (SCC). The Exchange shall facilitate the purchase and sale of qualified health plans and qualified dental plans to qualified individuals and qualified employers. The Exchange shall make qualified plans available to qualified individuals and qualified employers by January 1, 2016, unless the SCC postpones this date. The bill authorizes the SCC to review and approve accident and sickness insurance premium rates applicable to health benefit plans in the individual and small group markets and health benefit plans providing health insurance coverage in the individual market through certain non-employer group plans. The Exchange will be funded by assessments on health insurers offering plans in the Exchange. A health plan will not be required to cover any state-mandated health benefit if federal law does not require it to be covered as part of the essential benefits package. The essential health benefits are items and services included in the benchmark health insurance plan, which is the largest plan in the largest product in the Commonwealth's small group market as supplemented in order to provide coverage for the items and services within the statutory essential health benefits categories. The SCC may contract with other eligible entities and enter into memoranda of understanding with other agencies of the Commonwealth to carry out any of the functions of the Exchange, including agreements with other states or federal agencies to perform joint administrative functions. Such contracts are not subject to the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.). Patron - Sickles

EHB304 Prescription drugs; specialty tier coverage. Imposes dollar limits on the practice of prescription drug costsharing known as specialty tiers. Enrollees' coinsurance or copayment fees for specialty tier drugs will be limited to \$150 per month for up to a 30-day supply of any single specialty tier

drug. Patients will also be able to request an exception to obtain a specialty drug that would not otherwise be available on a health benefit plan formulary.

Patron - O'Bannon

□HB441 Motor vehicle insurance; salvage vehicles. Requires a new insurance policy insuring a motor vehicle known to the insurer to be a salvage vehicle to contain, if the policy provides collision or comprehensive coverage, a notice that (i) the motor vehicle is a salvage vehicle and (ii) in the event of an accident in which the motor vehicle is declared a total loss, the insured will be paid less money than he would if a salvage certificate had not been issued for the vehicle because the actual cash value of a salvage vehicle is generally less than it is for motor vehicles that are not salvage vehicles. The measure also requires any schedule of rates, rate classifications, or rating plans for motor vehicle insurance providing collision or comprehensive coverage that is filed with the State Corporation Commission to provide for an appropriate reduction in premium charges for those motor vehicles for which a salvage certificate has been issued. The reduction in premium shall reflect that the actual cash value of a motor vehicle of a specific make, model, age, mileage, and condition for which a salvage certificate has been issued is less than that of a motor vehicle of the same make, model, age, mileage, and condition that is not a salvage vehicle. The requirement for a premium reduction applies to policies for which the rates are based on the actual cash value of the insured motor vehicle.

Patron - Fariss

□HB719 Long-term care insurance; notice of lapse and reinstatement. Requires an insurer issuing a policy of long-term care insurance to give the policyholder or certificateholder, and a person designated by the policyholder or certificateholder, notice of lapse or termination of the policy or certificate for nonpayment of premium. The notice is required to be sent by certified mail or commercial delivery. The policy shall not lapse until at least 60 days have passed since the notice is sent. The policy or certificate shall include a provision that allows the coverage to be reinstated after lapsing if the insurer is provided proof that the policyholder or certificateholder was cognitively impaired or had a loss of functional capacity before the expiration of the grace period. Currently, a State Corporation Commission regulation requires that a 30day notice of termination for nonpayment of premium be sent by first-class mail.

Patron - McClellan

contracts. Prohibits a person from purchasing an annuity contract under which benefits are payable to another individual unless those benefits are payable to the annuitant, the annuitant's personal representative, or a person having an insurable interest in the annuitant at the time the annuity contract was made. This prohibition applies only to annuity contracts that include a guaranteed return of premiums or other benefit that is payable upon the death of the annuitant. The measure addresses annuity contracts that use as the measuring life an individual annuitant in whom the person purchasing the annuity has no insurable interest. The definition of an insurable interest tracks the existing definition that applies to life insurance contracts.

Patron - Rush

FHB1139 Motor vehicle insurance; premiums based on credit information. Prohibits insurers from setting rates for motor vehicle insurance on the basis of a person's credit history or credit score. The measure will become effective January 1, 2015.

Patron - Lingamfelter

FHB1147 Health insurance; offering plans. States that, notwithstanding any other provision of Virginia law, insurance companies shall be allowed to continue offering health insurance plant in all product markets that were in effect at any time during 2012 and 2013.

Patron - Farrell

FHB1185 Health insurance; coverage for mental **health services.** Prohibits an insurer that provides coverage for inpatient and partial hospitalization mental health and substance abuse services for a family member of the insured or subscriber from denying coverage based primarily on a subjective evaluation of the imminence of the individual's suicide risk or risk of danger to others made by an employee or contractor of the insurer or corporation. An insurer's determination of whether inpatient treatment is medically necessary is required to give due consideration to the treatment recommendation of the health care provider treating the individual. In addition, the measure provides that if an insurer validly denies coverage for inpatient and partial hospitalization because a less intensive treatment option represents the medically necessary level of care, and the covered individual nevertheless receives the more intensive treatment, the insurer shall provide coverage for the more intensive treatment on the basis of the reimbursement and payment rates that would have applied had the less intensive treatment been provided.

Patron - Spruill

EHB1186 Essential health benefits; abortion coverage. Removes the prohibition on the provision of coverage for abortions in any qualified health insurance plan that is sold or offered for sale through a health benefits exchange established or operating in Virginia.

Patron - McClellan

FJSB45 Virginia Health Benefit Exchange. Creates the Virginia Health Benefit Exchange, which will be established and operated by a new division within the State Corporation Commission (SCC). The Exchange shall facilitate the purchase and sale of qualified health plans and qualified dental plans to qualified individuals and qualified employers, making qualified plans available to qualified individuals and qualified employers. The SCC may delay the effective date as it deems necessary to permit the completion of the establishment of the Exchange. The bill authorizes the SCC to review and approve accident and sickness insurance premium rates applicable to health benefit plans in the individual and small group markets and health benefit plans providing health insurance coverage in the individual market through certain non-employer group plans. The Exchange will be funded by assessments on health insurers offering plans in the Exchange. A health plan will not be required to cover any state-mandated health benefit if federal law does not require it to be covered as part of the essential benefits package. The essential health benefits are items and services included in the benchmark health insurance plan, which is the largest plan in the largest product in the Commonwealth's small group market as supplemented in order to provide coverage for the items and services within the statutory essential health benefits categories. The SCC may contract with other eligible entities and enter into memoranda of understanding with other agencies of the Commonwealth to carry out any of the functions of the Exchange, including agreements with other states or federal agencies to perform joint administrative functions. Such contracts are not subject to the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.). Patron - Watkins

FSB401 Insurable interest requirement; annuity contracts. Prohibits a person from purchasing an annuity contract under which benefits are payable to another individual unless

those benefits are payable to the annuitant, the annuitant's personal representative, or a person having an insurable interest in the annuitant at the time the annuity contract was made. This prohibition applies only to annuity contracts that include a guaranteed return of premiums or other benefit that is payable upon the death of the annuitant. The measure addresses annuity contracts that use as the measuring life an individual annuitant in whom the person purchasing the annuity has no insurable interest. The definition of an insurable interest tracks the existing definition that applies to life insurance contracts. *Patron - Reeves*

FSB477 Noncompliant health benefit plans. Authorizes a health carrier to continue offering, issuing, issuing for delivery, delivering, selling, or renewing any health benefit plan that provides the same coverage, limits, conditions, restrictions, and benefits as a health benefit plan that the State Corporation Commission had approved prior to July 1, 2013. The measure also directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (HHR) to obtain from the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services a waiver from the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in order to have all federal funds allocated for navigators in the Commonwealth be paid into the general fund and to allow the Secretary of HHR to establish criteria for, select, and award grants to navigators for the Commonwealth.

Patron - Newman

ESB618 Essential health benefits; abortion coverage. Removes the prohibition on the provision of coverage for abortions in any qualified health insurance plan that is sold or offered for sale through a health benefits exchange established or operating in Virginia.

Patron - Locke

ESB630 Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Act; regulations. Authorizes the board of directors of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose and provisions of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Act. *Patron - Miller*

ESB646 Essential health benefits; abortion coverage. Removes the prohibition on the provision of coverage for abortions in any qualified health insurance plan that is sold or offered for sale through a health benefits exchange established or operating in Virginia.

Patron - McEachin

Carried Over

CIHB338 Health benefit exchange; plan management functions. Prohibits the State Corporation Commission from contracting or entering into a memorandum of understanding to carry out its plan management functions with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or any other federal agency. The measure provides that the Commission's duty to certify plans for participation in the health benefit exchange is subject to the provision of federal funding sufficient to pay the operating expenses necessary to carry out the plan management functions. The measure also limits the Health Department's duty to provide services to the Commission in the performance of its plan management functions.

Patron - Berg

EHB368 Eye care coverage; carrier practices. Establishes requirements upon carriers, including indemnity insur-

ers, health maintenance organizations, issuers of accident and sickness subscription contracts, and corporations operating optometric or vision care services plans, regarding the operation of health benefit plans that provide coverage for vision care services, optometric services, or health care services and materials related to the care of the eye and related structures. The measure prohibits a carrier providing a health benefit plan that includes coverage for eye care from (i) setting professional fees or reimbursement for the same eye care services in a discriminatory manner; (ii) precluding a covered person who seeks eye care from obtaining such service directly from a licensed provider on the health benefit plan provider panel; (iii) promoting or recommending any class of eye care providers to the detriment of any other class of eye care providers for the same eye care service; or (iv) requiring an eye care provider to hold hospital privileges or impose any other condition or restriction for initial admittance to a provider panel not necessary for the delivery of eye care upon such providers which would have the effect of excluding an individual eye care provider or class of eye care providers from participation on the health benefit plan provider panel. The measure also requires such a carrier to (a) ensure that all eye care providers on a health benefit plan provider panel are included on any publicly accessible list of participating eye care providers for the health benefit plan; (b) allow each eye care provider on a health benefit plan provider panel, without discrimination between classes of eye care providers, to furnish covered eye care services to covered persons to the extent permitted by such provider's licensure; and (c) include opticians, optometrists, and ophthalmologists on the health benefit plan provider panel in a manner that ensures covered persons timely access and geographic access to eye care. Violators are subject to injunctive relief and damages of not more than \$100 and reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

Patron - Head

LHB629 Underinsured motorist insurance coverage. Revises the process by which an injured person or, in the case of death, the decedent's personal representative may settle a claim with a liability insurer and its insured for the limits of the liability insurer's coverage. Upon payment of the limits of the policy, (i) the liability insurer will have no further duty to defend its insured in a suit brought against the insured and (ii) the insurer providing underinsured motorist coverage shall have no right of subrogation against the underinsured motorist. If the settlement does not fully satisfy the claim for personal injuries or wrongful death, the injured person or personal representative may pursue a claim against an insurer providing underinsured motorist coverage applicable to the claim. In an action to recover underinsured motorist benefits, the underinsured motorist insurer may be substituted, at the election of the injured person or personal representative, as the party defendant in place of the tortfeasor. In such an action, judgment shall only be entered against an underinsured motorist insurer, and a verdict in excess of the total of all available underinsured motorist coverage shall be reduced by the court to the amount of the limits of underinsured motorist coverage. The measure also addresses court approval of settlements between a liability insurer and a person under a disability or a personal representative.

Patron - Kilgore

Injury Compensation Act; regulations. Authorizes the board of directors of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose and provisions of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Act. Patron - O'Bannon

cost-sharing requirement for HIV prevention medication. Prohibits certain insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health maintenance organization contracts from imposing on an insured, subscriber, or enrollee who is the victim of sexual assault any cost-sharing requirement, including a co-payment, coinsurance, deductible, or other dollar limit provision, with respect to any medication prescribed to prevent HIV. If the

insured, subscriber, or enrollee does not report the sexual assault to the police, the prohibition shall not apply unless an examination conducted under a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program or equivalent program results in a determination that there is a high probability that the sexual assault has resulted in the transmission of HIV. The prohibition applies to those contracts, policies, or plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth on and after July 1, 2014, that include coverage for the prescribed medication.

Patron - Favola

Juvenile Justice

Failed

ESB272 Department of Juvenile Justice; use of isolation and restraint. Prohibits the Department of Juvenile Justice and any mental health facility to which a child in its custody has been transferred from isolating or physically restraining a child unless it is necessary to protect the child's health or the health of other children.

Patron - Favola

Carried Over

development programs savings grants. Establishes the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development Program Savings Fund to provide grants in an amount equal to 50 percent of the total amount of savings to the Commonwealth resulting from operation of a juvenile delinquency prevention or youth development program by a local governing body or private nonprofit or for-profit organization to such local governing body or private organization.

Patron - Locke

Labor and Employment

Passed

PHB 1008 Voluntary apprenticeships. Conforms provisions of Virginia's voluntary apprenticeship program to federal law in order to ensure the Department of Labor and Industry's continued recognition as a State Apprenticeship Agency. Changes include transferring to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry powers that currently may be exercised by the Apprenticeship Council, amending references to the Apprenticeship Council to refer to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and removing the exemption for apprentices currently in the Virginia Minimum Wage Act.

Patron - Byron

PSB516 Employment preference for veterans and spouses of certain veterans. Provides that private employers may grant preference in hiring and promotion to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran with a service-connected permanent and total disability. The measure applies only to veterans who are honorably discharged. The measure provides that granting such preference does not violate any local or state equal employment opportunity law.

Patron - Wagner

Failed

FHB32 Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.50 per hour effective July 1, 2014, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. The act will expire at such time as the federal minimum wage equals or exceeds \$8.50 per hour.

Patron - Morrissey

FHB93 Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, charges, or convictions; penalty. Prohibits state agencies and private employers from including on any employment application a question inquiring whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been convicted of any crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if the prospective employee has a conviction record that bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been arrested or charged with a crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if (i) the prospective employee's criminal arrest or charge resulted in the prospective employee's conviction of a crime and (ii) the crime of which he was convicted bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. A private employer who violates the provisions of this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100 for each violation. Patron - Krupicka

EHB536 Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.25 per hour effective July 1, 2014, and to \$9.25 per hour effective July 1, 2015, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. *Patron - Plum*

HB794 Nonsolicitation agreements. Establishes five requirements for a valid and enforceable nonsolicitation agreement between an employer and an employee, including a requirement that the restrictions imposed by the agreement are protective of the employer's legitimate business interest. The requirements do not apply to nonsolicitation agreements between an employer and an employee who owned greater than five percent of the ownership interests of the employing business entity. Absent an agreement to the contrary, the solicitation activities that are restrained, prohibited, or otherwise restricted by a nonsolicitation agreement shall not be increased or expanded as a result of the employer being acquired by merging with another business entity. The measure requires courts in actions seeking enforcement of, or challenging the enforceability of, a nonsolicitation agreement to award attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party. The measure does

not apply in proceedings to determine the enforceability of agreements entered into prior to July 1, 2014.

Patron - LeMunyon

FHB830 Employment discrimination on basis of military status. Prohibits a public or private employer from denying initial employment based on an individual's military status. The prohibition does not affect the right of an employer to inquire regarding an individual's military status for the purpose of awarding a preference to veterans as permitted by law. Any private employer that violates the prohibition, which is incorporated into the Virginia Human Rights Act, is subject to a civil penalty of \$100 for each violation.

Patron - Keam

HB833 Safe days for employees. Requires private employers to allow an employee safe days, with pay, if the employee or a family member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking or is a family member of a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Employers are required to provide employees with 32 hours per year of safe day time if the employee has less than 120 months of employment with the employer, and 40 hours per year of safe day time if the employee has 120 or more months of employment with the employer. Safe leave is leave from work that is used to allow the employee to obtain for the employee or the employee's family member, as applicable, (i) medical attention needed to recover from physical or psychological injury or disability caused by domestic violence or sexual assault; (ii) psychological or other counseling; (iii) relocation due to the domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or (iv) legal services. Employers are prohibited from discharging or discriminating against an employee because the employee exercises the right to safe days.

Patron - Keam

cards. Eliminates the ability of an employer to pay wages and salaries to an employee hired after January 1, 2010, by credit to a prepaid debit card or card account without the employee's consent if the employee does not designate an account at a financial institution to which payment may be sent by automated fund transfer. This measure allows payments of wages to be made by credit to a prepaid debit card or card account if the employee affirmatively consents and the employer discloses any applicable fees.

Patron - Keam

ESB250 Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, charges, or convictions. Prohibits state agencies from including on any employment application a question inquiring whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been convicted of any crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if the prospective employee has a conviction record that bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been arrested or charged with a crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if (i) the prospective employee's criminal arrest or charge resulted in the prospective employee's conviction of a crime and (ii) the crime of which he was convicted bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. The prohibition does not apply to applications for employment with law-enforcement agencies, fire departments,

and emergency medical services agencies. Localities are authorized to prohibit such inquiries.

Patron - McEachin

FSB590 Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.25 per hour effective July 1, 2014, and to \$9.25 per hour effective July 1, 2015, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. The bill will not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of the bill is included in the 2014 appropriation act. Patron - Marsden

Mechanics' and Certain Other Liens

Passed

PHB768 Enforcement of liens; mechanics liens; property value. Increases from \$7,500 to \$10,000 the maximum value of property that may be sold for cash at auction to satisfy a lien of an innkeeper, etc., keeper of a livery stable, marina, etc., mechanic, garage keeper, or bailee without petitioning for a court order for the sale of such property.

Patron - Hugo

Failed

FHB297 Mechanics' liens; unlicensed contractors; good faith performance. Provides that an unlicensed contractor who performs labor for another is entitled to a mechanics' lien if the labor was performed in good faith and without actual knowledge of any licensure requirements for the performance of such labor. Currently, a person who performs labor without a valid license or certificate issued by the Board for Contractors or the proper class of license is not entitled to a mechanics' lien.

Patron - Loupassi

Military and Emergency Laws

Passed

PHB310 First informer broadcaster. Provides that state and local governmental agencies shall grant first informer broadcasters access to their broadcasting station or television system within an area declared a state of emergency area by the Governor for the purpose of provision of news, public service and public safety information, and repairing or resupplying their facility or equipment. A first informer is defined as the critical personnel of a radio or television broadcast station engaged in (i) the process of broadcasting; (ii) the maintenance or repair of broadcast station equipment, transmitters, and generators; or (iii) the transportation of fuel for generators of broadcast stations.

Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB559 Virginia Defense Force. Authorizes a locality to appropriate such sums of money and real and personal property as it may deem proper to the Virginia Defense Force, when

that organization is maintained within the limits of the locality. This bill is identical to SB 546.

Patron - Anderson

PHB971 Sharing of information of a member of the Virginia National Guard with the Virginia Employment Commission. Requires the Adjutant General of the Virginia National Guard to establish a program under which the Department of Military Affairs shall, upon request of a member of the Virginia National Guard, provide information on the member to the Virginia Employment Commission. This bill is identical to SB 399.

Patron - Anderson

PSB399 Sharing of information of a member of the Virginia National Guard with the Virginia Employment Commission. Requires the Adjutant General of the Virginia National Guard to establish a program under which the Department of Military Affairs shall, upon request of a member of the Virginia National Guard, provide information on the member to the Virginia Employment Commission. This bill is identical to HB 971.

Patron - Reeves

PSB546 Virginia Defense Force. Authorizes a locality to appropriate such sums of money and real and personal property as it may deem proper to the Virginia Defense Force, when that organization is maintained within the limits of the locality. This bill is identical to HB 559.

Patron - Ruff

PSB555 Chaplains of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force; sermons. Prohibits censorship by state government officials or agencies of the religious content of sermons made by chaplains of the Virginia National Guard while in Title 32 or State Active Duty status or of the Virginia Defense Force, so long as such content does not urge disobedience of lawful orders.

Patron - Black

Failed

ESB380 State Department of Emergency Management; state agency components to the State Emergency Operations Plan. Requires each state agency designated by the State Department of Emergency Management to submit the agency's supporting component of the State Emergency Operations Plan annually.

Patron - Reeves

Carried Over

Creates the Virginia Disaster Relief Fund, to be administered by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. The bill provides that moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of helping Virginia households recover from a natural or man-made disaster and that the Fund shall aid voluntary nonprofit and faith-based organizations, local recovery groups, and local governments to satisfy a disaster household's unmet needs.

Patron - Futrell

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Patron - Puckett

Mines and Mining

Passed

PHB710 Reclamation of coal-mined areas. Amends the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1979 by removing the ability of certain applicants to provide a bond without separate surety. The bill also raises the target balance of the Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund (the Fund) from \$1.75 million to \$20 million, alters the method of deducting certain expenditures from the Fund, and makes technical amendments. The provisions of the bill affecting § 45.1-270.4 have an expiration date of July 1, 2017. This bill is identical to SB 560.

Patron - O'Quinn

PHB1014 Coal mine safety; reciprocal agreements with other states. Empowers the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy to enter into reciprocal agreements with responsible officers of other states and assigns to the Chief of the Division of Mines the duty of supervising the execution and enforcement of such reciprocal agreements where they implicate any part of the Coal Mine Safety Act.

Patron - Chafin

PHB1025 Biofuels Production Incentive Grant Program. Changes the amount of the grant for biofuels produced in the Commonwealth from \$0.10 for each gallon produced and subsequently sold to (i) \$0.04 for each gallon sold in calendar year 2014, (ii) \$0.03 for each gallon sold in calendar year 2015, and (iii) \$0.025 for each gallon sold in calendar year 2016 and during the period January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017. Each producer applying for a grant for 2015 production of biofuels is required to make a good faith effort to produce such biofuels using feedstock that is not derived from corn or the corn kernel, stalk, or any other part of the plant. No grant will be awarded for biofuels produced in 2016 or thereafter using feedstock derived from corn or the corn kernel, stalk, or any other part of the plant. The bill provides for maximum of \$1.5 million in grants to be awarded in each of fiscal years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017. The bill changes current law that provides for no grant to be awarded for sales of biofuels made subsequent to December 31, 2016. Patron - Ingram

PSB560 Reclamation of coal-mined areas. Amends the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1979 by removing the ability of certain applicants to provide a bond without separate surety. The bill also raises the target balance of the Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund (the Fund) from \$1.75 million to \$20 million, alters the method of deducting certain expenditures from the Fund, and makes technical amendments. The provisions of the bill affecting § 45.1-270.4 have an expiration date of July 1, 2017. This bill is identical to HB 710.

Patron - Puckett

Failed

FHB140 Multistate Coal Compact. Establishes a multistate coal compact that allows member states that mine, process, market, or sell coal or coal-related products to facilitate best industry practices and to more effectively coordinate the mining, processing, marketing, and sales of coal and coalrelated products.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

 ${}^{ extsf{ iny HB915}}$ Hydraulic fracturing on state-owned uplands. Requires that any permit or lease for oil or gas exploration or extraction on state-owned uplands allow the use of hydraulic fracturing.

Patron - Poindexter

FJSB217 Pollutant discharge permit for surface mining. Eliminates the requirements that the Director of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy submit a copy of the application for a discharge permit to the State Water Control Board for its review and provide the Board with a written notice of every action taken in consideration of the permit application. The bill also removes the authority of the State Water Control Board to object to the issuance of a discharge permit.

Patron - Carrico

 ${}^{ extsf{ iny JSB548}}$ Coalbed methane; arbitration of conflicting claims of ownership. Allows a party to appeal an arbitrator's decision to the circuit court and authorizes the court to award attorney fees. Under current law, the circuit court may confirm, vacate, or correct the arbitrator's decision. The bill also requires arbitrators to be retired circuit court judges and provides that arbitration may be requested by any claimant and need not be requested by all claimants.

Patron - Puckett

Carried Over

Coalbed methane gas; release of funds held in escrow or suspense. Requires the operator of certain previously pooled coalbed methane gas wells to request, by the beginning of 2015, the release of any funds held in escrow or suspense to the person who possesses a claim through a gas title. A coal claimant may halt such a release of funds by providing evidence that the coal and gas claimants have reached an agreement or that a proceeding against the gas claimant is pending. For a well that is pooled after July 1, 2014, the bill requires the operator to pay royalties directly to the gas claimant unless the coal claimant provides evidence of an agreement or a proceeding within a certain time.

Patron - Kilgore

 ${ ilde \square}{ ext{SB547}}$ Sampling of well near uranium exploration activity. Requires the holder of a permit to conduct uranium activities to contact those property owners who have wells located within 750 feet of the exploration activity and, with the owners' consent, to periodically sample their water supply. The bill requires sampling every six months during the time the exploration activity is being conducted and six months after the exploratory drill holes have been plugged. The permit holder is required to submit the results of the tests to the State Health Department, which is required to provide a nontechnical interpretation of the results to the well owner. The permit holder will be responsible for reimbursing the State Health Department for the costs of providing the nontechnical description of laboratory results to the well owner.

Patron - Ruff

Motor Vehicles

Passed

PHB9 Regulation or prohibition of parking of certain vehicles. Adds the Town of Blackstone to the list of counties and towns that may regulate or prohibit the parking of certain vehicles. This bill is identical to SB 80.

Patron - Wright

PHB 122 New vehicle classification; autocycle. Defines a new class of vehicle, known as an autocycle, and provides for examination of drivers, registration fees, safety, inspection, and other requirements pursuant to creating this new class of vehicle. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to SB 383.

Patron - Scott

PHB123 Amber warning lights; petroleum and propane transport vehicles. Allows amber warning lights on petroleum and propane transport vehicles to be lit when the vehicle is parked or delivering petroleum or propane products. Patron - Scott

PHB166 Salvage vehicles. Enhances and clarifies certain requirements and practices relating to the licensing and activities of vehicle demolishers, rebuilders, salvage dealers, salvage pools, and vehicle removal operators, including: (i) requiring that vehicle records be kept at and license and business hours be displayed at the licensed place of business; (ii) expanding the authorization of DMV to deny, suspend, or revoke licenses for certain violations; (iii) codifying a 30-day grace period for license renewals; and (iv) authorizing DMV to impose civil penalties for violations where a conviction is not sought.

Patron - Scott

PHB176 Tow truck drivers; violent crimes. Creates an exception to current law prohibiting the registration as a tow truck driver of any person convicted of a violent crime. The bill grandfathers those that already held a tow truck driver authorization under the former Board of Towing and Recovery Operators and who have not committed a subsequent violent crime. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 8.

Patron - Farrell

PHB189 Special license plates; Surfrider Foundation. Authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of the protection and enjoyment of oceans, waves, and beaches in Virginia through the Surfrider Foundation.

Patron - Knight

PHB263 Special license plates; armed forces. Allows disabled veterans who have been honorably discharged to receive special license plates that are already developed for certain branches of the United States armed forces. The bill also makes a technical change by moving the Coast Guard plate from an Act of Assembly to the Code of Virginia and removes authorization for issuance of special license plates

that were authorized in 2013 but did not meet minimum order requirements. This bill is identical to SB 135.

Patron - Scott

PHB341 Natural gas vehicles; weight limit exception. Allows vehicles fueled, wholly or partially, by natural gas to weigh up to 2,000 pounds more than the applicable weight limit on non-Interstate highways. The bill requires the operator of the vehicle to be able to demonstrate that the vehicle uses natural gas.

Patron - Taylor

PHB369 Parking management companies. Expands the powers of parking management companies operating under contracts with local governments to enforce local parking restrictions and reduces the population requirement of a city that allows the city to provide by ordinance that law-enforcement officers or uniformed city employees or personnel may issue summonses or tickets for parking violations from 100,000 to 90,000.

Patron - Head

PHB411 Vehicle safety inspection approval; armed services grace period. Increases the grace period for vehicle safety inspection from five business days to 14 calendar days for members of the armed services on active duty. This bill is identical to SB 138.

Patron - Anderson

PHB415 Overweight permits for truck cranes. Allows the DMV Commissioner and cities and towns to authorize overweight permits for truck cranes. This bill is identical to SB 402.

Patron - Scott

Town of Clifton to the list of towns without their own police departments that may permit operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on their highways.

Patron - Hugo

PHB509 Permits for operation of specialized construction equipment. Authorizes the Commissioner of Highways to issue permits for operation of specialized construction equipment on and across structures maintained by VDOT. *Patron - Scott*

PHB582 Motor vehicle dealers; definitions. Amends the definitions of "franchise," "manufacturer," and "relevant market area" as those terms are used in Chapter 15 (Motor Vehicle Dealers) of Title 46.2.

Patron - Habeeb

PHB608 Special license plates for amateur radio operators. Eliminates the requirement that vehicles must have radio transmitting and receiving equipment permanently installed in order to be eligible for special license plates for amateur radio operators.

Patron - Robinson

ance with federal requirements. Amends several sections relating to commercial driver's licenses to comply with new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requirements relating to commercial motor vehicles and prohibited use of handheld mobile telephones in commercial motor vehicles. The bill also requires distracted driving to be included as a part of the driver's license knowledge examination to comply with MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, P.L. 112-141). In addition, the bill provides that DMV may

continue to disclose personal information from crash reports, but only if otherwise authorized by law in order to comply with federal law. This bill is identical to SB 565.

Patron - Brink

PHB733 Parking in front of mailboxes. Allows localities by ordinance to prohibit vehicle parking that blocks access to mailboxes.

Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB771 Mature driver crash prevention. Provides for a course in mature driver motor vehicle crash prevention and provides that such course is an option for the court in adjudicating defendants. The bill also lowers the age at which drivers are required to appear before the DMV for renewal from 80 to 75 and requires that licenses issued to persons age 75 or older be valid for no more than five years. The bill contains a delayed effective date.

Patron - Hugo

PHB840 Special license plates supporting Eastern Shore business community. Authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates supporting education, charity, and scientific study for Virginia's Eastern Shore business community.

Patron - Lewis

PHB854 Maximum speed limit on nonsurface-treated highways. Applies statewide the 35 mph maximum speed limit on nonsurface-treated highways that is currently applied only in Albemarle, Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Montgomery, Nelson, Page, Rappahannock, Warren, and Wythe Counties and in any other county whose governing body adopts an ordinance to do so. This bill is identical to SB 470.

Patron - Garrett

PHB925 Driver education instructors. Allows community colleges to offer courses required to become driver education instructors. This bill is identical to SB 554.

PHB929 Emergency vehicles of the Virginia National Guard. Provides that, for the purposes of exemptions granted to emergency vehicles in certain situations, the term "emergency vehicle" shall include any Virginia National Guard Civil Support Team vehicle when responding to an emergency. The bill additionally permits such vehicles to be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating red or red and white combination warning lights.

Patron - Greason

PHB996 Driver's licenses; applicants less than 19 years old. Changes the requirements for driver's license applicants who are less than 19 years old but have been licensed in other U.S. states, U.S. territories, Canadian provinces, or Canadian territories.

Patron - Bulova

PHB1144 Law enforcement of private roads in Greene County. Provides that the governing body of Greene County may designate private roads in residential developments with 25 or more lots as highways for law-enforcement purposes.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB1164 Maximum speed limits. Permits the increase of the maximum speed limit on U.S. Route 23 and

U.S. Alternate Route 58 to 60 miles per hour subsequent to a traffic study.

Patron - Chafin

PHB1241 Issuing original driver's licenses to minors. Provides that when a judge presides over a ceremony to issue original driver's licenses to minors, the judge shall give the attorney for the Commonwealth the opportunity to participate in the ceremony and to address the licensees, upon request.

Patron - Webert

PSB8 Tow truck drivers; violent crimes. Creates an exception to current law prohibiting the registration as a tow truck driver of any person convicted of a violent crime. The bill grandfathers those that already held a tow truck driver authorization under the former Board of Towing and Recovery Operators and who have not committed a subsequent violent crime. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to HB 176.

Patron - Garrett

PSB80 Regulation or prohibition of parking of certain vehicles. Adds the Town of Blackstone to the list of counties and towns that may regulate or prohibit the parking of certain vehicles. This bill is identical to HB 9.

Patron - Ruff

PSB97 Minimum clearance for passing bicycles, etc. Increases from two to three feet the minimum clearance between a passing vehicle and a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.

Patron - Reeves

PISB135 Special license plates; armed forces. Allows disabled veterans who have been honorably discharged to receive special license plates that are already developed for certain branches of the United States armed forces. The bill also makes a technical change by moving the Coast Guard plate from an Act of Assembly to the Code of Virginia and removes authorization for issuance of special license plates that were authorized in 2013 but did not meet minimum order requirements. This bill is identical to HB 263.

Patron - Newman

PSB138 Vehicle safety inspection approval; armed services grace period. Increases the grace period for vehicle safety inspection from five business days to 14 calendar days for members of the armed services on active duty. This bill is identical to HB 411.

Patron - Barker

PISB205 Licensure and examination for persons age 19 or older. Allows persons age 19 or over the option of taking the behind-the-wheel examination at a driver training school as long as they complete the current requirements already in place for persons under 19. The bill would also allow students who are not minors to take driver's education and their behind-thewheel examination with their school or with a driver training school. Current law allows persons age 19 or over (i) to obtain a learner's permit and hold such permit for 60 days and then take a behind-the-wheel examination administered by the DMV or (ii) to take driver's education and then take a behindthe-wheel examination administered by the DMV. The bill retains the requirements that those seeking a commercial driver's license or on medical review take their behind-thewheel examination administered by the DMV and that persons who fail the behind the wheel test three times at DMV must

return to DMV to take the test after completing requirements at a driver training school.

Patron - McWaters

PSB259 Special license plates; PROTECT POLLINATORS. Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for supporters of pollinator conservation.

Patron - Deeds

PSB296 Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, motor vehicle dealers, and T&M vehicle dealers. Provides for more efficient operations of the Board, ensures solvency of the Motor Vehicle Transaction Recovery Fund, and reduces the number of agency regulations.

Patron - Puckett

PSB356 Titling manufactured homes. Revises requirements and procedures for titling manufactured homes. *Patron - Cosgrove*

PSB367 Driver's license and special identification card designations; persons with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder. Permits the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon the request of the applicant and presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition, to designate an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder on the applicant's driver's license and to designate hearing or speech impairment, insulin-dependent diabetes, or an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder on the applicant's special identification card. Current law allows the designation of a hearing or speech impairment or a condition of insulin-dependent diabetes on a person's driver's license.

Patron - McEachin

PSB376 Emergency vehicles of the Virginia National Guard. Provides that, for the purposes of exemptions granted to emergency vehicles in certain situations, the term "emergency vehicle" shall include any Virginia National Guard Civil Support Team vehicle when responding to an emergency. The bill additionally permits such vehicles to be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating red or red and white combination warning lights.

Patron - Reeves

PSB383 New vehicle classification; autocycle. Defines a new class of vehicle, known as an autocycle, and provides for examination of drivers, registration fees, safety, inspection, and other requirements pursuant to creating this new class of vehicle. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to HB 122.

Patron - Reeves

the DMV Commissioner and cities and towns to authorize overweight permits for truck cranes. This bill is identical to HB 415.

Patron - McDougle

PSB470 Maximum speed limit on nonsurface-treated highways. Applies statewide the 35 mph maximum speed limit on nonsurface-treated highways that is currently applied only in Albemarle, Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Montgomery, Nelson, Page, Rappahannock, Warren, and Wythe Counties and in any other county whose governing body adopts an ordinance to do so. This bill is identical to HB 854. Patron - Smith

PSB554 Driver education instructors. Allows community colleges to offer courses required to become driver education instructors. This bill is identical to HB 925. *Patron - Marsden*

PSB565 Commercial driver's licenses, etc.; compliance with federal requirements. Amends several sections relating to commercial driver's licenses to comply with new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requirements relating to commercial motor vehicles and prohibited use of handheld mobile telephones in commercial motor vehicles. The bill also requires distracted driving to be included as a part of the driver's license knowledge examination to comply with MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, P.L. 112-141). In addition, the bill provides that DMV may continue to disclose personal information from crash reports, but only if otherwise authorized by law in order to comply with federal law. This bill is identical to HB 662.

Patron - Cosgrove

Failed

that members of fire departments, volunteer fire companies, or volunteer rescue squads, ambulance drivers employed by a privately owned ambulance service, and police chaplains who equip a vehicle with flashing or steady-burning red or red and white combination warning lights may use no more than two "light systems" rather than two "lights."

Patron - Edmunds

EHB27 Vehicle weight limit extensions. Provides that vehicle weight limit extensions apply also to interstate highways that are simultaneously designated as state primary or secondary highways.

Patron - Cole

FHB51 Minimum speed limits. Prohibits driving at less than the posted maximum speed limit in the left-most lanes of Interstate Highways.

Patron - O'Quinn

FHB82 Following too closely. Includes non-motor vehicles (bicycles, electric assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, and mopeds) among vehicles that the driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow more closely than is reasonable.

Patron - Comstock

FHB103 Special license plates; Equality Virginia. Authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of Equality Virginia. Patron - Krupicka

FHB124 Special license plates; STEM teachers and students. Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) teachers and students.

Patron - O'Bannon

FHB139 Special license plates; members and supporters of 4-H. Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for members and supporters of 4-H clubs.

Patron - Ware

EHB160 Reckless driving; speeding. Provides that a person charged with reckless driving for speeding (driving 20 or more miles per hour in excess of the speed limit or in excess

of 80 miles per hour regardless of the speed limit), which is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor, may be found guilty of speeding, a traffic infraction, in the discretion of the court or the jury.

Patron - Albo

FHB212 Driving while holding pet. Prohibits driving a motor vehicle while holding a pet. Patron - Marshall, D.W.

FHB214 Farm vehicles and antique vehicles registration. Provides that only vehicles owned by Virginia residents can be registered as farm vehicles or antique vehicles. Patron - Marshall, D.W.

FHB266 Special license plates; VIRGINIA ADOPTS. Authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates to members and supporters of Faces of Virginia Families bearing the legend VIRGINIA ADOPTS, with the shared revenue to be used to support and advocate for adoption in Virginia.

Patron - Orrock

FHB277 Pedestrians crossing highways. Clarifies the duties of vehicles to stop to allow pedestrians to cross highways at marked crosswalks.

Patron - Krupicka

FHB320 Reckless driving; passing other vehicles at intersections. Clarifies the language of § 46.2-858, which prohibits a person from overtaking or passing another vehicle stopped at a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection when a pedestrian is present.

Patron - Kory

hearing a case involving a person charged with reckless driving where the accused's degree of culpability is slight may find the accused not guilty of reckless driving but guilty of improper driving, which is punishable as a traffic infraction. Currently, only the court hearing the case may find the accused guilty of improper driving.

Patron - Surovell

FHB428 Registration of vehicles; false statement or affidavit and revocation. Allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to cancel or revoke registration of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer for false statements or affidavits. Patron - LeMunyon

FHB429 Special license plates; members, former members of U.S. Navy, surviving spouses. Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for members and former members of the U.S. Navy and their surviving spouses. These plates are exempt from the 30-day deadline for applications provided for in subdivision B 1 of § 46.2-725; instead issuance is contingent on submission of 450 prepaid applications to DMV within two years.

Patron - LeMunyon

FHB482 Motor vehicle safety belts. Makes failure to wear required motor vehicle safety belts enforceable as a primary offense.

Patron - Villanueva

FHB603 Application for driver's license; social security number. Allows issuance of a driver's license to an otherwise qualified applicant who refuses to provide a social security number due to a bona fide religious objection. *Patron - O'Quinn*

EHB604 Red or red and white warning lights. Allows Department of Transportation vehicles used for highway safety service patrol functions in responding to or on-scene at highway safety incidents to be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating red or red and white combination warning lights. Patron - Campbell

FHB748 Parking violations at VDOT commuter lots; failure to appear. Provides that if a person issued a summons for a parking violation at a commuter parking lot owned by the Virginia Department of Transportation fails to appear after being mailed a summons at the address on record with the Department of Motor Vehicles, the person shall be deemed to have waived a court hearing and the court may hear the case in his absence. A violation is a traffic infraction. Under existing law, if the person fails to appear the summons is to be delivered by personal or substitute service.

EHB807 Special license plates; American Foreign Service Association. Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for members and supporters of the American Foreign Service Association.

Patron - Lopez

Patron - Rust

FHB811 Following too closely. Includes non-motor vehicles (bicycles, electric assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, and mopeds) among vehicles that the driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow more closely than is reasonable.

Patron - Lopez

three inches to one inch the minimum height of lettering required on converted electric vehicles.

Patron - Lopez

FHB1023 Smoking in vehicle with minor present. Provides that any person who smokes in a motor vehicle, whether in motion or at rest, when a minor under the age of eight is in the motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty of \$100. The offense may be charged on a uniform traffic summons.

Patron - Kilgore

FHB1148 Reckless driving causing death or injury of certain persons. Punishes reckless driving that causes the death or serious physical injury of a law-enforcement officer, emergency medical services personnel, highway worker, or firefighter engaged in his duties as a Class 6 felony with a \$2,500 mandatory minimum fine. The bill further requires the court to suspend the offender's driver's license for one year. In addition, the court may impose a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 and the proceeds shall be deposited into the general fund. Patron - Morefield

FHB1162 Weight limits of coal trucks. Provides that if the load of a coal truck does not rise above the top of the bed or the line painted to indicate the maximum permissible height of the load, there is an irrebuttable presumption, rather than prima facie evidence, that the weight of the vehicle is within applicable limits.

Patron - Morefield

EHB1215 Reckless driving; violation of right-ofway. Provides that a person shall be guilty of reckless driving who commits certain traffic infractions for violation of rightof-way when the violation results in the death or serious bodily injury of another person.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

FSB73 Special license plates; KENTUCKY COLONELS. Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for members and supporters of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels bearing the legend KENTUCKY COLONELS. Patron - Puckett

ESB99 State Police maintenance of reports; traffic accidents. Requires State Police, in addition to DMV, to furnish copies of reports of traffic accidents upon request. *Patron - Ruff*

ESB139 Provisional driver's license holders. Changes use of a cell phone by a provisional driver's license holder from a secondary offense to a primary offense.

Patron - Barker

ESB162 Special license plates; Equality Virginia. Authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of Equality Virginia. Patron - Favola

FSB179 Operation of mopeds; insurance. Requires drivers of mopeds to obtain a driver's license and maintains the requirement that drivers obtain a motorcycle driver's license when driving a moped over 35 miles per hour. The bill also applies the same insurance requirements to mopeds that currently apply to motor vehicles by removing the exclusion of mopeds from the definition of "motor vehicle."

Patron - McWaters

ESB180 Mature driver crash prevention. Provides for a course in mature driver motor vehicle crash prevention and provides that such course is an option for the court in adjudicating defendants. The bill also lowers the age at which drivers are required to appear before the DMV for renewal from 80 to 75 and requires that licenses issued to persons age 75 or older be valid for no more than five years. The bill contains a delayed effective date.

Patron - McWaters

ESB225 Opening and closing motor vehicle doors. Requires drivers and passengers to wait for a reasonable opportunity to open vehicle doors on the side adjacent to moving traffic. A violation constitutes a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.

Patron - Petersen

ESB375 Insurance for mopeds. Applies the same insurance requirements to mopeds that apply to motor vehicles, by removing the current exclusion of mopeds from the definition of "motor vehicle."

Patron - Reeves

FSB408 Motor vehicle safety inspection; window tint. Requires the Department of State Police to amend its regulations to include inspection of window tint as part of the motor vehicle safety inspection.

Patron - McWaters

ESB491 Restricted driver's license; written offer of employment. Provides that a court may authorize the issuance of a restricted driver's license to a person whose license has been suspended for failure to pay fines, etc., if he presents to the court a written offer of employment contingent upon obtaining a driver's license. Currently, the person must present to the court written verification of employment. A person issued a restricted license must petition each court that suspended his license for an installment or deferred payment

agreement for the payment of such fines, etc., as a condition of keeping the restricted license.

Patron - Deeds

EISB525 Parking violations at VDOT commuter lots; failure to appear. Provides that if a person issued a summons for a parking violation at a commuter parking lot owned by the Virginia Department of Transportation fails to appear after being mailed a summons at the address on record with the Department of Motor Vehicles, the person shall be deemed to have waived a court hearing and the court may hear the case in his absence. A violation is a traffic infraction. Under existing law, if the person fails to appear the summons is to be delivered by personal or substitute service.

Patron - Carrico

Carried Over

United. Authorizes the issuance of special revenue-sharing license plates to members and supporters of Law Enforcement United to support its programs and activities in Virginia. Patron - DeSteph

United. Authorizes the issuance of special revenue-sharing license plates to members and supporters of Law Enforcement United to support its programs and activities in Virginia. Patron - Orrock

Provides that any locality may by ordinance allow pedestrians over the age of 18 who are part of, or working on behalf of, a § 501(c)(3) organization, to enter one or more roadways for the purpose of soliciting contributions that are devoted to charitable or community betterment purposes.

Patron - McQuinn

vehicles. Exempts antique motor vehicles with exhaust systems in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise from the requirement that they have an exhaust system that is standard factory equipment or comparable to standard factory equipment.

Patron - Fariss

EHB908 Contract passenger carriers. Eliminates the requirements that (i) contract passenger carrier service be provided for a minimum of one hour per vehicle trip and (ii) each vehicle carry a trip sheet showing passenger destinations. This bill is identical to SB 531.

Patron - Villanueva

CHB1120 Warning lights on privately owned vehicles. Provides more detailed requirements relating to warning lights on privately owned vehicles used by firefighters, volunteer rescue squad members, certain ambulance drivers, and police chaplains to respond to emergencies.

Patron - Edmunds

CISB61 Distribution of handbills, solicitation of contributions, etc., on highways. Allows localities to adopt ordinances allowing for the solicitation of contributions on highways for organizations granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Patron - Puller

© SB293 Reckless driving causing death or injury of **certain persons.** Punishes reckless driving or a violation of the "move-over" law that causes death or permanent and significant physical impairment by striking a law-enforcement officer, emergency medical services personnel, highway worker, firefighter, or a DMV size and weight compliance agent who was not in a vehicle and on a public roadway or work zone engaged in his duties as a Class 5 felony with a \$2,500 mandatory minimum fine. The bill further requires the court to suspend the offender's driver's license for one year. In addition, the court may impose a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 and the proceeds shall be deposited into the general fund.

Patron - Puckett

 ${ ilde extsf{LSB505}}$ Natural gas; incentives for expanded use as transportation fuel. Establishes financial and regulatory incentives for expanding the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) for transportation purposes in the Commonwealth. Vehicles fueled, wholly or partially, by natural gas are authorized to weigh up to 2,000 pounds more than the applicable weight limit, and the bill provides that limits on hauling hazardous materials over a bridge or through a tunnel do not apply to fuel required to propel the vehicle. The bill provides for the titling and registration of natural gas vehicles (NGVs) and converted natural gas vehicles, including a provision that the motor vehicle titling tax on NGVs apply to the value of such vehicle without a CNG or LNG system. The bill establishes a Natural Gas Vehicle Incentive Fund and grant programs through which moneys in the Fund may be expended for increasing public access to natural gas fueling stations, purchasing NGVs, or converting vehicles to natural gas. Revenues for the Fund come from moneys allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board; registration fees for NGVs; clean special fuel license plate fees; the Natural Gas Consumption Tax; severance taxes on natural gas; revenues from taxes on pipeline transmission and distribution companies, including the special regulatory revenue tax; and such other funds as may be appropriated. The bill also exempts natural gas home refueling appliances from the sales and use tax, allows taxicabs fueled by natural gas to move to the front of an airport queue, allows trucks bearing clean special fuel stickers to use high-occupancy vehicle lanes, and provides for the reimbursement of tolls for operators of NGVs. The bill further allows public access to state fueling areas and clarifies that refunds on motor fuel taxes apply to commercial equipment using natural gas. The measure requires the Department of General Services' plan for the replacement of state-owned or operated vehicles with alternative-fueled vehicles to include a provision requiring the purchase of NGVs rather than conventional vehicles or other vehicles that operate using alternative fuels whenever the life-cycle cost for such vehicles is not more than 10 percent greater than for conventional vehicles. The measure increases the membership of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Universities Clean Energy Development and Economic Stimulus Foundation to include a nonlegislative citizen member who shall represent an association advocating growth in North America of the use and acceptance of vehicles powered by natural gas. The purpose of the Foundation is expanded to include advancing the goal of increasing the number of NGVs operating within the Commonwealth. The powers of the Foundation's Board of Directors are augmented to include providing assistance to the Department of Motor Vehicles in its awarding of competitive grants and other incentives relating to NGV fueling facilities and related infrastructure, conversions of conventionally fueled vehicles to NGVs, and purchases of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) NGVs. The measure exempts certain materials provided to the Department of Motor Vehicles from the public records requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. Memoranda, staff evaluations, and other records prepared by the Department or its staff exclusively for

the evaluation of grant applications are also exempted from the Act. The measure authorizes the Department to hold closed meetings to discuss or consider such records. The measure requires that CNG sold at retail for use as a motor fuel be dispensed in gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) units or diesel gallon equivalent (DGE) units and that LNG sold at retail for use as a motor fuel be dispensed in DGE units. The measure provides that, notwithstanding weights and measures equivalents published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, a GGE of CNG shall initially be set at 5.66 pounds, a DGE of CNG shall initially be set at 6.38 pounds, and a DGE of LNG shall initially be set at 6.06 pounds. These levels may be changed pursuant to regulation adopted by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services if changes occur in the energy content of motor fuels, in which event the Commissioner shall take into consideration whether the National Conference on Weights and Measures has adopted similar standards for dispensing CNG and LNG. Commencing January 1, 2015, any dispenser used for the sale of CNG or LNG at retail for use as motor fuel shall display the GGE or the DGE unit as the primary display information provided. The dispenser shall indicate (i) the number of GGEs or DGEs sold, (ii) the total sales price of the CNG or LNG dispensed, and (iii) the sales price per GGE or DGE of the CNG or LNG sold. The measure excludes any person who is not a public service corporation and who provides CNG or LNG fueling service at retail from the meaning of the terms "public utility," "public service corpo-ration," or "public service company." The ownership or operation of a facility at which such a fueling service is sold, and the selling of such service from that facility, does not render the person a public utility, public service corporation, or public service company solely because of that sale, ownership, or operation. The provision of CNG or LNG fueling service by a person who is not a public utility shall not constitute the retail sale of natural gas if the natural gas furnished in connection with the provision of such service is used solely for transportation purposes. Providing CNG or LNG fueling service is declared to be a permitted natural gas utility activity of a certificated natural gas utility. A natural gas utility may establish a CNG home fueling appliance loan program under which it may offer to its residential customers the option to lease a CNG home fueling appliance from the utility at amounts that are subsidized by the utility. Finally, the measure requires the Virginia Port Authority to conduct a study of the issues related to the siting of LNG storage and refueling facilities in the Hampton Roads region for transportation purposes.

Patron - Wagner

Contract passenger carriers. Eliminates the requirements that (i) contract passenger carrier service be provided for a minimum of one hour per vehicle trip and (ii) each vehicle carry a trip sheet showing passenger destinations. This bill is identical to HB 908.

Patron - Watkins

Notaries and Out-of-State Commissioners

Passed

PHB492 Notaries; advertising; notice requirement. Prohibits a notary public from offering or providing legal advice to any person in immigration or other legal matters or representing any person in immigration proceedings unless such notary public is an attorney or a federally accredited representative. The bill requires notaries engaged in non-English advertising to include in such advertising, as well as post within their place of business, a statement that the notary is not licensed to practice law and has no authority to give advice on immigration or other legal matters. The bill also provides for civil penalties and revocation of the notary commission for failing to include the required statements and postings. *Patron - Albo*

PSB378 Notary public; application for recommission. Allows persons already commissioned as notaries public or electronic notaries public to submit applications for recommission to the Secretary of the Commonwealth in person, by first-class mail, or online, provided that online applications are accompanied by an electronic signature authorized by the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. Under current law, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is allowed but not required to accept online applications containing electronic signatures. Patron - Reeves

PSB503 Notaries; providing advice on immigration; advertising. Prohibits a notary public from offering or providing legal advice to any person in immigration or other legal matters or representing any person in immigration proceedings unless such notary public is an attorney or a federally accredited representative. The bill also restricts misleading notary advertising in languages other than English. The bill also provides for civil penalties and revocation of the notary commission for such unauthorized advertising.

Patron - Ebbin

Failed

EHB804 Notaries; prohibitions on advertising; notice requirement. Provides that notaries who engage in advertising shall include in such advertising statements that the notary is not licensed to practice law and provides for fines and other penalties for failing to include the required notices in advertising.

Patron - Lopez

Pensions, Benefits, and Retirement

Passed

PHB10 Judges; retirement allowance and service after retirement. Provides that the annual retirement allowance of any person who has served as a judge but retires under a different defined benefit retirement plan shall not exceed 78 percent of the person's average final compensation, unless such person after ceasing to be a judge performs five or more years of creditable service under such other defined benefit retirement plan. However, in no case shall such person's annual retirement allowance exceed 100 percent of his average final compensation. The cap on the annual retirement allowance would apply to persons retiring on or after July 1, 2013. The bill also clarifies that only those persons who retired as a judge or justice may serve as a senior jurist on the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. The bill also contains technical amendments. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Jones

PHB700 Optional retirement plans maintained by institution of higher education. Allows the governing board of an institution of higher education that has established its own optional retirement plan to establish a policy regarding the number of years of service that an employee must perform before being entitled to receive all contributions made by the institution on his behalf to the plan. The policy would only apply to employees hired on or after July 1, 2014, who are not in continuous service at the time of hiring.

Patron - Ingram

PSB79 Optional retirement plan maintained by institution of higher education; withdrawal of contributions before retirement. Allows the governing board of an institution of higher education to establish a policy regarding the number of years of service, or any portion thereof, that an employee must have performed before being entitled to receive all optional retirement plan contributions made on his behalf by the institution if he ceases to be an employee other than by death or retirement. The policy would only apply to employees hired on or after July 1, 2014, who are not in continuous service at the time of hiring.

Patron - Ruff

PSB87 Virginia Retirement System. Makes technical amendments to the programs administered by the Virginia Retirement System.

Patron - Watkins

PSB188 Deferred compensation plans for state and local employees. Authorizes the inclusion of a Roth contribution program in deferred compensation retirement plans for state and local government employees beginning July 1, 2015. Patron - McDougle

Failed

FHB81 Mandatory judicial retirement. Increases the mandatory retirement age under the Judicial Retirement System from 70 years of age to 73 years of age. *Patron - Hope*

FHB110 Health insurance credits for retired school division employees. Expands the recipients of the health insurance credits currently being provided to retired teachers to all retired employees of local school divisions. Patron - McQuinn

FHB178 Virginia Retirement System; assumed rate of return on investments. Provides that if the General Assembly adopts an assumed rate of return on investments that is different from the rate used by the Board of the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) in determining employer contribution rates for contributions to VRS, the Board shall recalculate the employer contribution rate for each employer to incorporate the assumed rate of return adopted by the General Assembly. The Board is required to provide each employer with its adjusted employer contribution rate as soon as possible. Patron - Farrell

FHB181 Virginia Retirement System; collection of overpayments to retirees and beneficiaries. Prohibits VRS from collecting overpayments made to a retiree or beneficiary if the proximate cause of the overpayment was a computational error made by VRS or one of its employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, or contractors and the retiree or beneficiary could not reasonably have been expected to detect the error or overpayment. Under the bill, VRS would correct the error as soon

as practicable in order that the amount legally due would be paid to the retiree or beneficiary on a going forward basis. Patron - Farrell

FHB182 Retirement benefits for local employees. Provides that any locality may establish and maintain a defined contribution retirement plan for its employees in lieu of any other retirement plans for employees hired on or after July 1, 2014

Patron - Farrell

FHB279 Mandatory judicial retirement. Increases mandatory judicial retirement to the expiration of a judge's term after the age of 70. However, the bill only becomes effective if the Judicial Performance Evaluation Program is funded and implemented.

Patron - Albo

FHB299 Judicial retirement system; weighted years of service factor. Eliminates the class of judicial retirees created in 2010 for whom the weighted years of service factor is dependent upon age. Under the bill, the weighted years of service factor for all judges entering the system on and after January 1, 1995, is 2.5. Judges entering the system earlier have a weighted years of service factor of 3.5. The bill does not change recent amendments to the judicial retirement system: (i) the setting of a "normal retirement date" of age 65 for judges and (ii) the reduction of the annual retirement allowance from 1.7 to 1.65 for members entering the system on and after January 1, 2013, parroting the change made for all VRS members who enter the system on or after July 1, 2010, or who had less than 60 months of creditable service as of January 1, 2013. Patron - Loupassi

retirement benefits. Provides that any prior service of a deputy sheriff as a commissioned conservation officer of the Department of Conservation and Recreation would count toward any vesting requirement for enhanced retirement benefits for deputy sheriffs and would be deemed as service rendered in a hazardous position for the purpose of determining eligibility for the annual retirement supplement paid to deputy sheriffs. The provisions of the bill would apply to persons retiring on or after July 1, 2014.

Patron - Lingamfelter

FHB514 Virginia Retirement System and local government retirement systems; investments. Authorizes the Virginia Retirement System and any local government retirement system to purchase investment grade life insurance policies and annuity policies on their members or retirees, provided that (i) the applicable retirement system offers a monetary benefit to a beneficiary selected by the member or retiree and (ii) the member or retiree consents to such retirement system having an insurable interest in him.

Patron - Morris

FHB686 Virginia Retirement System; retirees hired as school board security personnel. Provides that retired lawenforcement officers may be hired as local school board security officers or security personnel without interruption of their retirement benefits under certain conditions.

Patron - Torian

FHB688 VRS; management of assets of nongovernmental investors. Authorizes the Virginia Retirement System to create an entity to administer and manage the assets of other state and local government-related entities and nongovernmen-

tal investors beginning January 1, 2015. Such entity would be allowed to charge for its services.

Patron - Torian

EHB894 Auxiliary grants. Expands eligibility for the auxiliary grant program to include individuals who reside in supportive housing licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and directs the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to promulgate regulations for licensure of auxiliary grant service coordination providers for individuals with blindness or physical disabilities and the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to promulgate regulations for licensure of auxiliary grant service coordination providers for individuals with mental illness or intellectual disabilities.

Patron - Peace

wardens. Provides retirement credits for special forest wardens. Provides retirement credits to special forest wardens of the Department of Forestry who participate directly in extinguishing forest fires. Such persons would receive eight hours of retirement credits for each day or portion of a day in which they participate directly in extinguishing a forest fire. The retirement credits could be used to reduce the years of service otherwise required for eligibility for an unreduced service retirement allowance, but not below 25 years of service. Each month of service would be eliminated at the rate of one month of service for each 173 hours of retirement credits. Patron - Cline

FHB1104 Retired state employees; health insurance credit. Increases the amount of the monthly health insurance credit for retired state employees from \$4 per year of creditable service to \$5 per year of creditable service.

Patron - Ingram

FHB1105 Life insurance for retired state employees. Provides that the basic life insurance coverage for retired state employees with 30 or more years of creditable service shall not be reduced to less than \$8,000, indexed to the amount of post-retirement supplements for retirees as calculated for employees hired on or after July 1, 2010.

Patron - Ingram

FSB89 Virginia Retirement System; disability program for hybrid retirement plan participants. Provides that a disability program that provides income protection of at least 60% through the use of paid leave, or disability payments, is deemed a program comparable to the Virginia Retirement System's (VRS's) disability program for hybrid retirement plan participants, which an employer may provide in lieu of VRS's program.

Patron - Newman

FSB101 Life insurance for retired state employees. Provides that retired state employees be offered optional group life insurance coverage with premiums to be paid by the retirees.

Patron - Ruff

FSB102 Life insurance for retired state employees. Provides that the basic life insurance coverage for retired state employees with 30 or more years of creditable service shall not be reduced to less than \$8,000, increased by the same percentage as annual post-retirement supplements for retirees hired on or after July 1, 2010. The provisions of the bill are contingent on an appropriation of at least \$8.6 million to the Retirement System Group Life Insurance Unfunded Liability Special fund in a 2014 general appropriation act.

Patron - Ruff

ESB170 Mandatory judicial retirement. Increases the mandatory retirement age under the Judicial Retirement System from 70 years of age to 73 years of age. This bill incorporates SB 231.

Patron - Stanley

ESB231 Mandatory judicial retirement. Increases the mandatory retirement age under the Judicial Retirement System from 70 years of age to 73 years of age. This bill was incorporated into SB 170.

Patron - Petersen

ESB256 Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; conservation officers. Adds conservation officers of the Department of Conservation and Recreation as members of the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System. Conservation officers would accrue retirement benefits under the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System only for creditable service on or after July 1, 2014. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a 2014 general appropriation act.

Patron - Deeds

ESB385 Virginia Retirement System and local government retirement systems; investments. Authorizes the Virginia Retirement System and any local government retirement system to purchase investment grade life insurance policies and annuity policies on their members or retirees, provided that (i) the applicable retirement system offers a monetary benefit to a beneficiary selected by the member or retiree and (ii) the member or retiree consents to such retirement system having an insurable interest in him.

Patron - Reeves

Carried Over

CHB877 Hybrid retirement program; school division deferred compensation and cash match plans. Allows school divisions the option of establishing and administering their own deferred compensation and cash match plans if they elect not to participate in those plans administered by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System for the hybrid retirement program. This choice would be made on an annual basis. The bill also states that state or local entities are not liable for loss. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2015.

Patron - Jones

CISB103 Retired state employees; health insurance credit. Increases the amount of the monthly health insurance credit for retired state employees from \$4 per year of creditable service to \$5 per year of creditable service.

Patron - Ruff

CSB109 Virginia Retirement System; health insurance credit. Increases the monthly health insurance credit for retired local government employees, local officers, general registrars, employees of a general registrar, and employees of local social services boards from \$1.50 per year of creditable service with a cap of \$45, to \$4 per year of creditable service, with no cap.

Patron - Stanley

©SB422 Hybrid retirement program; school division deferred compensation and cash match plans. Allows school divisions the option of establishing and administering their own deferred compensation and cash match plans if they elect not to participate in those plans administered by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System for the

hybrid retirement program. This choice would be made on an annual basis. The bill also states that state or local entities are not liable for loss. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2015.

Patron - Watkins

CSB566 Virginia Retirement System benefits. Provides for an increase, beginning July 1, 2014, of the monthly retirement allowance payable to any person who retired with at least 15 years of creditable service before January 1, 1990, under the Virginia Retirement System or the State Police Officers' Retirement System (or predecessor retirement systems). *Patron - Colgan*

Persons with Disabilities

Passed

PHB240 Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Provides that the entity designated by the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to operate the programs of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman shall have access to facilities, clients, patients, individuals receiving services, and the records of such clients, patients, and individuals in licensed assisted living facilities, licensed adult day care centers, home care organizations, hospice facilities, certified nursing facilities and nursing homes, providers as defined in § 37.2-403, state hospitals operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and providers of services by an area agency on aging or any private nonprofit or proprietary agency whenever the entity has the consent of the client, patient, or individual receiving services or his legal representative. The bill provides that if a client, patient, or individual receiving services is unable to consent to the review of his medical and social records and has no legal representative, and access to the records is necessary to investigate a complaint, access shall be granted to the extent necessary to conduct the investigation. The bill provides that access also shall be granted if a legal representative of the client, patient, or individual receiving services refuses to give consent and the entity has reasonable cause to believe that the legal representative is not acting in the best interests of the client, patient, or individual receiving services. This bill is identical to SB 572.

Patron - O'Bannon

PHB664 Registry of persons who are blind. Repeals the requirement that the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired maintain a registry of persons in the Commonwealth who are blind.

Patron - Brink

PHB1076 Individuals with disabilities; terminology. Replaces the term "functional and central nervous system disabilities" with the term "physical or sensory disability" and changes the name of the Long-Term Rehabilitative Case Management System to the community rehabilitation case management system.

Patron - Wilt

PHB 1087 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission; sunset. Extends the sunset provision for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2017. This bill is identical to SB 82.

Patron - Leftwich

PSB82 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission; sunset. Extends the sunset provision for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2017. This bill is identical to HB 1087. Patron - Ruff

PSB177 Definition of "service dog." Expands the definition of "service dog" to include dogs trained to assist persons suffering from a physical, sensory, intellectual, developmental, or mental disability or mental illness. The current definition is limited to dogs assisting a mobility-impaired person. The definition affects the rights of persons with disabilities who use trained service dogs with regard to dog license taxes, public accommodations, and housing. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Reeves

PSB572 Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Provides that the entity designated by the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to operate the programs of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman shall have access to facilities, clients, patients, individuals receiving services, and the records of such clients, patients, and individuals in licensed assisted living facilities, licensed adult day care centers, home care organizations, hospice facilities, certified nursing facilities and nursing homes, providers as defined in § 37.2-403, state hospitals operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and providers of services by an area agency on aging or any private nonprofit or proprietary agency whenever the entity has the consent of the client, patient, or individual receiving services or his legal representative. The bill provides that if a client, patient, or individual receiving services is unable to consent to the review of his medical and social records and has no legal representative, and access to the records is necessary to investigate a complaint, access shall be granted to the extent necessary to conduct the investigation. The bill provides that access also shall be granted if a legal representative of the client, patient, or individual receiving services refuses to give consent and the entity has reasonable cause to believe that the legal representative is not acting in the best interests of the client, patient, or individual receiving services. This bill is identical to HB 240. Patron - Barker

Failed

EHB554 Licensure of homemaker services agencies. Establishes licensure requirements for homemaker services agencies.

Patron - Krupicka

Police (State)

Failed

FHB152 Department of State Police; variable housing allowance. Provides a housing allowance for full-time, sworn State Police officers, based upon pay grade and geographical location, from funds that are appropriated for such purpose. The rates of the variable allowance shall be based on suggested rates developed and annually updated by the Department of Human Resource Management. The allowance would

not be considered taxable income for state income tax purposes.

Patron - Minchew

FHB256 Department of State Police; variable housing allowance. Provides a housing allowance for full-time, sworn State Police officers, based upon pay grade and geographical location, from funds that are appropriated for such purpose. The rates of the variable allowance shall be based on suggested rates developed and annually updated by the Department of Human Resource Management.

Patron - Lingamfelter

FHB931 Department of State Police; appointment of supervisory officers. Establishes career progression programs for troopers and special agents that are based on years of service. The program for troopers provides for promotion to the rank of senior trooper after 10 years of service and promotion to the rank of master trooper after 20 years of service, provided in each case that there are no pending disciplinary actions involving a candidate. The program for special agents provides for promotion to senior special agent after six years of service, provided that there are no pending disciplinary actions involving a candidate.

Patron - Greason

EHB987 Department of State Police; appointment of supervisory officers. Establishes a career progression program that is based on years of service. The program provides for promotion to the rank of Senior Trooper after 10 years of service and promotion to the rank of Master Trooper after 20 years of service, provided in each case that there are no pending disciplinary actions involving a candidate.

Patron - Cline

 ${ ilde FJSB206}$ Department of State Police; appointment of **supervisory officers.** Establishes a career progression program for State Troopers and Special Agents based on years of satisfactory service. For State Troopers, the program provides for promotion to the rank of Senior Trooper after 10 years of service and promotion to the rank of Master Trooper after 20 years of service. For Special Agents the program provides for a salary increase after 10 years and a salary increase and promotion to the rank of Senior Special Agent after 20 years of service. The bill prohibits a sworn employee of the Department from receiving more than two career progression salary increases, regardless of such employee's assignment or promotion to Special Agent. The provisions of the bill shall not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of this act is included in a general appropriation act passed in 2014 by the General Assembly that becomes law. Patron - Carrico

ESB452 License plate reader database; penalty. Requires the Department of State Police to maintain a license plate reader database under the control of the Virginia Fusion Intelligence Center. Data can be accessed for grand jury proceedings and by law-enforcement agencies conducting criminal investigations. Unauthorized access to or dissemination of license plate reader data is a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Patron - Howell

ESB527 Department of State Police; appointment of supervisory officers. Establishes career progression programs for troopers and special agents that are based on years of service. The program for troopers provides for promotion to the rank of senior trooper after 10 years of service and promotion to the rank of master trooper after 20 years of service, provided in each case that there are no pending disciplinary actions involving a candidate. The program for special agents provides

for promotion to senior special agent after six years of service, provided that there are no pending disciplinary actions involving a candidate.

Patron - Carrico

Prisons and Other Methods of Correction

Passed

PHB120 Riverside Regional Jail Authority. Allows sheriff members of the Riverside Regional Jail Authority to appoint alternates to vote when sheriff members are not present at a meeting. This bill incorporates HB 699.

Patron - Dance

PHB868 Conditional release of geriatric prisoners; persons subject to protective orders ineligible. Provides that a prisoner is ineligible for conditional release due to age if he was convicted of a felony act of violence and was subject to a protective order at the time of the offense or after the offense but prior to being released from incarceration for the offense and the victim of the felony offense was the protected person under the protective order.

Patron - Yost

PSB561 Conditional release of geriatric prisoners; persons subject to protective orders ineligible. Provides that a prisoner who was convicted of a felony act of violence and who was subject to a protective order at the time of the offense is ineligible for conditional release from prison due to age if the victim of the felony offense was the protected person under the protective order.

Patron - Puckett

PSB641 Exemption from reporting citizenship status of prisoners for certain correctional facilities. Provides that a sheriff or other officer in charge of a jail shall communicate the results of any immigration alien query that confirm that a person committed to the jail is illegally present in the United States to the Local Inmate Data System. Currently, the sheriff or other officer must communicate the results of such queries regardless of whether it confirms that such person is illegally present in the United States.

Patron - McDougle

Failed

FHB7 Restoration of civil right to vote. Provides for the automatic restoration of the civil right to be eligible to register to vote to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies (excepting felony drug and election fraud crimes) upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and the payment of all restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed as a result of the felony conviction.

Patron - Habeeb

FHB414 Prisons; telephone systems; Prisoner Reentry Fund established. Provides that inmate phone services commissions paid to the Commonwealth shall not exceed 10 percent of the overall net revenue realized by the provider. All commissions or revenues received by the Commonwealth on prisoner telephone calls shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Prisoner Reentry Fund to be used for independent.

dent pre-release and post-release reentry and transition services programs.

Patron - Hope

EHB556 Restoration of civil rights. Provides for the automatic restoration of a felon's civil right to be eligible to vote upon the completion of his sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and the payment of all restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed as a result of the felony conviction. The bill has a contingent effective date of January 1, 2017, provided that the voters approve an amendment to Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution of Virginia at the 2015 November election.

Patron - Carr

FHB699 Riverside Regional Jail Authority. Allows sheriff members of the Riverside Regional Jail Authority to appoint alternates to vote when sheriff members are not present at a meeting. This bill was incorporated into HB 120. Patron - Ingram

HB723 Sentence credits; drug-related felonies.

Allows a maximum of seven and one-half sentence credits to be earned for each 30 days served on sentence for drug-related felonies. All other felony sentences will continue to earn sentence credits at a maximum of four and one-half days for each 30 days served. The bill also allows all felons to earn an additional two and one-half sentence credits for each 30 days served for participating in programs intended to assist in rehabilitation that are taken in addition to the mandatory programs in which they are already required to participate.

Patron - McClellan

HB913 Health care costs for inmates. Requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to develop procedures for identifying inmates who may be eligible for medical assistance, enrolling such inmates in the state medical assistance program, and ensuring that claims for eligible services are submitted to the Department of Medical Assistance Services rather than the Department of Corrections, and directs the Attorney General to include providers of inpatient medical services to inmates who are eligible for medical assistance services in audits and investigations of providers of services furnished under the state plan for medical assistance. The bill also requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to develop procedures for reviewing claims for reimbursement for medical services submitted to the Department for accuracy and for identifying fraudulent or inaccurate claims and recovering amounts paid pursuant thereto. Patron - Sickles

EHB942 Death sentences; electrocution. Removes electrocution as a manner of execution for prisoners sentenced to death. Currently, a condemned prisoner may choose either lethal injection or electrocution as the manner of execution. Patron - Surovell

ESB167 Weekend jail time. Allows the court to sentence a felon to nonconsecutive days or weekend jail time upon a showing of good cause if the felony was not an "act of violence" as defined in § 19.2-297.1 and the active portion of the sentence remaining to be served is 120 days or less. The bill also eliminates the provision limiting nonconsecutive days or weekend jail time to the purpose of allowing the defendant to retain gainful employment. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference. Patron - Stanley

ESB301 Jail construction; state reimbursement; mental health beds. Provides that the Commonwealth will

reimburse 50% of the cost of constructing, enlarging, or renovating a jail or regional jail to provide mental health beds and 100% of the cost of treating personnel. The jails must go through an application and approval process. The bill limits the current 50% reimbursement for construction, enlargement, or renovation of regional jails to projects approved by the Governor prior to July 1, 2014. This bill was incorporated into SJR 47.

Patron - McDougle

FSB661 Parole; nonviolent felons. Allows a parole hearing for nonviolent offenders whose crime was committed on or after January 1, 1995, and who have served 50% of their sentence. If the incarceration is the offender's second felony incarceration in Virginia or another state, the offender must serve 75% of the sentence before becoming eligible for a parole hearing.

Patron - Puckett

Carried Over

EHB150 Jail authorities; sovereign immunity. Provides that regional jail authorities enjoy sovereign immunity in the performance of government functions. *Patron - Minchew*

CHB867 Board of Corrections; notification of tertiary care of prisoner. Requires the Board of Corrections to promulgate regulations for state and local correctional facilities requiring that notification be made to a prisoner's family or stated emergency contact person anytime a prisoner is moved within or without his assigned facility for the purposes of tertiary care.

Patron - Rush

release. Requires the Parole Board to release any person eligible for parole whose time served, including earned sentence credits and good conduct credits, exceeds the midpoint of the most recent discretionary sentencing guidelines for the same or similar offense unless the Board feels there is a substantial risk that such person will not conform to the conditions of parole and issues a reasoned decision explaining the basis for such decision.

Patron - Sickles

EHB1052 Method of execution. Provides that if the Director of the Department of Corrections certifies that lethal injection is not available as a method of execution, electrocution shall be used instead.

Patron - Miller

THB 1064 Department of Corrections; hearing-impaired prisoners. Requires the Director to make available qualified interpreters for hearing-impaired prisoners within state, local and regional correctional facilities. Patron - Ward

State Police. Provides a mechanism for reporting when a circuit court restores a felon's right to possess a firearm to the Department of State Police. Prior to entry of a restoration order, the petitioner's fingerprints and petition are sent to the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) and the petitioner's criminal history is forwarded to the court and may be inspected by the attorney for the Commonwealth. If the order is granted, the Department of State Police shall enter the person's name and description in the CCRE so law-enforcement

personnel accessing the computerized criminal history files will be aware of the order's existence.

Patron - Rush

SB607 Method of execution. Provides that if the Director of the Department of Corrections certifies that lethal injection is not available as a method of execution, electrocution shall be used instead.

Patron - Carrico

Professions and Occupations

Passed

PHB184 Auctioneers; exemption from licensure. Requires an organization to be a charitable organization granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in order to be exempt from licensure as an auctioneer or auction firm for sales, not exceeding one sale per year, by or on behalf of the organization. The current exemption does not specify that the organization be charitable and granted tax-exempt status. This bill is identical to SB 202. Patron - Knight

PHB190 Athletic trainers; possession and administration of oxygen. Provides that prescribers may authorize licensed athletic trainers to possess and administer oxygen for use in emergency situations.

Patron - Bell, Richard P.

PHB192 Precious metals dealers; waiver of permit for certain merchants. Allows the chief law-enforcement officer to waive the permit fee for retail merchants that are not required to be licensed as pawnbrokers, provided (i) the retail merchant has a permanent place of business and (ii) the purchases of precious metals or gems do not exceed five percent of the retail merchant's total business revenue. This bill is identical to SB 95.

Patron - Minchew

PHB251 Real Estate Board; death or disability of a broker. Requires the Real Estate Board to grant approval to certain persons in a specific order of priority as may be designated by a broker in the event of his disability or death to conclude the business of the broker. Under current law, the Board may grant approval to the estate or an adult family member or employee of the licensed broker. The bill also requires the Real Estate Board to inform licensed brokers, in a manner deemed appropriate by the Board, of the broker's ability to designate an agent in the event of the broker's death or disability. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission. The bill is identical to SB 438.

Patron - Surovell

PHB373 School speech-language pathologists; licensure. Removes the Board of Education as a licensing entity for school speech-language pathologists and leaves the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology as the only licensing entity. The bill puts mechanisms in place for the transition in licensing.

Patron - Anderson

PHB500 Practice of audiology; cerumen management. Adds limited cerumen management to the definition of the practice of audiology and requires the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to promulgate regulations

governing the practice of cerumen management, including requirements related to the training and qualifications of audiologists who perform cerumen management, within 280 days. *Patron - Yost*

PHB516 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; certification of natural gas automobile mechanics and technicians. Establishes a regulatory program for certification of natural gas automobile mechanics and technicians by the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and sets out the requirements for certification.

Patron - Taylor

PHB539 Prescription Monitoring Program; delegation of authority. Authorizes dispensers who are authorized to access the information in the possession of the Prescription Monitoring Program to delegate this authority to certain health care professionals employed at the same facility and under their direct supervision. The bill also changes the requirements for individuals to whom such authority may be delegated by prescribers or dispensers to include health care professionals licensed, registered, or certified by a health regulatory board in another state and employed at the same facility and under their direct supervision.

Patron - Hodges

PHB541 Determination of death. Removes the requirement for a second physician to declare death when the initial declaration of death is made by a physician who is a specialist in the field of neurology, neurosurgery, electroencephalography, or critical care medicine.

Patron - O'Bannon

PHB575 Schedule III and Schedule IV drugs. Adds lorcaserin to the list of Schedule IV drugs and adds perampanel to the list of Schedule III drugs.

Patron - O'Bannon

PHB580 Active duty military health care providers; practice at public and private health care facilities. Clarifies that the exemption from licensure requirements for active duty military health care providers applies to active duty health care providers providing health services at any public or private health care facilities in accordance with their official military orders. This bill includes an emergency clause. Patron - Stolle

PHB588 Cemetery Board; powers and duties; special interments. Provides that a cemetery company may have a section in the cemetery devoted to the interment of human remains and those of their pets or the interment of pets only under certain circumstances. The bill requires the Cemetery Board to adopt such regulations as the Board deems appropriate and necessary to implement its provisions. The bill defines pet.

Patron - O'Quinn

PHB611 Health regulatory boards; denial or suspension of a license, certificate, or registration; exception. Creates an exception to the requirement that health regulatory boards within the Department of Health Professions shall refuse to issue a license, certificate, or registration to an applicant if the candidate or applicant has had his license, certificate, or registration to practice the profession or occupation revoked or suspended in another jurisdiction and shall suspend the license, registration, or certification of a person licensed, registered, or certified in the Commonwealth if his license, registration, or certification has been suspended or revoked or accepted for surrender in lieu of disciplinary action in another

jurisdiction for cases in which the revocation or suspension in the other jurisdiction is the result of nonrenewal of the license, registration, or certification.

Patron - Robinson

PHB612 Genetic counseling; licensure. Provides that no person shall practice or hold himself out as practicing genetic counseling without a valid, unrevoked license as a genetic counselor from the Board of Medicine. The bill establishes requirements and a process for licensure as a genetic counselor, sets forth exemptions from the requirements for a license, and establishes the Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling. This bill is identical to SB 330.

Patron - Robinson

PHB762 Regulation of appraisal management companies. Provides the Real Estate Appraiser Board with the power to do all things necessary to effectuate the provisions of Chapter 20.2 of Title 54.1 (Real Estate Appraisal Management Companies) and requires persons or entities engaged in business as an appraisal management company to obtain a license from the Real Estate Appraiser Board. The bill also increases the required bond amount for each applicant for licensure from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Patron - Minchew

PHB764 Assistant speech-language pathologists. Provides for the regulation of assistant speech-language pathologists. The bill permits a person to practice as an assistant speech-language pathologist upon satisfying all educational, training, and registration requirements prescribed in regulations promulgated by the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

Patron - Kory

PHB855 Health regulatory boards; reinstatement of licensure. Provides that an applicant for reinstatement of a certificate, registration, or license that has been revoked bears the burden of proof to show to the appropriate health regulatory board by clear and convincing evidence that he is safe and competent to practice. This bill is identical to SB 463. Patron - Garrett

PHB874 Designation and reporting of drugs of concern. Authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to identify "drugs of concern" and requires such drugs of concern to be reported to the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Patron - Yost

boards; special conference committees. Provides that special conference committees applications for a license, certificate, registration, permit, or issuance of a multistate licensure privilege and may grant or deny the application or issue a restricted license, certification, registration, permit, or multistate licensure privilege. The bill also provides that special conference committees may hear cases in which a holder of a permit issued by a health regulatory board is reported to be the subject of disciplinary action.

Patron - Peace

PHB893 Anatomic pathology services; fees. Prohibits practitioners licensed by the Board of Medicine from charging a fee for anatomic pathology services performed by a person other than the practitioner or a person under the direct supervision of the practitioner that is greater than the fee paid for the

Patron - Stolle

delivery of such service.

PHB907 Board of Accountancy; licensing requirements. Requires certified public accounting firms to participate in the Facilitated State Board Access process established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for peer review. This bill is identical to SB 564.

Patron - Knight

PHB923 Prescription Monitoring Program; disclosure method. Specifies that when the Director, in his discretion, discloses information that is in the possession of the program concerning a recipient who is over the age of 18 to that recipient, the information shall be mailed to the street or mailing address indicated on the recipient request form. This bill is identical to SB 526.

Patron - Peace

PHB926 Behavior analysis; licensure. Establishes the Advisory Board on Behavior Analysis to advise the Board of Medicine on issues related to licensure of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts and provides that certain persons may perform behavior analysis as part of their program of study.

Patron - Greason

PHB1032 Board of Pharmacy; automatic review of certain case decisions. Provides that, in cases in which a monetary fine may be imposed for a violation of the Drug Control Act relating to the practice of pharmacy and the pharmacy subject to the fine is affiliated with a free clinic that receives state or local funds, the Board of Pharmacy shall ascertain the factual basis of the case through informal conference or consultation proceedings, unless the named party and the Board agree to resolve the matter through a consent order or the named party consents to waive such conference or proceeding to go directly to a formal hearing.

Patron - Orrock

PHB1035 Veterinarians; dispensing compounded drug products. Provides that a veterinarian may dispense a 72-hour supply of a compounded drug product for a companion animal that is his patient when the compounded drug product is dispensed to treat an emergent condition and timely access to a compounding pharmacy is not available. The bill requires pharmacists to label compounded drug products dispensed to veterinarians with the name and strength of the drug product or list of the active ingredients and strengths, the facility's control number, a beyond-use date, the name and address of the pharmacy, and the quantity dispensed. The bill also requires the Board of Pharmacy to convene a work group to explore and clarify issues related to the compounding of drugs for human and animal use.

Patron - Orrock

PHB1045 Board for Contractors; additional monetary penalty for certain violations. Provides that if the Board for Contractors finds any licensed contractor to be in violation of a statute or regulation involving fraudulent or improper or dishonest conduct as defined in § 54.1-1118, which violation occurred while engaged in a transaction arising from a declared state of emergency as defined in § 44-146.16, the Board shall impose a monetary penalty of up to \$10,000 for each such violation. The bill provides that the penalty imposed shall be in addition to that provided in § 54.1-202.

Patron - Peace

PHB1129 Physician assistants; possession and administration of topical fluoride varnish. Allows physician assistants to possess and administer topical fluoride varnish to the teeth of children aged six months to three years pursuant to an oral or written order or a standing protocol issued by a doc-

tor of medicine, osteopathic medicine, or dentistry that conforms to standards adopted by the Department of Health.

Patron - Garrett

PHB1134 Practice of physician assistants. Updates terminology related to practice agreements for physician assistants and adds physician assistants to the definition of "health care provider" for the purposes of medical malpractice. Patron - O'Bannon

PHB1235 Department of Health Professions; use of implantable medical devices distributed by physician-owned distributorships. Directs the Department of Health Professions to consider any issues related to the use of implantable medical devices distributed by medical device distributors in which a physician has an ownership interest and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2014. This bill is identical to SB 536.

Patron - Peace

PHB1247 Professions and occupations; expedited review; applications of spouses of military service members. Reduces from 30 to 20 days the allowable application review period after which a regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the Department of Health Professions or any other board named in Title 54.1 will be required to issue a temporary license to certain military spouses while the board completes its review. The bill amends a provision that is scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2014.

Patron - Filler-Corn

PHB1249 Prescription Monitoring Program; prescriber requirements. Requires prescribers to be registered with the Prescription Monitoring Program by the Department of Health Professions upon filing an application for licensure or renewal of a license, if the prescriber has not already registered. The bill requires prescribers to request information from the Director of the Department of Health Professions to determine what, if any, other covered substances are currently being prescribed to any patient for whom the prescriber is initiating a new course of treatment that includes the prescribing of benzodiazepine or an opiate, when such course of treatment is anticipated to last more than 90 consecutive days and for which a treatment agreement is entered into, except when the prescriber's course of treatment arises from pain management relating to dialysis or cancer treatment. The bill also authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to identify and publish a list of benzodiazepines or opiates that have a low potential for abuse by human patients, the prescription of which shall not require the prescriber to request and obtain information from the Prescription Monitoring Program. This bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2015. This bill is identical to SB 294.

Patron - Hodges

PSB7 Virginia State Bar; Clients' Protection Fund; sunset. Extends the sunset provision on the Supreme Court's authority to adopt rules assessing members of the Virginia State Bar an annual fee of up to \$25 to be deposited in the Clients' Protection Fund from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2020. *Patron - Stuart*

PSB77 Disposition of remains; absence of next of kin. Provides that, in the absence of a next of kin, a person designated to make arrangements for disposition of a decedent's remains, an agent named in an advance directive, or a guardian who exercises powers conferred in an order of appointment, or upon the failure or refusal of such next of kin, designated person, agent, or guardian to accept responsibility for the disposi-

tion of the decedent's remains, any person who is 18 years of age or older who is able to provide identification of the deceased and willing to pay the costs of disposition of the remains may make arrangements for such disposition and may authorize cremation. The bill also provides that a funeral service establishment or funeral service licensee who makes arrangements in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be immune from civil liability absent bad faith or malicious intent.

Patron - Martin

PSB95 Precious metals dealers; waiver of permit fee for certain merchants. Authorizes the chief law-enforcement officer of a locality to waive the fee for obtaining a previous metals dealer permit for a retail merchant, provided (i) the retail merchant has a permanent place of business and (ii) purchases of precious metals and gems do not exceed five percent of the retail merchant's annual business. This bill is identical to HB 192.

Patron - Black

PSB202 Auctioneers; exemption from licensure. Requires an organization to be a charitable organization granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in order to be exempt from licensure as an auctioneer or auction firm for sales, not exceeding one sale per year, by or on behalf of the organization. The current exemption does not specify that the organization be charitable and granted tax-exempt status. This bill is identical to HB 184. Patron - McWaters

PSB203 Occupational therapy; practice as a therapist or therapist assistant applicant. Provides that a person who has graduated from a duly accredited educational program in occupational therapy may practice under the title "Occupational Therapist, License Applicant" and that a person who has graduated from a duly accredited occupational therapy assistant education program may practice under the title "Occupational Therapy Assistant, License Applicant" until he has received a failing score on any examination required by the Board of Occupational Therapy or until six months have elapsed from the date of graduation, whichever occurs sooner. Patron - Carrico

PSB294 Prescription Monitoring Program; prescriber requirements. Requires prescribers to be registered with the Prescription Monitoring Program by the Department of Health Professions upon filing an application for licensure or renewal of a license, if the prescriber has not already registered. The bill requires prescribers to request information from the Director of the Department of Health Professions to determine what, if any, other covered substances are currently being prescribed to any patient for whom the prescriber is initiating a new course of treatment that includes the prescribing of benzodiazepine or an opiate, when such course of treatment is anticipated to last more than 90 consecutive days and for which a treatment agreement is entered into, except when the prescriber's course of treatment arises from pain management relating to dialysis or cancer treatment. The bill also authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to identify and publish a list of benzodiazepines or opiates that have a low potential for abuse by human patients, the prescription of which shall not require the prescriber to request and obtain information from the Prescription Monitoring Program. This bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2015. The bill is identical to HB 1249.

Patron - Puckett

PSB328 Surgical technologists and surgical assistants. Prohibits any person from using or assuming the title

"registered surgical technologist" unless such person is registered with the Board of Medicine and prohibits any person from using or assuming the title "registered surgical assistant" unless such person is registered with the Board. The bill requires the Board to register applicants as registered surgical technologists or registered surgical assistants if they meet certain criteria.

Patron - Barker

PSB330 Genetic counseling; licensure. Provides that no person shall practice or hold himself out as practicing genetic counseling without a valid, unrevoked license as a genetic counselor from the Board of Medicine. The bill establishes requirements and a process for licensure as a genetic counselor, sets forth exemptions from the requirements for a license, and establishes the Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling. This bill is identical to HB 612.

Patron - Howell

PSB413 Wildlife rehabilitators. Allows persons authorized by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to provide care for wildlife as long as the care provided complies with the Department's regulations and permit conditions. *Patron - Hanger*

PSB438 Real Estate Board; death or disability of a broker. Requires the Real Estate Board to grant approval to certain persons in a specific order of priority as may be designated by a broker in the event of his disability or death to conclude the business of the broker. Under current law, the Board may grant approval to the estate or an adult family member or employee of the licensed broker. The bill also requires the Real Estate Board to inform licensed brokers, in a manner deemed appropriate by the Board, of the broker's ability to designate an agent in the event of the broker's death or disability. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission. This bill is identical to HB 251.

Patron - Barker

PSB463 Health regulatory boards; reinstatement of licensure. Provides that an applicant for reinstatement of a certificate, registration, or license that has been revoked bears the burden of proof to show to the appropriate health regulatory board by clear and convincing evidence that he is safe and competent to practice. This bill is identical to HB 855. *Patron - Barker*

PSB526 Prescription Monitoring Program; disclosure method. Specifies that when the Director, in his discretion, discloses information that is in the possession of the program concerning a recipient who is over the age of 18 to that recipient, the information shall be mailed to the street or mailing address indicated on the recipient request form. This bill is identical to HB 923.

Patron - Carrico

PISB536 Department of Health Professions; use of implantable medical devices distributed by physicianowned distributorships. Directs the Department of Health Professions to consider any issues related to the use of implantable medical devices distributed by medical device distributors in which a physician has an ownership interest and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2014. This bill is identical to HB 1235. Patron - Martin

PSB564 Board of Accountancy; licensing requirements. Requires certified public accounting firms to participate in the Facilitated State Board Access process established

by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for peer review. This bill is identical to HB 907. Patron - Stosch

PSB575 Advance Health Care Directive Registry; submission of documents. Provides that the legal representative or designee of an individual who has executed a health care power of attorney, advance directive, or declaration of an anatomical gift may submit the document to the Advance Health Care Directive Registry. Current law provides that only the person who executed the document may submit it. Patron - Barker

Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals; onsite sewage installers and operators. Directs the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals to extend one time and deem to be valid interim licenses as an alternative onsite sewage system installer held by an individual at such time as the individual applies to take the examination required for issuance of an alternative onsite sewage system installer license. A license extended in accordance with this act shall be valid until such time as the individual receives a passing score on the examination required for issuance of a license as an alternative onsite sewage system installer or for a period of six months, whichever occurs sooner. This bill contains an emergency clause. Patron - Black

Failed

FHB352 Possession and administration of epinephrine. Authorizes any employee of a licensed restaurant to possess and administer epinephrine, provided such employee is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine. The bill also requires the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Department of Health Professions, to develop policies and guidelines for the recognition and treatment of anaphylaxis in restaurants.

Patron - O'Bannon

EHB565 Birth control; definition. Adds a definition of birth control. "Birth control" means contraceptive methods that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Birth control shall not be considered abortion for the purposes of Title 18.2.

Patron - Watts

Transfer of firearms at gun shows; voluntary background check. Requires the Department of State Police to be available to perform background checks for non-dealer sales at gun shows if a party involved in a transaction wants one. The promoter of the firearms show shall furnish the Department of State Police sufficient facilities to perform the background checks and shall reimburse the Department of State Police for its actual costs. In order for the bill to become effective, the U.S. Department of Justice must approve the policies and procedures that the Department of State Police will use to implement the provisions of the bill.

Patron - Lopez

FHB998 Prescription Monitoring Program; reporting requirements. Requires dispensers to comply with the reporting requirements of the Prescription Monitoring Program within three days of dispensing a covered substance. Patron - Yost

ESB207 Licensed providers of treatment for persons with opiate addiction; Prescription Monitoring Program. Requires licensed providers of treatment for persons with opiate addiction through the use of methadone or other opioid replacements to comply with the reporting requirements of the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Patron - McWaters

ESB246 Funeral services, cremation. Provides that, in cases where no next of kin, designated person, or agent is available, any person over 18 years of age who is able to provide visual identification of a deceased and is willing to pay the costs of cremation may do so, as part of the requirements for cremation.

Patron - Alexander

requirements. Requires dispensers to comply with the reporting requirements of the Prescription Monitoring Program within three days of dispensing a covered substance.

Patron - Smith

Carried Over

CHB53 Practice of medicine and other healing arts; unprofessional conduct; purchase of prescription drugs from unlicensed wholesale distributor. Adds knowingly purchasing prescription drugs from an unlicensed wholesale distributor to the list of actions that constitute unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and other healing arts. This bill is carried over pursuant to Rule 22 of the House. Patron - Hodges

© HB179 Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; examination; initial asbestos worker license applicants. Requires employers to provide each licensed asbestos worker with a written notice containing the following information: (i) a statement that the worker has the right to work in a safe environment, (ii) a summary of basic safety rules for handling asbestos, and (iii) information on how to file a complaint with the Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors. In addition, the bill empowers the Board to summarily suspend the license of an asbestos contractor if the Board finds that the asbestos contractor's conduct poses a substantial danger to the public health or safety and authorizes the Board to suspend, revoke, or deny renewal of an existing license of any asbestos contractor who is shown to have a substantial identity of interest with an asbestos contractor whose license has been revoked.

Patron - Farrell

CIHB253 Alternative onsite sewage systems; licensure of installers. Removes the requirement for an applicant for licensure as an installer of alternative onsite sewage systems to pass an examination if such applicant demonstrates to the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals that he has been performing the duties of an alternative onsite sewage system installer for at least eight years within the 12-year period immediately preceding the date of application for licensure. This bill is carried over pursuant to Rule 22 of the House. Patron - Lingamfelter

THB895 Board of Medicine; membership. Changes membership requirements for the Board of Medicine, replacing requirements for one medical physician from each congressional district and one osteopathic physician with a requirement for 12 allopathic or osteopathic medical physicians. The bill

also revises the process for nominating candidates for membership, requiring the Board of Medicine to evaluate nominations made by relevant state medical societies and make recommendations to the Governor based on the individual competencies and specialties of the nominees and competencies and specialties of the current membership of the Board. This bill is carried over pursuant to Rule 22 of the House.

Patron - Stolle

CHB1103 Prohibited drug analogs; Board of Pharmacy may regulate; prohibition on sale; civil penalty. Authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to add substances that are considered prohibited drug analogs through an expedited regulatory process. A "prohibited drug analog" is defined as a substance that the Board has determined to have or is represented or intended to have a stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system that is substantially similar to or greater than the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of tetrahydrocannibinol or a controlled substance. The bill provides that any person that sells, gives, or distributes a prohibited drug analog is civilly liable to law enforcement for the actual expenses incurred by law enforcement to purchase the prohibited drug analog and is subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for a first offense, \$2,000 for a second offense, and \$5,000 for a third or subsequent offense. If the expenses and civil penalty are not paid within 30 days of the judgment, any license or registration to conduct business of the person or entity liable shall be suspended. Upon conviction of a third offense, such license or registration to conduct business shall be forfeited. This bill is carried over pursuant to Rule 22 of the House. Patron - Hodges

EHB1119 Compounding of drug products; notice. Requires pharmacists to notify patients to whom compounded drug products are dispensed that the drug product has been compounded. This bill is carried over pursuant to Rule 22 of the House.

Patron - Habeeb

HB1131 Regulation of health care providers; prohibited acts; penalties. Provides that any person who is licensed, registered, certified, or otherwise subject to the oversight of a health regulatory board who knowingly or intentionally makes any false statement or includes any false information in a patient's medical record is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor and that any individual who knowingly or intentionally makes a false statement or provides false information related to the subject of an investigation to investigative personnel of the Department of Health Professions engaged in the investigation of a complaint is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Patron - Cole

CSB299 Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; asbestos contractors; notice to asbestos workers. Requires employers to provide each licensed asbestos worker with a written notice containing the following information: (i) a statement that the worker has the right to work in a safe environment, (ii) a summary of basic safety rules for handling asbestos, and (iii) information on how to file a complaint with the Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors. In addition, the bill empowers the Board to summarily suspend the license of an asbestos contractor if the Board finds that the asbestos contractor's conduct poses a substantial danger to the public health or safety and authorizes the Board to suspend, revoke, or deny renewal of an existing license of any asbestos contractor who is shown to have a substantial identity

of interest with an asbestos contractor whose license has been revoked or not renewed.

Patron - Ebbin

Property and Conveyances

Passed

PHB24 Contracts; recording requirements. Deletes a reference to a subsection of the Code that was repealed in 2000 by HB 1204, which updated Article 9 (Secured Transactions) of the Uniform Commercial Code. There is no corresponding subsection in Article 9A, which replaced Article 9. The bill is a recommendation of the Code Commission.

Patron - Habeeb

PHB273 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; applicability; security deposits. Changes the applicability of the Virginia Residential Landlord Tenant Act from the ownership of no more than 10 single-family residences to ownership of no more than two single-family residences and makes the application uniform across the state. The bill also authorizes a landlord to expedite the disposition of security deposits under certain circumstances and sets the interest rate (0.00%) on security deposits for 2014. The bill repeals the requirement for a landlord to accrue interest on security deposits, effective January 1, 2015.

Patron - Loupassi

PHB530 Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts; compliance with declaration. Clarifies that an action against the association for noncompliance with all lawful provisions of the Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts and all provisions of the declaration is not precluded. The bill also authorizes the court to award attorney fees to the prevailing party.

Patron - Pogge

PHB550 Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts; notice for requests to examine association records. Provides that, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the right of examination of association books and records may be exercised upon five business days' written notice for a professionally managed association and 10 business days' written notice for a self-managed association, which notice reasonably identifies the purpose for the request and the specific books and records of the association requested. Patron - Filler-Corn

PHB566 Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts; late fees. Clarifies the amount of late fees that may be assessed against an owner for nonpayment of assessments.

Patron - Watts

PHB614 Landlord and tenant law; energy submetering; local government fees. Provides that in lieu of increasing the rent, the owner, manager, or operator of a commercial or residential building or campground may employ a program that utilizes a mathematical formula for allocating the actual or anticipated local government fees billed to the building or campground owner among the tenants in such building or campground if clearly stated in the rental agreement or lease. Such owner, manager, or operator of a commercial or residential building or campground may also charge and collect from each tenant additional service charges, including monthly bill-

ing fees, account set-up fees, or account move-out fees, to cover the actual costs of administrative expenses for administration of such a program. If the building is residential and is subject to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, such local government fees and administrative expenses shall be deemed to be rent. The bill defines the term "local government fees" as any local government charges or fees assessed against a commercial or residential building or campground, including stormwater, recycling, trash collection, elevator testing, fire or life safety testing, or residential rental inspection programs.

Patron - Miller

PHB638 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; tenant's noncompliance; death of tenant. Provides that the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act may also be cited as the "Virginia Rental Housing Act." The bill also allows a landlord, regardless of whether or not a lawsuit is filed or an order obtained from a court, to recover the following if the rental agreement so provides: (i) rent due and owing as contracted for in the rental agreement, (ii) other charges and fees as contracted for in the rental agreement, (iii) late charges contracted for in the rental agreement, (iv) reasonable attorney fees as contracted for in the rental agreement or as provided by law, (v) costs of the proceeding as contracted for in the rental agreement or as provided by law only if court action has been filed, and (vi) damages to the dwelling unit or premises as contracted in the rental agreement. The bill also requires, in an action for breach of the rental agreement or noncompliance by the tenant, the court to award a money judgment to the landlord if the landlord prevails and specifies what is to be awarded by the court, unless in any such action, the tenant proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the tenant's failure to pay rent or vacate was reasonable. The bill also provides that in the event of the death of a tenant who is the sole occupant of the dwelling unit, the rental agreement is deemed to be terminated by the landlord as of the date of death and provides that the estate of the tenant remains liable for actual damages. Patron - Miller

PHB690 Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts; merger of developments; reformation of declaration. Provides a process for the merger of two or more associations and a process for seeking judicial reformation of the declaration in both Acts. The reformation procedure includes, among other requirements, at least 30 days' notice to the owners and the mortgagee and gives the mortgagee standing to participate in the reformation proceedings.

Patron - Massie

PHB791 Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts; rule enforcement. Gives associations the right, to the extent the governing documents duly adopted rules expressly so provide, to (i) suspend a unit owner's right to use facilities or services, including utility services, provided directly through the unit owners' association for nonpayment of assessments which are more than 60 days past due, to the extent that access to the unit through the common elements is not precluded and provided that such suspension shall not endanger the health, safety, or property of any unit owner, tenant, or occupant; (ii) assess charges against any unit owner for any violation of the condominium instruments or of the rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto for which such unit owner or his family members, tenants, guests or other invitees are responsible; and (iii) file or defend a legal action in general district or circuit court to seek an order to require that any violation of the condominium instruments or rules duly adopted pursuant thereto be corrected. The bill further provides that before any action authorized in the bill or in the governing documents is taken and after written notice of the alleged violation

to the unit owner at the address required for notices of meetings, the owner shall be given a reasonable opportunity to correct the alleged violation. If the violation remains uncorrected, the owner shall be given an opportunity to be heard and to be represented by counsel before the board or such other tribunal as the governing documents or rules duly adopted pursuant thereto specify. The bill gives an appeal of right from general district court an action involving rule enforcement filed by a condominium unit owners' association or unit owner or of an action filed by a property owners' association or lot owner. Lastly, the bill provides that in the event of a legal action involving rule enforcement, the prevailing party is entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorney fees. Currently, only the association is entitled to recover such costs and fees. *Patron - LeMunyon*

PHB799 Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; change in circumstances. Removes from the requirement that, at or before settlement, the owner be required to disclose to the purchaser any material change in the disclosures made relative to the property the option that the owner may certify to the purchaser at settlement that the disclosures already made are substantially the same.

Patron - Simon

PHB899 Condominium Act; purchaser's right of cancellation. Reduces a purchaser's right of cancellation from 10 to five calendar days from the contract date of the disposition or delivery of the current public offering statement, whichever is later. The bill also requires the purchaser's right to cancel the purchase contract to be set forth on the first page of the purchase contract in boldface print of not less than 12-point type.

Patron - Peace

Association Act; allowable fees. Provides that nothing in either Act shall be construed to authorize an association or common interest community manager to charge an inspection fee for a unit or lot unless specifically authorized, nor may an additional fee be charged for access to the association's or common interest community manager's website. The bill provides that if a resale certificate or disclosure packet is provided in electronic format, a total fee not to exceed \$125 is authorized for one electronic copy to each of the following named in the request: the seller, the seller's authorized agent, the purchaser, the purchaser's authorized agent, and not more than one other person designated by the requester.

Patron - Peace

PHB901 Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act; public offering statement; multisite registration. Allows for the developer, in the case of a time-share project located outside the Commonwealth, to amend the public offering statement to reflect any additions or deletions of the time-share project to an existing time-share program registered in the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to SB 577.

Patron - Peace

PSB116 Correcting errors in deeds, deeds of trust, and mortgages; affidavit. Allows an attorney to record a corrective affidavit to correct an obvious description error contained in a recorded deed, deed of trust, or mortgage. Obvious description errors include (i) errors transcribing courses and distances, (ii) errors incorporating a recorded plat or deed reference, (iii) errors in listing a lot number or designation, and (iv) omitted exhibits that supply the legal description of the property. Before a corrective affidavit may be recorded, all parties to the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage, including the current property owner; the attorney who prepared the deed, deed

of trust, or mortgage; and the title insurance company must be provided with a copy of the affidavit, and such parties have 30 days to object in writing to the recordation of the corrective affidavit.

Patron - Watkins

PSB347 Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act; contents of time-share owners' association annual report; cost. Details the contents of the annual report provided by the time-share owners' association to its members. In addition, the bill extends the time in which the time-share owners' association annual report must be prepared and distributed to all time-share estate owners from 120 to 180 days after the close of the fiscal year.

Patron - Cosgrove

PSB348 Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act; alternative purchase. Provides for the registration with the Common Interest Community Board of alternative purchases that are offered to potential purchasers during the developer's sales presentation. The bill also requires the developer to notify the Board within 30 days of any material change in any previously registered alternative purchase.

Patron - Cosgrove

PSB490 Carbon monoxide alarms; required installation in rental dwelling units. Amends the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to require a landlord to install carbon monoxide alarms upon the written request of a tenant. The bill also provides that the landlord may charge a reasonable fee for the installation of the alarms and that the installation must be in compliance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Patron - Norment

PSB577 Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act; public offering statement; multisite registration. Allows for the developer, in the case of a time-share project located outside the Commonwealth, to amend the public offering statement to reflect any additions or deletions of the time-share project to an existing time-share program registered in the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to HB 901.

Patron - Cosgrove

Failed

FHB260 Property Owners' Association Act; association charges. Provides that unless expressly authorized in the Property Owners' Association Act or in the declaration or otherwise provided by law, no association may make an assessment or impose a charge against a tenant unless the charge is a fee for services provided or related to use of the common area. Any such tenant fees shall be in addition to, but shall not exceed, the amount of the assessment against the lot or lot owner.

Patron - Scott

THB332 Common Interest Community Ombudsman; owners' bill of rights. Provides that in addition to other powers and duties, the Common Interest Community Ombudsman is required to develop and disseminate to all common interest communities in Virginia a common interest community owners' bill of rights, which shall be written in readily understandable language using words of common everyday usage and avoiding legal terms and phrases. The bill requires the Ombudsman also to post a copy of the common interest community owners' bill of rights on its website. The bill sets out the minimum requirements for inclusion in the bill of rights.

Patron - Greason

FHB372 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; expedited evictions for nonremediable breaches; continued disturbances of the peace. Provides for an expedited evictions process under the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act for continued disturbances of the peace. The bill also reorganizes the provisions in the Act pertaining to expedited evictions for nonremediable breaches.

Patron - Head

FHB419 Tenants by the entireties in real and personal property. Broadens the class of individuals who may hold property as tenants by the entireties to include any married couple whose marriage is recognized under the laws of any state in the United States.

Patron - Simon

ums; special provisions. Extends to tenants with one or more minor children who live within 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines the right to continue to occupy their apartment or unit or at least one of equal size and overall quality under a lease agreement, even though their apartment or unit will be converted to a condominium. Under current law, the locality must enact an ordinance to afford these rights, and currently such rights are available to elderly or disabled tenants.

Patron - Herring

Act; retaliation by landlord; rebuttable presumption. Creates a rebuttable presumption that a landlord acted in retaliation against a tenant in violation of the Virginia Landlord and Tenant Act if such retaliation occurs within six months after a tenant has (i) complained to a governmental agency charged with responsibility for enforcement of a building or housing code of a violation applicable to the premises materially affecting health or safety; (ii) made a complaint to or filed a suit against the landlord for a violation of any provision of the Act; (iii) organized or become a member of a tenants' organization; or (iv) testified in a court proceeding against the landlord. The bill provides that after six months, the burden of proving retaliatory intent is on the tenant. Currently, the burden of proof is on the tenant.

Patron - Lopez

Act; underground pipelines. Requires the disclosure that the owner/seller of residential real property makes no representations with respect to the presence of any underground pipelines or storage tanks carrying hazardous material such as natural gas or oil and that purchasers are advised to exercise whatever due diligence they deem necessary to determine the presence of any pipeline that may lie beneath the property, including using the National Pipeline Mapping System's (NPMS) public viewer, in accordance with terms and conditions as may be contained in the real estate purchase contract, but in any event prior to settlement pursuant to that contract.

Patron - Keam

ESB152 Disclosure of presence of dam. Requires the first seller of a residential property (developer) that is located in a dam break inundation zone to disclose to any prospective purchaser of the property that the property is located in such a zone and that the failure of the dam may represent a threat to public health and safety.

Patron - Stuart

ESB329 Implied warranty; new homes. Provides that if the vendor of a new home (i) is in the business of building or selling new dwellings and (ii) selected and installed the materials and fixtures used in the construction of the dwelling, he

shall be held to warrant to the vendee that if a defect occurs in such materials or fixtures and the manufacturer does not fulfill any warranty that was provided, that the vendor will fulfill the warranty.

Patron - Howell

 ${f f LSB354}$ Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; expedited evictions for nonremediable breaches; continued disturbances of the peace. Provides for an expedited evictions process under the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act for continued disturbances of the peace. The bill also reorganizes the provisions in the Act pertaining to expedited evictions for nonremediable breaches. Patron - Edwards

IDSB386 Virginia Property Owners' Association Act; association charges. Clarifies that a property owners' association may only assess charges or fees for services provided or related to use of the common area that are expressly authorized in the Virginia Property Owners' Association Act, the association's declaration, or as otherwise provided by law. Patron - Reeves

Carried Over

EHB985 Property conveyance. Authorizes the conveyance of the former Juvenile Correctional Facility in Natural Bridge to the Department of Veterans Services. Patron - Cline

Public Service Companies

Passed

PHB25 Obsolete provisions; regulation of public service companies. Updates a citation to the federal Public Utility Holding Company Act. The bill also removes an obsolete reference to repealed sections of the Code of Virginia that pertained to express companies. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Code Commission.

Patron - Habeeb

PHB774 Regulation of competitive telephone companies. Establishes a procedure by which certain telephone companies may elect to be regulated as competitive telephone companies. A competitive telephone company will be exempt from the Securities Act. The SCC shall continue to have jurisdiction over wholesale telephone services and issues, including the payment of switched network access rates or other intercarrier compensation, interconnection, porting, and numbering. A competitive telephone company in its incumbent territory will continue to be obligated to extend or expand its facilities to furnish retail voice service and facilities when the person, firm, or corporation does not have service available from one or more alternative providers of wireline or terrestrial wireless communications services at prevailing market rates. A competitive telephone company shall have the obligation to provide access to emergency 911 service to its end-user retail customers. The SCC shall continue to enforce the Transfers Act regarding competitive telephone companies. The SCC will continue not to have power to regulate contracts between telephone companies and the Commonwealth and its agencies. Orders issued by the SCC pursuant to any authority that it previously had, but which authority ceases to exist upon the effective date of this measure, shall have no effect on a competitive telephone com-

pany; however, orders issued pursuant to authority granted, continued, or otherwise preserved under this measure shall continue in effect. This bill is identical to SB 584. Patron - Hugo

PHB822 Renewable energy portfolio standard program. Limits the ability of an electric utility participating in the renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) program to bank renewable energy sales or renewable energy certificates (RECs) that are in excess of the yearly sales requirement for that RPS Goal. The measure provides that the utility may use such excess sales or RECs to achieve the RPS Goals only in the subsequent five calendar years after the renewable energy was generated or the certificates were created. An electric utility may continue to apply RECs that it acquired prior to January 1, 2014. This bill is identical to SB 498.

Patron - Lopez

PHB848 Electric utility regulation; recovery of costs of new underground distribution facilities. Authorizes investor-owned electric utilities to recover the costs of new underground distribution facilities through a rate adjustment clause. Eligible facilities will replace existing overhead distribution facilities of 69 kilovolts or less. Petitions seeking approval for recovery of such costs shall not be brought more frequently than annually. A utility shall not seek any annual incremental increase in the level of investments in such facilities that exceeds five percent of the utility's distribution rate base. In determining whether to approve a rate adjustment clause for such facilities, the State Corporation Commission is directed to liberally construe the provisions of Title 56 and to give due consideration to the public policy goals of increased electric service reliability and reduced outage times associated with the replacement of existing overhead distribution facilities with new underground facilities. None of the costs of such new facilities shall be allocated to customers in the large power service rate class for a Phase I utility or general service rate classes for a Phase II utility.

Patron - Loupassi

PHB949 Natural gas utilities; upstream supply **infrastructure projects.** Authorizes a natural gas utility to recover eligible costs of eligible natural gas supply infrastructure projects. A plan for recovery of such costs may provide the utility with an option to receive the gas or sell the gas at market prices. The measure also (i) provides that the transportation of natural gas by pipeline, without providing service to end users within the territory, shall not be considered operating in the territory of another certificate holder; (ii) bars the State Corporation Commission from approving the construction of a natural gas compressor station in an area without the locality's certification only if the area is zoned exclusively for residential use; and (iii) expands the definition of a strategic natural gas facility to include a natural gas transmission company that adds design day deliverability or designed send out of at least 100,000 dekaTherms per day in the aggregate. This bill is identical to SB 519.

Patron - Hugo

PHB978 Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995; **utility crossings.** Requires a locality or political subdivision whose facilities are to be crossed or affected by a project under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 to cooperate fully with other entities in planning and arranging the manner of the crossing or relocation of the facilities. If the locality or political subdivision and the private entity are not able to agree upon a plan for the crossing or relocation, the private entity is authorized to request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to resolve the matter. The measure also requires requests for approval of a transportation facility to include a list of the locality's or political subdivision's facilities that will be crossed by the transportation facility and a statement of plans to accommodate the crossings.

Patron - Rust

PSB459 Electric utility regulation; recovery of nuclear costs. Requires an electric utility to establish a regulatory asset for regulatory accounting and ratemaking purposes under which it shall defer operation and maintenance costs incurred in connection with the refueling of any nuclear-powered generating plant and certain related work. These deferred O&M costs shall be amortized over the refueling cycle, but in no case for more than 18 months. The State Corporation Commission (SCC) is required to treat the deferred and amortized costs of such regulatory asset as part of the utility's costs for the purpose of certain proceedings. The measure also limits the portion of all costs incurred by an electric utility between July 1, 2007, and December 31, 2013, in developing a nuclear power facility that are recoverable through a rate adjustment clause to 30 percent of such amount. The remaining 70 percent of all such costs related to such a facility shall be recovered ratably through existing base rates as determined by the SCC in the test periods under review in the utility's next biennial review filed after July 1, 2014. All of the costs incurred after December 31, 2013, may be deferred for recovery through a rate adjustment clause as may be approved by the SCC. The measure also states that the planning and development activities for new nuclear generation facilities are in the public inter-

Patron - Stosch

PSB498 Renewable energy portfolio standard program. Limits the ability of an electric utility participating in the renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) program to bank renewable energy sales or renewable energy certificates (RECs) that are in excess of the yearly sales requirement for that RPS Goal. The measure provides that the utility may use such excess sales or RECs to achieve the RPS Goals only in the subsequent five calendar years after the renewable energy was generated or the certificates were created. An electric utility may continue to apply RECs that it acquired prior to January 1, 2014. This bill is identical to HB 822.

Patron - McEachin

extstyle ext**structure projects.** Authorizes a natural gas utility to recover eligible costs of eligible natural gas supply infrastructure projects. A plan for recovery of such costs may provide the utility with an option to receive the gas or sell the gas at market prices. The measure also (i) provides that the transportation of natural gas by pipeline, without providing service to end users within the territory, shall not be considered operating in the territory of another certificate holder; (ii) bars the State Corporation Commission from approving the construction of a natural gas compressor station in an area without the locality's certification only if the area is zoned exclusively for residential use; and (iii) expands the definition of a strategic natural gas facility to include a natural gas transmission company that adds design day deliverability or designed send out of at least 100,000 dekaTherms per day in the aggregate. This bill is identical to HB 949.

Patron - Wagner

 ${f subset LSB584}$ Regulation of competitive telephone compa**nies.** Establishes a procedure by which certain telephone companies may elect to be regulated as competitive telephone companies. A competitive telephone company will be exempt from the Securities Act. The SCC shall continue to have jurisdiction over wholesale telephone services and issues, including the payment of switched network access rates or other intercarrier compensation, interconnection, porting, and numbering. A competitive telephone company in its incumbent territory will continue to be obligated to extend or expand its facilities to furnish retail voice service and facilities when the person, firm, or corporation does not have service available from one or more alternative providers of wireline or terrestrial wireless communications services at prevailing market rates. A competitive telephone company shall have the obligation to provide access to emergency 911 service to its end-user retail customers. The SCC shall continue to enforce the Transfers Act regarding competitive telephone companies. The SCC will continue not to have power to regulate contracts between telephone companies and the Commonwealth and its agencies. Orders issued by the SCC pursuant to any authority that it previously had, but which authority ceases to exist upon the effective date of this measure, shall have no effect on a competitive telephone company; however, orders issued pursuant to authority granted, continued, or otherwise preserved under this measure shall continue in effect. This bill is identical to HB 774.

Patron - Saslaw

LISB585 Electric utility regulation; recovery of costs of new underground distribution facilities. Authorizes investor-owned electric utilities to recover the costs of new underground distribution facilities through a rate adjustment clause. Eligible facilities will replace existing overhead distribution facilities of 69 kilovolts or less. Petitions seeking approval for recovery of such costs shall not be brought more frequently than annually. A utility shall not seek any annual incremental increase in the level of investments in such facilities that exceeds five percent of the utility's distribution rate base. In determining whether to approve a rate adjustment clause for such facilities, the State Corporation Commission is directed to liberally construe the provisions of Title 56 and to give due consideration to the public policy goals of increased electric service reliability and reduced outage times associated with the replacement of existing overhead distribution facilities with new underground facilities. None of the costs of such new facilities shall be allocated to customers in the large power service rate class for a Phase I utility or general service rate classes for a Phase II utility. The measure also rewords a provision that currently states that nothing precludes the Commission from determining the reasonableness or prudence of any cost incurred or projected to be incurred by a utility.

Patron - Saslaw

PSB643 Electric utilities; costs of offshore wind facilities. Limits the portion of all costs incurred by an electric utility between July 1, 2007, and December 31, 2013, in developing an offshore wind facility that are recoverable through a rate adjustment clause to 30 percent of such amount. The remaining 70 percent of all such costs related to such a facility shall be recovered ratably through existing base rates as determined by the SCC in the test periods under review in the utility's next biennial review filed after July 1, 2014. All of the costs incurred after December 31, 2013, may be deferred for recovery through a rate adjustment clause as may be approved by the SCC. The measure also states that the planning and development activities for new generation facilities utilizing energy derived from offshore wind are in the public interest. Patron - McEachin

Failed

FHB13 Telecommunications providers; notices of data releases to federal agencies. Requires any provider of telephone service, commercial mobile radio service, and Voice-over-Internet protocol service to conspicuously disclose

to its customers, both in periodic billing statements and in contracts for telecommunications services or for the sale or lease of equipment, whether the provider is being, or has been, directed by order of the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court or other court to provide call detail records or telephony metadata for its customers to the National Security Agency or other agency of the federal government. If so, the provider is also required to include a description of the nature and type of call detail records or telephony metadata that it is being, or has been, directed to provide to such agency. If the telecommunications provider is prohibited from disclosing such information, it shall disclose that fact. Providers are exempt from such requirements if federal statutory law or court order prohibits them from making the disclosures. The measure also provides that the State Corporation Commission (i) has jurisdiction over wireless service providers as a public utility to the extent necessary to enforce these disclosure requirements and (ii) may require providers to furnish to it information in order to show their compliance with these requirements. Patron - Marshall, R.G.

 ${f f f HB106}$ Regulation of competitive telephone compa**nies.** Establishes a procedure by which certain telephone companies may elect to be regulated as competitive telephone companies. In order to make such an election, a telephone company shall be either an incumbent local exchange telephone company for which the State Corporation Commission (SCC) has found its incumbent service territory to be competitive or a competitive local exchange telephone company. A competitive telephone company will be exempt from the Securities Act and the Utility Transfer Act. The SCC shall continue to have jurisdiction over wholesale telephone services and issues, including the payment of switched network access rates or other intercarrier compensation, interconnection, porting, and numbering. A competitive telephone company in its incumbent territory will continue to be obligated to extend or expand its facilities to furnish retail voice service and facilities when the person, firm, or corporation does not have service available from one or more alternative providers of wireline or terrestrial wireless communications services at prevailing market rates. The SCC will continue not to have power to regulate contracts between telephone companies and the Commonwealth and its agencies. Patron - Byron

additional requirements for certain comprehensive agreements. Provides that no comprehensive agreements for the lease, operation, or transfer of ownership of a qualifying transportation facility under the Public-Private Transportation Act with a total value of more than \$1 billion and having a substantial negative impact on the tax revenues of an affected jurisdiction or substantially increasing the taxes, fees, or expenses that will be paid by residents of an affected jurisdiction may be executed by a state agency unless (i) approved by the Governor and (ii) a bill that includes a specific description of the proposed agreement and its anticipated expenditures and revenues is passed by the General Assembly.

Patron - James

ransportation Act of 1995 and Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002; additional requirements for comprehensive agreements. Provides that no comprehensive agreement providing for the lease, operation, or transfer of ownership of a qualifying transportation facility under the Public-Private Transportation Act or a qualified project under the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act with a total value of \$1 billion or more shall be executed by a state agency unless (i) approved by the Governor and (ii) a bill that includes

a specific description of the proposed agreement and its anticipated expenditures and revenues is passed by the General Assembly.

Patron - James

FHB363 Electric utility regulation; approval of generation facilities. Requires the State Corporation Commission, in its consideration of an application for approval of an electrical generation facility, to consider environmental effects not expressly governed by a permit or expressly considered by a permitting authority, including carbon emissions and the overall impacts of new and existing facilities on the health and welfare of the residents of the Commonwealth. The measure also removes provisions that prohibited the Commission from imposing additional conditions with respect to such matters. *Patron - Kory*

FHB808 Electrical utility facilities; consideration of stability of fuel prices. Requires the State Corporation Commission, when required to approve the construction of any electrical utility facility, to consider the long-term price stability of any fuels used in the generation of energy from the facility.

Patron - Lopez

HB879 Net energy metering by municipalities and multifamily customer-generators. Authorizes municipal renewable energy net metering projects. Participating municipalities are authorized to aggregate the electric energy load of their governmental buildings, facilities, and any other governmental operations requiring the consumption of electric energy for the purpose of net energy metering from a renewable energy generating facility. To be eligible, the generation facility for the municipal renewable energy net metering project shall use as its sole energy source solar power, wind power, or aerobic or anaerobic digester gas and landfill gas; not have an aggregate generation capacity of more than five megawatts unless a utility elects a higher capacity; be located on land owned or controlled by the municipality; be interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and be used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the municipality. The aggregated municipal net metered accounts may be served by multiple meters. The aggregated load shall be served under the appropriate rate schedules. The measure also requires the State Corporation Commission, by July 1, 2015, to establish a program of multifamily net energy metering, which will allow a customer or customers that operate a renewable energy generating facility in a condominium, apartment complex, neighborhood, or homeowners association served by a common distribution circuit to be an eligible multifamily net metering customergenerator. The generation facility for multifamily net metering shall use as its total source of fuel renewable energy; not have an aggregate generation capacity of more than 500 kilowatts; be located on land owned or controlled by the eligible condominium, apartment complex, or homeowners association or on customers' property within the condominium, apartment complex, neighborhood, or homeowners association; be interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and be used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator. Eligible multifamily net metering customer-generators are exempt from the monthly standby charge assessed on other eligible customer-generators. Patron - Yost

EHB906 Net energy metering by municipalities and multifamily customer-generators. Authorizes municipal renewable energy net metering projects. Participating municipalities are authorized to aggregate the electric energy load of

their governmental buildings, facilities, and any other governmental operations requiring the consumption of electric energy for the purpose of net energy metering from a renewable energy generating facility. To be eligible, the generation facility for the municipal renewable energy net metering project shall use as its sole energy source solar power, wind power, or aerobic or anaerobic digester gas and landfill gas; not have an aggregate generation capacity of more than five megawatts unless a utility elects a higher capacity; be located on land owned, leased, or operated by the municipality; be interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and be used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the municipality. The aggregated municipal net metered accounts may be served by multiple meters that are located at separate sites. The measure also requires the State Corporation Commission, by July 1, 2015, to establish a program of multifamily net energy metering, which will allow a customer or customers that operate a renewable energy generating facility in a condominium, apartment complex, or homeowners association served by a common distribution circuit to be an eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator. The generation facility for multifamily net metering shall use as its total source of fuel renewable energy; not have an aggregate generation capacity of more than 500 kilowatts; be located on land owned or controlled by the eligible condominium, apartment complex, or homeowners association or on customers' property within the condominium, apartment complex, or homeowners association; be interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and be used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator. Each eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator shall own the energy transmitted by the renewable energy system until drawn from the grid at each eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator's residence. Eligible multifamily net metering customer-generators are exempt from the monthly standby charge assessed on other eligible customer-generators.

Patron - Krupicka

EHB1061 Renewable energy portfolio standard program. Establishes minimum percentages of the RPS Goals that Dominion, defined as a Phase II utility, is required to meet from distributed generation energy sources. Dominion may meet this goal by applying renewable energy certificates from any combination of (i) energy derived from renewable energy by a system capable of net energy metering located on the distribution grid, (ii) renewable thermal energy from solar water heating systems located in the Commonwealth, or (iii) a financial contribution to the Voluntary Solar Resource Development Fund. The distributed generation minimum starts at 5 percent in reporting year 2015 and is 25 percent in reporting year 2024 and thereafter. In connection with the issuance of renewable energy certificates for qualified investments, a participating utility is required to divide the amount of its qualified investments in the Voluntary Solar Resource Development Fund during the applicable period by the lesser of the average price for solar renewable energy certificates or \$250 and divide the amount of all other qualified investments by the participating utility during the applicable period by the average price for Tier 1 renewable energy certificates and for Tier 2 renewable energy certificates. The State Corporation Commission is required to establish a market-based renewable energy trading system. The trading system shall be consistent with and operate in conjunction with the trading system developed by PJM Interconnection LLC. The ability to carry forward renewable energy certificates is limited to the two years following the year in which the certificate was created. The measure also eliminates provisions for double or triple credit toward meeting

the renewable energy portfolio standard for energy derived from specific renewable energy sources.

Patron - Surovell

FHB1136 Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995; approval of schedule of tolls and fees. Prohibits the inclusion in a comprehensive agreement under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 of a schedule of tolls or user fees for a road, highway, tunnel, or bridge unless the General Assembly, by joint resolution, has approved the schedule. The measure also requires that any user fees provided for in a comprehensive agreement be set forth in a schedule that has been approved by the General Assembly.

Patron - Joannou

□HB1158 Distributed electric generation; commu**nity solar gardens.** Authorizes the establishment of community solar gardens, which are required to be owned by a subscriber organization that has at least 10 subscribers. Subscribers will receive credits on their utility bills from energy generated at the solar facility in proportion to the size of their subscription. The output and renewable energy credits from a solar garden shall be purchased by the utility in the form of net metering credits allocated to the subscribers. To the extent that a subscriber's net metering credit exceeds the subscriber's electric bill in any billing period, the credit will be applied against future bills. If the electricity output of the community solar garden is not fully subscribed, the utility is required to purchase the unsubscribed renewable energy at a rate equal to the utility's average hourly incremental cost of electricity supply over the immediately preceding calendar year.

Patron - Surovell

□HB1224 Natural gas-fueled electric generation facilities; incentives. Requires an investor-owned utility designated a default service provider in the Commonwealth whose parent corporation is not headquartered in Virginia (qualified utility) to consider the generation or purchase of power in its service territory within the Commonwealth before acquiring power from plants outside the Commonwealth. The measure also authorizes a qualified utility to petition the State Corporation Commission for approval to construct or cause to be constructed a combined cycle natural gas-fueled electric generation facility to meet its native load and default service obligations, which shall (i) be located in the Virginia service territory of a qualified utility, (ii) not emit more than 1,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt-hour, (iii) be able to provide firm transmission and deliver power on a firm and ondemand basis, and (iv) provide substantial economic benefits. The qualified utility or owner of the qualified facility shall have a filed queue position in PJM Interconnection LLC for the power from the qualified facility, have made application for an air permit for the qualified facility with the Department of Environmental Quality, and have received local permits for construction and operation of the qualified facility. The construction of a qualified facility that utilizes energy resources located within the Commonwealth is declared to be in the public interest.

Patron - O'Quinn

Committees of the General Assembly. Increases time periods for public comment and submission of competing proposals and transparency in agreements pursuant to the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995. The bill also requires a presentation to the Transportation Committees, Senate Finance Committee, and House Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly for projects in excess of \$1 billion.

Patron - Alexander

EB91 Comprehensive agreement; reduced rates for commuters. Requires comprehensive agreements under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 to include a provision providing for reduced rates for commuters who use the facility at least 20 times per month during a 12-month period. Patron - Alexander

ESB165 Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995; additional requirements for certain comprehensive agreements. Provides that no comprehensive agreement providing for the lease, operation, or transfer of ownership of a qualifying transportation facility under the Public-Private Transportation Act with a total value of more than \$1 billion and having a substantial negative impact on the tax revenues of an affected jurisdiction or substantially increasing the taxes, fees, or expenses that will be paid by residents of an affected jurisdiction may be executed by a state agency unless (i) approved by the Governor and (ii) a bill that includes a specific description of the proposed agreement and its anticipated expenditures and revenues is passed by the General Assembly.

Patron - Locke

ESB580 Renewable energy portfolio standard program; renewable energy certificate registration and tracking system. Requires the State Corporation Commission to establish a system for registering and tracking renewable energy certificates in order to facilitate the creation and transfer of such certificates. To the extent practicable, the system shall be consistent with and operate in conjunction with the system developed by PJM Interconnection LLC. The system shall include a registry of information regarding available renewable energy certificates and renewable energy certificate transactions. The measure establishes limits on the duration of a renewable energy certificate. The Commission is also directed to establish requirements for documentation and verification of renewable energy certificates by licensed energy suppliers and renewable energy generators, including net energy metering program participants. The measure eliminates provisions for double or triple credit toward meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard for energy derived from specific renewable energy sources, except that a utility will receive double credit toward meeting the standard for energy derived from onshore wind obtained via power purchase agreements entered into prior to January 1, 2013. Patron - Edwards

Carried Over

CHB881 Renewable energy portfolio standard program; renewable energy certificate registration and tracking system. Requires the State Corporation Commission to establish a system for registering and tracking renewable energy certificates in order to facilitate the creation and transfer of such certificates. To the extent practicable, the system shall be consistent with and operate in conjunction with the system developed by PJM Interconnection LLC. The system shall include a registry of information regarding available renewable energy certificates and renewable energy certificate transactions. The measure establishes limits on the duration of a renewable energy certificate. The Commission is also directed to establish requirements for documentation and verification of renewable energy certificates by licensed energy suppliers and renewable energy generators, including net energy metering program participants. The measure eliminates provisions for double or triple credit toward meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard for energy derived from specific renewable energy sources, except that a utility will receive double credit toward meeting the standard for energy

derived from onshore wind obtained via power purchase agreements entered into prior to January 1, 2013.

Patron - Yost

grams for eligible energy efficiency measures. Requires electric utilities to file with the State Corporation Commission a plan for implementing an on-bill financing program. An on-bill financing program allows eligible residential customers to arrange through the utility for the installation of energy efficiency measures that are projected to have estimated electricity savings sufficient to exceed the costs of the measure by not less than 10 percent, without any required upfront payment. The customer will be allowed to pay back the costs of the measures through an agreement, not to exceed five years in duration, that provides for a designated charge to be placed on the customer's billing statement.

Patron - Yancey

©JHB1059 Electric utilities; generation facility cost **recovery.** Requires an electric utility to establish a regulatory asset for regulatory accounting and ratemaking purposes under which it shall defer operation and maintenance costs incurred in connection with the refueling of any nuclear-powered generating plant and certain related work. These deferred O&M costs shall be amortized over the refueling cycle, but in no case for more than 18 months. The State Corporation Commission (SCC) is required to treat the deferred and amortized costs of such regulatory asset as part of the utility's costs for the purpose of certain proceedings. The measure also limits the portion of the costs incurred by an electric utility between July 1, 2007, and December 31, 2013, in developing a nuclear power facility or offshore wind facility that are recoverable through a rate adjustment clause to 30 percent of such amount. The remaining 70 percent of such costs may be recovered through existing base rates as determined by the SCC in the test periods under review in the utility's next biennial review filed after July 1, 2014. All of the costs incurred after December 31, 2013, may be deferred for recovery through a rate adjustment clause as may be approved by the SCC. The measure also states that the planning and development activities for new nuclear generation facilities and generation facilities utilizing energy derived from offshore wind are in the public interest. Finally, the measure also rewords a provision that currently states that nothing precludes the Commission from determining the reasonableness or prudence of any cost incurred or projected to be incurred by a utility.

Patron - Kilgore

cJHB1228 Electric utility regulation; recovery of distribution system costs. Authorizes any electric utility to petition the State Corporation Commission for approval of a rate adjustment clause to recover from non-industrial customers the projected and actual costs of programs that will enhance the reliability of the utility's distribution system.

Patron - Kilgore

multifamily customer-generators. Authorizes municipal renewable energy net metering projects. Participating municipalities are authorized to aggregate the electric energy load of their governmental buildings, facilities, and any other governmental operations requiring the consumption of electric energy for the purpose of net energy metering from a renewable energy generating facility. To be eligible, the generation facility for the municipal renewable energy net metering project shall use as its sole energy source solar power, wind power, or aerobic or anaerobic digester gas and landfill gas; not have an aggregate generation capacity of more than five megawatts unless a utility elects a higher capacity; be located on land

owned or controlled by the municipality; be interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and be used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the municipality. The aggregated municipal net metered accounts may be served by multiple meters. The aggregated load shall be served under the appropriate rate schedules. The measure also requires the State Corporation Commission, by July 1, 2015, to establish a program of multifamily net energy metering, which will allow a customer or customers that operate a renewable energy generating facility in a condominium, apartment complex, neighborhood, or homeowners association served by a common distribution circuit to be an eligible multifamily net metering customergenerator. The generation facility for multifamily net metering shall use as its total source of fuel renewable energy; not have an aggregate generation capacity of more than 500 kilowatts; be located on land owned or controlled by the eligible condominium, apartment complex, or homeowners association or on customers' property within the condominium, apartment complex, neighborhood, or homeowners association; be interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and be used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator. Eligible multifamily net metering customer-generators are exempt from the monthly standby charge assessed on other eligible customer-generators. Patron - Edwards

Religious and Charitable Matters; Cemeteries

Passed

PHB997 Proceedings for the removal and relocation of human remains. Provides that should any locality having acquired by any means land on which an abandoned graveyard is located, including lands acquired in accordance with § 22.1-126.1 for educational purposes, initiate plans to use that land for purposes other than to maintain the graveyard, such locality shall, prior to completion of said plans, develop and engage in active public notice and participation regarding efforts to avoid adverse impacts to the graveyard or to remove the remains interred in such graveyard to an alternative repository. The bill provides that such notice and participation shall include, at minimum, publication of at least one notice in a local newspaper of general circulation, notice posted at the site of the graveyard, and notice to and consultation with any historic preservation or other such commission, as well as area historical and genealogical societies, and at least one public hearing, and notice to the Department of Historic Resources (Department) and any local historical commission or organization. In addition, if a locality has acquired land on which an abandoned cemetery or gravesite of Virginians held as slaves at the time of their deaths is located, the locality must notify the Department of the location of such cemetery or gravesite. The Department shall maintain as a public record a listing of all locations of all abandoned cemeteries and gravesites of Virginians held as slaves at the time of their deaths that have been submitted to the Department.

Patron - Anderson

State Corporation Commission

Passed

PHB 168 Clerk of the State Corporation Commission; secure online system; articles of dissolution. Requires the State Corporation Commission limit the submission of data and documents on behalf of a business entity through its eFile electronic registration system to any user (i) designated to make such submission on behalf of the business entity and (ii) whose identity has been established satisfactorily through a verification process by July 1, 2018. After July 1, 2014 and until this has been implemented by the Commission, no articles of dissolution of a business entity or data or documents that contain officer or director changes shall be accepted through the Commission's eFile electronic registration system. Patron - Ramadan

PHB313 Clerk of the State Corporation Commission; unauthorized filings. Authorizes the clerk of the State Corporation Commission, upon determining that a person who executed or delivered a business entity document to the clerk's office lacked the authority to act on behalf of the business entity, to refuse to accept the document for filing. The clerk is further authorized under such circumstances to summarily remove a filed document, correct the records, and notify the affected business entity. The measure also includes stylistic and technical changes.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

□HB1036 State Corporation Commission; availability of records. Requires the State Corporation Commission to make available for public inspection records that are related to matters related to the Commission's operational responsibilities and operational functions, including revenues, expenditures, financial management and budgetary practices, personnel policies and practices, and procurement policies and practices. Disclosure of the records is not required if the records are otherwise covered by applicable legal privileges; disclosure of such records could threaten the safety or security of the Commission's employees, physical plant, or information technology assets or data; or the records are not publicly available from other public entities. In addition, the requirement does not apply to records related to the Commission's formal or informal regulatory or legal proceedings or activities. The Commission is required to respond within five business days of receiving requests for administrative records, which may be extended by an additional seven business days if it is impracticable to provide the records requested within that time period. If the scope of the records requested or length of search necessitates, additional time is allowed. When requested records are not provided, the Commission shall notify the requester of the basis of the denial. Records held by the clerk of the Commission related to business entities shall be made public or held confidential in accordance with laws and regulations applicable specifically to such records. This bill is identical to SB 119. Patron - Joannou

PSB119 State Corporation Commission; availability of records. Requires the State Corporation Commission to make available for public inspection records that are related to matters related to the Commission's operational responsibilities and operational functions, including revenues, expenditures, financial management and budgetary practices, personnel policies and practices, and procurement policies and practices. Disclosure of the records is not required if the records are otherwise covered by applicable legal privileges; disclosure of

such records could threaten the safety or security of the Commission's employees, physical plant, or information technology assets or data; or the records are not publicly available from other public entities. In addition, the requirement does not apply to records related to the Commission's formal or informal regulatory or legal proceedings or activities. The Commission is required to respond within five business days of receiving requests for administrative records, which may be extended by an additional seven business days if it is impracticable to provide the records requested within that time period. If the scope of the records requested or length of search necessitates, additional time is allowed. When requested records are not provided, the Commission shall notify the requester of the basis of the denial. Records held by the clerk of the Commission related to business entities shall be made public or held confidential in accordance with laws and regulations applicable specifically to such records. This bill is identical to HB 1036.

Patron - Watkins

Taxation

Passed

PHB44 Personal property tax; classification. Creates a separate personal property tax classification for a motor vehicle owned or leased by a uniformed member of the Virginia Defense Force and used by the uniformed member of the Virginia Defense Force to respond to his official duties. Any locality is authorized to set a personal property tax rate for such motor vehicles less than the rate applicable to the general class of tangible personal property.

Patron - Cole

PHB99 Unlawful dissemination or publication of tax information. Changes the unlawful dissemination or publication of tax information from a Class 2 to a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB 121 Disclosure of certain tax information. Requires the Department of Taxation to disclose the total aggregate amount of an income tax deduction or credit taken by all taxpayers, regardless of how few the number of taxpayers, upon request by the General Assembly or any duly constituted committee of the General Assembly. Under current practice, the Department of Taxation does not disclose such information if fewer than four taxpayers took the deduction or credit.

Patron - Toscano

PHB131 Tax contributions for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Requires the Secretary of Natural Resources to submit a report to the committees of oversight and the Virginia delegation to the Chesapeake Bay Commission by November 1 of each year describing how the moneys from the voluntary income tax check-off for Chesapeake Bay restoration activities were expended. The bill requires the report to be posted on a website maintained by the Secretary of Natural Resources, along with a cumulative listing of previous grants, beginning with awards granted on or after July 1, 2014. This bill is identical to SB 414.

Patron - Lingamfelter

PHB149 Real property tax; board of equalization. Provides that an alternate member be appointed to a board of equalization if a regular member applies to the board for relief. Patron - Minchew

PHB156 Real property tax exemption for religious bodies. Clarifies the meaning of real property used exclusively for religious worship for determining the real property tax exemption for religious bodies. This bill is identical to SB 175. Patron - Minchew

PHB187 Real and personal property tax exemption; aviation museum. Permits any locality to exempt any real or personal property the legal title to which is not held by a non-profit entity but is subject to the sole use and occupancy of a nonprofit entity, as long as the nonprofit entity uses such property solely to (i) exhibit or display certain military aircraft to the general public or (ii) use such aircraft for educational purposes. The bill is identical to SB 508.

Patron - Knight

PHB225 Reassessment of real estate and equalization of assessments; City of Richmond. Allows the City of Richmond by ordinance to provide for a board of equalization or a permanent board of equalization instead of a board of review. This bill is identical to SB 66.

Patron - McQuinn

PHB331 First-time home buyer savings plans. Establishes first-time home buyer savings accounts that are to be used for saving funds for the purchase of homes by first-time home buyers. Moneys in the account are required to be used solely for the down payment and closing costs for the purchase of a home by a first-time home buyer. The bill establishes an individual income tax subtraction for income earned on contributions to the account. However, if moneys are withdrawn from the account for purposes other than to pay eligible costs, any income previously subtracted would be subject to recapture by the Commonwealth and a five percent penalty would be imposed. There would be no recapture and addition to taxable income if the amounts withdrawn were (i) withdrawn because of the death or disability of the account beneficiary, (ii) a disbursement of assets pursuant to a filing for protection under federal bankruptcy laws, or (iii) transferred to another firsttime home buyer savings account. The bill limits the amount of principal that can be contributed to any account to \$50,000 and limits the total amount that can be retained in an account at any time to \$150,000. Persons would be allowed to contribute only cash or marketable securities to a first-time home buyer savings account. This bill as introduced was a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

Patron - Greason

PHB460 Income tax; motion picture production credit. Changes the motion picture production income tax credit by (i) increasing the total cap for all such credits from \$5 million per biennium to \$6.5 million each fiscal year and (ii) having the credit expire on December 31, 2018. The bill also requires the Department of Taxation to publish information regarding the credit regardless if it does not prevent the identification of the taxpayer claiming the credit.

Patron - Kilgore

PHB480 Domestic international sales corporations; income taxation. Exempts a domestic international sales corporation (DISC) from Virginia income taxes.

Patron - Villanueva

PHB497 BPOL; appeal of business license tax classification. Permits a taxpayer to appeal to the Tax Commissioner

or request a written ruling from him with regard to the classification of the business for BPOL tax purposes, regardless of whether the locality has conducted an audit, issued an assessment, or taken any other action.

Patron - Head

PHB499 Real property tax; nonjudicial sale of certain delinquent property. Reduces the number of years of delinquency in payment of taxes from five years to three years before a locality may sell real property that (i) measures less than 4,000 square feet or (ii) is determined to be unsuitable for building.

Patron - Yost

PHB525 Real property tax; notice of assessment. Requires every notice of assessment to set forth (i) the new and prior two appraised values of land and appraised value of improvements, and the assessed values of such if different from the appraised values; (ii) the new tax rate and the rates for the prior two tax years; (iii) the total new tax levy and the tax levies for the prior two years; and (iv) the percentage changes in such levies. Under current law, such information is required for the current year and the prior year. The bill also requires the notice to inform each property owner of his right to review and make copies of records maintained by the local assessment office.

Patron - Pogge

PHB534 King William County and the Town of West Point; allocation of revenues for schools. Creates a special school tax district in King William County and governs the allocation of revenue for schools in King William County and the Town of West Point as a means of continuing the "split levy" of King William County's taxes in the Town of West Point and outside the Town. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Hodges

Patron - Davis

PHB589 Personal property tax; exemption for household goods. Provides that the personal property tax exemption for household goods includes property primarily used for household purposes, including electronic devices such as cell phones, tablets, and personal computers. Patron - Davis

PHB617 Personal property tax; classification. Authorizes a locality to establish lower personal property tax rates on the tangible property of businesses that locate for the first time in the locality. The lower rates would apply for the first two tax years that the business is subject to the personal property tax. If a locality has enacted an exemption from the local license tax or fee (BPOL) for beginning businesses, only those beginning businesses that qualify for such exemption may be eligible for the lower personal property tax rates.

PHB663 Technical correction; judicial sale of real estate. Removes obsolete language that referred to the judicial sale of abandoned real estate. The term "abandoned" is no longer used to describe any class of real estate in Title 58.1. Patron - Brink

PHB737 Neighborhood Assistance tax credits; percentage increase. Increases the percentage of persons served by a neighborhood organization and who are low-income, as defined in § 58.1-439.18, from 40% to 50%, for purposes of applying to the Department of Social Services for an allocation of neighborhood assistance tax credits for use by business firms making donations to the neighborhood organization. Patron - O'Bannon

PHB829 Automated sales suppression device; penalties. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to willfully utilize any device or software to falsify the electronic records of cash registers or manipulate transaction records that affect any state or local tax liability. The bill provides that any violation shall result in a civil penalty of \$20,000. This bill is identical to SB 611

Patron - Keam

LHB853 Administration and enforcement of cigarette laws. Modifies several provisions relating to the administration and enforcement of Virginia's cigarette laws by providing that (i) violations of cigarette tax laws may be investigated by a multijurisdiction grand jury; (ii) counterfeit or unstamped cigarettes or cigarettes in the possession of an unauthorized holder may be assigned by court order for use by a law-enforcement undercover operation; (iii) a person convicted of possessing unstamped cigarettes would be ineligible to be an authorized holder of cigarettes; (iv) members of federal, state, and local law enforcement would be exempt from cigarette taxes when the cigarettes are used in the performance of investigatory duties; (v) manufacturers and distributors of cigarettes would be allowed to ship or deliver unstamped cigarettes to a law-enforcement agency for use in the performance of its duties; and (vi) where a sealed pack is labeled as containing cigarettes, such labeling would constitute prima facie evidence that the pack is a pack of cigarettes. The bill also substantially increases the civil penalties for possession with intent to distribute tax-paid contraband cigarettes by a person other than an authorized holder. Penalties are graduated based on the number of offenses and the amount that is currently the maximum fine is the minimum fine under the bill.

Patron - Gilbert

PHB873 Ports tax credits. Changes Virginia's portsrelated tax credits by increasing the annual amount of international trade facility tax credits that may be issued from \$250,000 to \$1.25 million, decreasing the annual amount of barge and rail usage tax credits that may be issued from \$1.5 million to \$500,000, and allowing a taxpayer to be eligible for the port volume increase tax credit and the barge and rail usage tax credit if the taxpayer meets the criteria for both. The bill reduces from 10 percent to five percent the minimum annual increase in cargo transported through a maritime port that is a condition of eligibility for the international trade facility tax credit. The bill also makes roll-on/roll-off cargo eligible for the international trade facility, port volume increase, and barge and rail usage tax credits. The provisions of the bill would become effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

Patron - Jones

PHB898 Civil penalty; untaxed tobacco products.

Creates a civil penalty for the import, transport, possession, or resale of untaxed tobacco products and delineates the respective penalty for first, second, and third or subsequent offenses. The bill also specifies a civil penalty for willful intent to defraud the Commonwealth of taxes levied on tobacco products. This bill is identical to SB 285.

Patron - Peace

PHB975 Annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles. Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014. This bill is identical to SB 127. *Patron - Rust*

PHB 1000 Real property tax exemption; elderly and disabled. Provides that the real property tax exemption for the sole dwelling of the elderly and disabled includes dwellings held by certain trusts. The bill also provides that if a locality establishes income restrictions for the exemption, then the locality shall exclude (i) the income of relatives living in the dwelling providing caregiving services, whether or not they are compensated, and (ii) the income of non-relative caregivers living in the home, whether or not they are compensated. Patron - Minchew

PHB1028 Gas severance tax. Extends the sunset date from December 31, 2014, to December 31, 2015, for the local gas severance tax that is dedicated to (i) the Gas Road Improvement Fund, (ii) the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Fund, and (iii) water, sewer, and gas lines. Patron - Morefield

PHB1078 Virginia state lottery; lottery sales agent license suspension, etc. Provides that in the event an applicant is a former lottery sales agent whose license was suspended, revoked, or refused renewal, no application for a new license to sell lottery tickets or shares shall be considered for a minimum period of 90 days following the suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew. The bill contains technical amendments. Patron - Rush

PHB1079 Virginia state lottery. Changes the names of the State Lottery Department to the Virginia Lottery, the State Lottery Board to the Virginia Lottery Board, and the State Lottery Fund to the Virginia Lottery Fund. The bill contains numerous technical amendments to accomplish these name changes.

Patron - Rush

Extends the period in which low-income tax credit. Extends the period in which low-income taxpayers may take advantage of the enhanced earned income tax credit, from taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2013, to taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2018. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 288. Patron - Ware

PHB1099 Local meals tax and food and beverage tax. Exempts nonprofit entities from collecting meals tax or food and beverage tax on the first \$100,000 of otherwise taxable fundraising sales.

Patron - Farrell

PHB 1108 Motor vehicle sales and use tax; exemptions. Exempts from the motor vehicle sales and use tax motor vehicles sold to a § 501(c)(3) organization that are primarily used by the organization to transport to markets for sale produce that is (i) produced by local farmers and (ii) sold by such farmers to the organization.

Patron - Hester

PHB1179 Proposals for neighborhood assistance tax credits; emergency. Allows neighborhood organizations to submit the required financial audit, review, or compilation within the 30-day period immediately following any deadline established for the submission of neighborhood organization proposals for tax credits. So long as the proposal was otherwise complete by the deadline, the proposal would be timely filed if the audit, review, or compilation is submitted within such 30-day period. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 591.

Patron - Hugo

PHB1202 Local property and license taxes on mineral lands. Permits a commissioner of the revenue to enter into agreements with taxpayers regarding the fair market value of mineral lands and deems any such agreements entered into on or after January 1, 2013, but prior to July 1, 2014, valid and enforceable. The bill states that it is declaratory of existing law. This bill is identical to SB 338.

Patron - O'Quinn

PHB1220 Research and development expenses tax credit. Increases, beginning with taxable year 2014, the amount of the credit allowed from 15 percent of the first \$167,000 to 15 percent of the first \$234,000 of Virginia qualified research and development expenses, and from 20 percent of the first \$175,000 to 20 percent of the first \$234,000 of Virginia qualified research and development expenses conducted in conjunction with a Virginia institution of higher education. The bill increases the maximum annual amount of tax credits that may be issued each fiscal year from \$5 million to \$6 million. The bill allows a pass-through entity to elect to receive and claim any credit at the pass-through entity level in lieu of the credit being allocated to the individual partners, members, or shareholders of the pass-through entity. Finally, the bill requires any taxpayer applying for the credit to provide information to the Department of Taxation relating to the number of full-time employees of the taxpayer; the taxpayer's industry sector; the area, discipline, or field of Virginia qualified research performed by the taxpayer; the taxpayer's total gross receipts for the relevant taxable year; and whether the qualified research was performed in conjunction with a Virginia institution of higher education. Further, regardless of how few taxpayers take the credit, the Department, upon request by the General Assembly or any duly constituted committee of the General Assembly, must disclose the total aggregate amount of credits under § 58.1-439.12:08 taken by all taxpayers. This bill is identical to SB 623.

Patron - Comstock

PHB 1239 Real and personal property tax exemption; solar energy equipment, facilities, or devices. Exempts from real and personal property tax business-owned or business-operated solar energy equipment, facilities, or devices that collect, generate, transfer, or store thermal or electric energy. This bill is identical to SB 418.

Patron - Hugo

PSB66 Reassessment of real estate and equalization of assessments; City of Richmond. Allows the City of Richmond by ordinance to provide for a board of equalization or a permanent board of equalization instead of a board of review. The bill is identical to HB 225.

Patron - Marsh

PSB68 Real estate with delinquent taxes. Changes, under certain circumstances, the criteria for transferring certain tax-delinquent real property to localities through a special commissioner in the Cities of Norfolk, Richmond, Hopewell, Newport News, Petersburg, Lynchburg, and Hampton by reducing the percentage of taxes and liens from exceeding 35 percent to 20 percent and of taxes alone from 15 percent to 10 percent, respectively, and including parcels with an assessed value of \$100,000 or less. The reduced criteria apply only if the locality enters into an agreement to sell the property to a non-profit entity to renovate or construct housing to be sold to a low-income person.

Patron - Marsh

PSB100 Sales and use tax; satellite television programming equipment. Provides that the separately stated charge for equipment of a provider of satellite television pro-

gramming leased or sold to the customer of such programming is subject to sales and use tax.

Patron - Ruff

PSB127 Annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles. Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014. This bill is identical to HB 975. Patron - Newman

PSB175 Real property tax exemption for religious bodies. Clarifies the meaning of real property used exclusively for religious worship for determining the real property tax exemption for religious bodies. The bill is identical to HB 156. *Patron - Black*

PSB269 Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits. Provides that tax credits issued for monetary or marketable securities donations made beginning in taxable year 2014 can be claimed for the taxable year of the donation. Under current law, Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits may be first claimed for the taxable year following the taxable year of the donation.

Patron - Stanley

PSB285 Civil penalty; untaxed tobacco products. Creates a civil penalty for the import, transport, possession, or resale of untaxed tobacco products and delineates the respective penalty for first, second, and third or subsequent offenses. The bill also specifies a civil penalty for willful intent to defraud the Commonwealth of taxes levied on tobacco products. This bill is identical to HB 898.

Patron - Howell

Extends the period in which low-income tax credit. Extends the period in which low-income taxpayers may take advantage of the enhanced earned income tax credit, from taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2013, to taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2018. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to HB 1085.

Patron - Stosch

PSB338 Local property and license taxes on mineral lands. Permits a commissioner of the revenue to enter into agreements with taxpayers regarding the fair market value of mineral lands and deems any such agreements entered into on or after January 1, 2013, but prior to July 1, 2014, valid and enforceable. The bill states that it is declaratory of existing law. The bill is identical to HB 1202.

Patron - Puckett

PISB352 Sealed pack labeled as cigarettes; prima facie evidence. Provides that where a sealed pack is labeled as containing cigarettes, such labeling shall be prima facie evidence that the contents of the pack are cigarettes.

Patron - Reeves

PSB364 Cigarette taxes; ineligibility to be authorized holder. Provides that persons who have been convicted of selling, purchasing, or possessing, etc., unstamped cigarettes for the purpose of evading taxes and persons convicted of possession with intent to distribute tax-paid, contraband cigarettes are not eligible to be authorized holders of cigarettes.

Patron - Reeves

PSB365 Forfeiture of counterfeit and contraband cigarettes; use by law enforcement. Provides that counterfeit and contraband cigarettes that have been forfeited to law

enforcement do not have to be destroyed, but may be used by law enforcement for the conduct of undercover operations. The bill also allows law-enforcement agencies to possess for investigative purposes cigarettes without tax stamps.

Patron - Reeves

PSB414 Tax contributions for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Requires the Secretary of Natural Resources to submit a report to the committees of oversight and the Virginia delegation to the Chesapeake Bay Commission by November 1 of each year describing how the moneys from the voluntary income tax check-off for Chesapeake Bay restoration activities were expended. The bill requires the report to be posted on a website maintained by the Secretary of Natural Resources, along with a cumulative listing of previous grants beginning with awards granted on or after July 1, 2014. This bill is identical to HB 131.

Patron - Hanger

PISB418 Certified pollution control equipment and facilities; solar equipment. Exempts from real and personal property tax business-owned or business-operated solar energy equipment, facilities, or devices that collect, generate, transfer, or store thermal or electric energy. This bill incorporates SB 512 and is identical to HB 1239.

Patron - Hanger

PSB478 Illegal distribution of tax-paid contraband cigarettes. Substantially increases the civil penalties for possession with intent to distribute tax-paid contraband cigarettes by a person other than an authorized holder. Penalties are graduated based on the number of offenses and the amount that is currently the maximum fine is the minimum fine under the bill.

Patron - Norment

PSB480 Real property tax; notice of assessment. Requires every notice of assessment to set forth (i) the new and prior two appraised values of land and appraised value of improvements, and the assessed values of such if different from the appraised values; (ii) the new tax rate and the rates for the prior two tax years; (iii) the total new tax levy and the tax levies for the prior two years; and (iv) the percentage changes in such levies. Under current law, such information is required for the current year and the prior year. The bill also requires the notice to inform each property owner of his right to review and make copies of records maintained by the local assessment office.

Patron - Norment

PSB489 Possession with intent to distribute tax-paid, contraband cigarettes; authorized holder. Clarifies that it is not necessary to prove that the perpetrator is not an authorized holder in order for such perpetrator to be guilty of the crime of possession with intent to distribute tax-paid contraband cigarettes.

Patron - Norment

PSB508 Real and personal property tax exemption; aviation museum. Permits any locality to exempt any real or personal property the legal title to which is not held by a non-profit entity but is subject to the sole use and occupancy of a nonprofit entity, as long as the nonprofit entity uses such property solely to (i) exhibit or display certain military aircraft to the general public or (ii) use such aircraft for educational purposes. The bill is identical to HB 187.

Patron - Wagner

PSB515 Domestic international sales corporations; income taxation. Exempts a domestic international sales cor-

poration (DISC) from income taxes beginning with taxable year 2014.

Patron - Wagner

PSB552 Gas severance tax. Extends the sunset date from December 31, 2014, to December 31, 2015, for the local gas severance tax that is dedicated to (i) the Gas Road Improvement Fund, (ii) the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Fund, and (iii) water, sewer, and gas lines. This bill is identical to HB 1028.

Patron - Carrico

PSB563 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program. Increases by \$500,000 in each of fiscal years 2015 and 2016 the amount of tax credits that may be issued under the tax credit program for both donations supporting education programs and donations supporting other than education programs. After the phase-in is completed, each fiscal year \$9 million in tax credits could be issued for donations supporting education programs and \$8 million in tax credits could be issued for donations supporting other than education programs. The bill also grants a five-year exemption from current eligibility requirements relating to persons served by the neighborhood organization and the use of the organization's revenues. Only those organizations that received neighborhood assistance tax credits for fiscal year 2011-2012 would benefit from the exemption.

Patron - Stosch

PSB573 Transient occupancy tax; Highland County. Adds Highland County to the list of counties that may impose the transient occupancy tax at a rate up to five percent, with any amount over two percent designated for tourism and travel marketing or initiatives that attract travelers and increase tourism revenues in the county.

Patron - Deeds

PSB579 Sales and use tax; revenues from certain baseball facilities. Adds to the definition of "public facility," for the purpose of entitlement to certain sales tax revenues, a sports complex consisting of a minor league baseball stadium and related tournament, training, and parking facilities, a part of which is owned by the City of Fredericksburg. The bill provides that the entitlement to sales tax revenues would be limited to the repayment of bonds issued for the municipality-owned component of the sports complex. The bill also eliminates from the definition of "public facility" a sports facility that is designed for use primarily as a baseball stadium for a minor league professional baseball team.

Patron - Stuart

PSB591 Proposals for neighborhood assistance tax credits; emergency. Allows neighborhood organizations to submit the required financial audit, review, or compilation within the 30-day period immediately following any deadline established for the submission of neighborhood organization proposals for tax credits. So long as the proposal was otherwise complete by the deadline, the proposal would be timely filed if the audit, review, or compilation is submitted within such 30-day period. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to HB 1179.

Patron - Barker

PSB611 Automated sales suppression device; penalties. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to willfully utilize any device or software to falsify the electronic records of cash registers or manipulate transaction records that affect any state or local tax liability. The bill provides that any violation shall

result in a civil penalty of \$20,000. This bill is identical to HB 829.

Patron - Saslaw

PSB623 Research and development expenses tax **credit.** Increases beginning with taxable year 2014 the amount of the credit allowed from 15 percent of the first \$167,000 to 15 percent of the first \$234,000 of Virginia qualified research and development expenses, and from 20 percent of the first \$175,000 to 20 percent of the first \$234,000 of Virginia qualified research and development expenses conducted in conjunction with a Virginia institution of higher education. The bill increases the maximum annual amount of tax credits that may be issued each fiscal year from \$5 million to \$6 million. The bill allows a pass-through entity to elect to receive and claim any credit at the pass-through entity level in lieu of the credit being allocated to the individual partners, members, or shareholders of the pass-through entity. Finally, the bill requires any taxpayer applying for the credit to provide information to the Department of Taxation relating to the number of full-time employees of the taxpayer; the taxpayer's industry sector; the area, discipline, or field of Virginia qualified research performed by the taxpayer; the taxpayer's total gross receipts for the relevant taxable year; and whether the qualified research was performed in conjunction with a Virginia institution of higher education. The bill also requires the Department to disclose the total aggregate amount of research and development tax credits claimed, upon request of the General Assembly or any committee of the General Assembly. This bill is identical to HB 1220.

Patron - McDougle

PSB653 Renewable energy property grants. Establishes, beginning with fiscal year 2016, grants for placing into service renewable energy property. The grant would equal 35 percent of the costs paid or incurred to place the renewable energy property into service, not to exceed \$2.5 million for any individual piece of renewable energy property. The bill provides that grants in excess of 2.5 percent of the total program appropriation for the relevant fiscal year would be paid in three equal calendar year installments. No grant would be awarded for renewable energy property that generated electricity within the 12 months preceding the date of the grant application or renewable energy property paid for by utility ratepayer funds. The bill defines renewable energy as energy derived from sunlight, wind, falling water, biomass, waste, landfill gas, municipal solid waste, wave motion, tides, or geothermal power, but not including energy derived from coal, oil, natural gas, or nuclear power. The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy would administer the grant program. The Department would be authorized, subject to appropriation, to award up to \$10 million in renewable energy property grants for fiscal year 2016. The act contains a second enactment that requires the act to be reenacted in the 2015 General Assembly in order to become effec-

Patron - Norment

PSB673 Entitlement to sales tax revenue; public facility. Allows the entitlement to sales tax revenue to begin quarterly with the first quarter in which revenue is generated in a building or structure within the public facility. Patron - Puckett

Failed

EHB3 2013 Session omnibus transportation bill (HB 2313); expiration date. Provides that all provisions of the 2013 Session omnibus transportation bill (HB 2313), which

established state taxes and fees and regional taxes and fees in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia, expire on July 1, 2014. HB 2313 provided for the revenues from such taxes and fees to be used primarily for transportation funding in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Cline

FHB4 Annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles. Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

Patron - Surovell

FHB40 Motor fuels tax rates. Repeals the provision in the 2013 transportation funding bill (HB 2013) that will increase the motor fuels tax if the United States Congress has not enacted legislation granting the Commonwealth the authority to compel remote sellers to collect state and local retail sales and use tax for sales made in the Commonwealth by January 1, 2015.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

FHB47 Annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles. Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

Patron - Kory

EHB65 Motor vehicle sales and use tax; definition of sale price. Excludes from the sale price for determining motor vehicle sales and use tax the amount of any credit given by the seller for any motor vehicle taken as a trade-in. Patron - Marshall, D.W.

EHB66 School resource officers. Requires each local school board to place a school resource officer in each public elementary and secondary school. All costs resulting from the requirement shall be paid from the Lottery Proceeds Fund. Patron - Ramadan

which certain scheduled increases in sales and use tax revenue to the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund would not take place if Congress does not enact a law permitting states to require certain out-of-state retailers to collect and remit state sales and use tax from fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Under current law, scheduled increases for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 would not occur if Congress does not enact such law by January 1, 2015. The bill would halt the increase for only fiscal year 2017 if Congress does not act by January 1, 2016. Patron - Marshall, D.W.

EHB72 Motor vehicle sales and use tax and motor fuels tax. Eliminates the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles.

Patron - Pogge

FHB89 Individual income tax refunds; payment. Requires the Tax Commissioner and State Comptroller to implement procedures to allow an individual to elect to have his income tax refund paid by check mailed to his address. If the individual makes no election on his income tax return as to the method of payment of his refund, the refund would be paid by check mailed to the address provided on his return. The bill

applies to individual income tax returns relating to taxable year 2014 and taxable years thereafter.

Patron - Carr

FHB117 Paper and plastic bag tax. Imposes a tax of five cents (\$0.05) beginning on July 1, 2015, on disposable paper bags and disposable plastic bags used by purchasers to carry tangible personal property purchased in grocery stores, convenience stores, or drug stores. The following would be exempt from the tax: durable, reusable plastic bags; plastic bags used to carry ice cream, meat, fish, poultry, leftover restaurant food, newspapers, and dry cleaning; paper and plastic bags used to carry alcoholic beverages or prescription drugs; and multiple plastic bags sold in packages and intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or leaf removal bags. Retailers are allowed to retain one cent (\$0.01) of the five-cent (\$0.05) tax or two cents (\$0.02) if the retailer has a customer bag credit program. Failure to collect and remit the tax will result in fines of \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 for the first, second, and third and subsequent offenses, respectively. The revenues from the tax would be deposited into the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. The bill also authorizes each county and city by ordinance to impose a tax on disposable paper bags and disposable plastic bags at the same rate and under the same terms and conditions as the state tax. Revenues from the local tax would be collected by the Tax Commissioner and distributed monthly to the county or city imposing the tax. Each county or city adopting an ordinance to impose the tax would be required to provide a certified copy of the ordinance to the Tax Commissioner at least six months prior to the date the tax is to become effective.

Patron - Morrissey

FHB151 Individual income tax refunds; payment. Requires the Tax Commissioner and State Comptroller to implement procedures to allow an individual to elect to have his income tax refund paid by check mailed to his address. If the individual makes no election on his income tax return as to the method of payment of his refund, the refund would be paid by check mailed to the address provided on his return. The bill applies to individual income tax returns relating to taxable year 2014 and taxable years thereafter.

Patron - Minchew

THB224 Real estate with delinquent taxes. Changes the criteria for transferring certain tax-delinquent real property to localities through a special commissioner in the Cities of Norfolk, Richmond, Hopewell, Newport News, Petersburg, and Hampton by reducing the percentage of taxes and liens from exceeding 35 percent to 20 percent and of taxes alone from 15 percent to 10 percent, respectively, and including parcels with an assessed value of \$100,000 or less. Patron - McQuinn

FHB239 Home school instruction tax credit. Creates an individual income tax credit beginning January 1, 2014, for amounts paid by a parent or legal guardian for his child for home instruction-related materials and services used in the home instruction. The credit per child would equal the lesser of \$500 or the amount actually paid in the taxable year for such costs on behalf of the child. However, the credit allowed to the parent or legal guardian would not exceed \$2,000 for any taxable year. The credit would be able to be carried over for four years.

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FHB295 Livable Home Tax Credit. Increases the total amount of tax credits granted for the Livable Home Tax Credit program in any fiscal year from \$1 million to \$2 million and increases the total amount of tax credits made available

through the program allocated for purchase or construction of new residences from \$500,000 to \$1 million and the total amount allocated for retrofitting or renovation of existing residences from \$500,000 to \$1 million. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.

Patron - Villanueva

FHB319 Individual income tax refunds; payment. Requires the Tax Commissioner and State Comptroller to implement procedures to allow an individual to elect to have his income tax refund paid by check mailed to his address. If the individual makes no election on his income tax return as to the method of payment of his refund, the refund would be paid by check mailed to the address provided on his return. The bill applies to individual income tax returns relating to taxable year 2014 and taxable years thereafter. Patron - Kory

FHB345 Motor fuels tax; alternative fuels. Provides that the motor fuels tax on non-liquid alternative fuels shall be the percentage tax on a gallon of gasoline multiplied by the average wholesale cost of the amount of the alternative fuel required to produce the energy content of a gallon of unleaded gasoline, for each such amount of alternative fuel. Patron - Taylor

FHB347 Taxable income; deduction for payment of certain tolls. Allows a qualified taxpayer to deduct from his Virginia adjusted gross income an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount paid by the taxpayer for tolls in a qualified locality. A qualified locality is one in which the unemployment rate is higher than the statewide average and (i) in which a public-private transportation project that includes tolling is located or (ii) that is adjacent to a locality in which such a project is located. A qualified taxpayer is a taxpayer who resides in a qualified locality.

Patron - James

bodies. Clarifies the meaning of real property used exclusively for religious worship for determining the real property tax exemption for religious bodies.

Patron - Anderson

FHB430 Sales and use tax exemption; school supplies. Increases from \$20 to \$50 the maximum sales price of an article of school supplies that is exempt from sales and use tax during a three-day period in August.

Patron - LeMunyon

FHB432 Individual income tax; adjusted for inflation. Adjusts Virginia's individual income tax brackets, standard deduction, and personal exemption amounts annually beginning with the 2014 taxable year by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), for all items, from July 1 through June 30 for the year immediately preceding the taxable year.

Patron - LeMunyon

EHB433 Sales and use tax; food purchased for human consumption. Phases out over a five-year period the state and local sales and use tax on food purchased for human consumption. Under current law, the local tax rate on food is 1% and the state tax rate on such food is 1.5%, with a 1% tax dedicated to localities based on school age population and the remaining one-half percent tax dedicated to the transportation trust fund. The bill dedicates state sales and use tax revenue to hold harmless localities and the transportation trust fund. Patron - LeMunyon

and BPOL taxes; maximum rates and income tax credits. Prohibits a locality from increasing its merchants' capital tax, local license (BPOL) fees and taxes, and taxes on machinery and tools used in a business above the locality's rates in effect as of January 1, 2014, and establishes refundable income tax credits for the same taxes beginning with taxable year 2014. The refundable individual and corporate income tax credits would equal 33 percent of such taxes paid during the taxable year. The credit would sunset on December 31, 2018. The bill also would prohibit any subtraction or deduction for these taxes in computing Virginia taxable income. Patron - LeMunyon

FHB440 Individual income tax refunds; payment. Requires the Tax Commissioner and State Comptroller to implement procedures to allow an individual to elect to have his income tax refund paid by check mailed to his address. The bill also permits for the payment of an individual income tax refund through the issuance of a no-fee, prepaid debit card, if elected by the individual. If the individual elects to receive a prepaid debit card, the card vendor would not be allowed to remove any funds from the individual's debit card account. If the individual makes no election on his income tax return as to the method of payment of his refund, the refund would be paid by check mailed to the address provided on his return. The bill applies to individual income tax returns relating to taxable year 2014 and taxable years thereafter.

Patron - LeMunyon

EHB442 Corporate income tax; market-based sourcing. Changes the way the sales factor is determined, for purposes of the corporate income tax, so that it will be market-based sourcing rather than costs of performance, which is the current method used. The provisions of the bill would become effective beginning on January 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the Department of Taxation publishes guidelines to implement market-based sourcing, but in no event later than January 1, 2016.

Patron - Davis

FHB444 Individual income filing status; married persons. Provides that only those persons who are in a union that is a marriage recognized under Virginia law may file a joint Virginia income tax return for married persons or a separate Virginia income tax return as a spouse. Patron - Marshall, R.G.

FHB464 Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits. Provides that tax credits issued for monetary or marketable securities donations made beginning in taxable year 2014 can be claimed for the taxable year of the donation. Under current law, Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits may be first claimed for the taxable year following the taxable year of the donation.

Patron - Massie

EHB483 Sales and use tax exemptions. Exempts from sales and use tax and meals tax sales made by a private establishment on any United States military base. Under current law, such taxes are not imposed on sales made by military establishments.

Patron - Villanueva

chase of tickets. Clarifies that licensed lottery sales agents may accept electronic payment, provided such payment deducts funds directly from an existing account of the purchaser and no credit is thereby extended.

Patron - Albo

EHB502 Employer quality child care program tax credit. Establishes an individual and corporate income tax credit beginning in 2014 for amounts paid or incurred by employers for the operating costs of quality child care programs used by the children of their employees. The bill defines a quality child care program as a center-based or similar program that is participating in Virginia's Quality Rating and Improvement System. The credit would equal 35 percent of the (i) operating costs incurred by the employer to operate its own quality child care program for employees, (ii) payments made by the employer to an independent quality child care program on behalf of its employees, and (iii) payments made directly to employees as an employee benefit for the quality child care program expenses of their children. The Tax Commissioner would be limited to issuing \$5 million in tax credits each fiscal year. The maximum tax credit allowed in any taxable year to any employer would be limited to \$250,000. Credit would also be allowed to employers for expenditures prior to January 1, 2016, on child care programs not participating in Virginia's Quality Rating and Improvement System but that otherwise meet all other requirements under the bill in regard to child care programs. Unused credits would be allowed to be carried forward for three taxable years.

Patron - Krupicka

FHB508 Tax credit for public access to natural gas fueling stations. Provides for a tax credit for owners of natural gas fueling stations that are open to the public on or after January 1, 2015. The amount of the credit is equal to 30 percent of the fuels tax on gallons purchased for resale or 40 percent of the fuels tax on gallons purchased for resale if the fueling station is within three miles of I-95.

Patron - Taylor

EHB569 Estate tax reinstated. Reinstates the estate tax for persons dying on or after July 1, 2014. No estate tax will be imposed on a gross estate if the majority of the assets of the estate is an interest in a closely held business or a working farm. The revenues from the estate tax would be used for health care purposes.

Patron - Watts

EHB593 Entitlement to certain sales and use tax revenues; City of Bristol and Washington County. Expands the payments of sales and use tax revenue generated on the premises of a public facility located in the City of Bristol used to pay bonds issued to construct the public facility to include a public facility located in a portion of Washington County, if the two localities agree. The provisions shall not apply to existing retail establishments in a development of regional impact so long as such retail establishments remain in the locations they occupied on January 1, 2014.

Patron - O'Quinn

FHB620 Neighborhood assistance tax credits. Changes the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit program beginning with taxable year 2014 by decreasing the tax credit percentage from 65 percent to 50 percent of the value of donations. The bill also increases from 40 to 50 percent the number

of low-income persons that must be served by a neighborhood organization to receive an allocation tax of credits from the State Board of Social Services.

Patron - Mason

FHB623 Annual fee on electric, hybrid electric, and alternative fuel motor vehicles. Replaces the \$64 annual license tax on electric, hybrid electric, and alternative fuel motor vehicles with a \$64 annual road usage fee on (i) electric motor vehicles and (ii) any other motor vehicle that has a combined city/highway fuel economy rating equal to or greater

than 40 miles per gallon or 40 miles per gallon of gasolineequivalent (MPGe), according to standards and regulations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Patron - Watts

□HB678 Tax credit for small businesses hiring graduates of Virginia's public colleges. Establishes, beginning January 1, 2014, an individual and corporate income tax credit for certain small businesses creating new full-time jobs that are filled by persons holding associate or bachelor's degrees from public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth. The credit would equal \$2,500 for each such new full-time job. However, if the new full-time job created is a STEM or STEAM position that is filled by a graduate with a STEM or STEAM degree then the credit would equal \$20,000 for such job. The bill defines "STEM or STEAM" as a science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or applied mathematics related discipline, including a health care-related discipline. The credit would be claimed for the taxable year at which time the new full-time job was continuously filled for at least 12 months. Any unused credit would be allowed to be carried over for five taxable years. The tax credit would sunset in 2016.

Patron - Herring

□HB685 Distribution of communications sales and **use tax revenues.** Changes the distribution of communications sales and use tax revenues beginning with the month of August 2014 by providing that (i) first, each town would receive the same proportion of such revenues it received in fiscal year 2013-2014 and (ii) all of the remaining revenues would be distributed pro rata to those counties and cities that received a distribution in fiscal year 2013-2014, based upon the population of the county or city as shown by the most recent United States census. Currently, communications sales and use tax revenues are essentially distributed according to each locality's share of telecommunications and television cable funds (local consumer utility tax on landlines and wireless, E-911, business license tax in excess of 0.5 percent, cable franchise fee, video programming excise tax, local consumer utility tax on cable television) collected throughout the Commonwealth in fiscal year 2006.

Patron - Torian

PHB772 Real property tax liens. Provides that if a taxpayer agrees, a third party who pays the delinquent taxes due on the taxpayer's real property may be assigned the tax lien on the property.

Patron - Habeeb

pay subtraction. Establishes an individual income tax subtraction for annual retirement compensation received for service as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Virginia National Guard. The subtraction is effective beginning with the 2014 taxable year.

Patron - Futrell

FIHB782 Home purchase from member of armed forces tax credit. Provides a \$1,000 tax credit to persons who purchase a home from an active or reserved member of the armed forces who is selling his home because of deployment or relocation orders.

Patron - Futrell

FHB841 Local transient occupancy tax. Permits localities to impose the transient occupancy tax on publicly owned as well as privately owned lodging. Patron - Lewis

EHB875 Real property tax; sale of certain tax delinquent property. Provides that a locality may condition the sale of certain tax delinquent real property on the purchaser's investing a certain amount in improvements to the property, provided that in determining surplusage accruing to the locality, the proceeds of the sale shall be increased by such amount. Patron - Yancey

 ${}^{ extsf{F}} extbf{HB950}$ Home school instruction and private school tax credit. Creates an individual income tax credit beginning January 1, 2014, for amounts paid by the parent or legal guardian of a child for the child's home instruction expenses or expenses for attending an accredited private school. Credit would be allowed for instruction-related materials, courses or programs used in the home instruction, or private school tuition. The credit would be available to the parents and legal guardians of children who did not attend private school or were not home schooled in the previous year. The credit would equal the lesser of the actual amount of such expenses paid during the year or one-half of the average state spending per student based on the most recent Annual School Report. The credit would be available for two years per child and could be carried forward for four taxable years. Patron - LaRock

FHB960 Sales and use tax; exemption for school supplies and clothing. Modifies the "back to school" sales tax exemption for certain items for three days in August by (i) decreasing the maximum sales price of each item of clothing and footwear eligible for the exemption from \$100 to \$65, and (ii) adding computers with a sales price of \$500 or less. Patron - Wilt

commissioner to execute title to real estate for delinquent taxes. Adds Portsmouth to the list of cities that may petition the circuit court to appoint a special commissioner to execute the deed or deeds to convey real estate having delinquent taxes when such taxes and liens exceed 35% of the assessed property value or the taxes alone exceed 15% of the assessed value, instead of 50% and 25%, respectively.

Patron - James

FHB1020 Individual income tax credit; disabled military veterans. Establishes an individual income tax credit beginning with the 2014 taxable year for veterans with a military service-connected disability. The credit would be computed by multiplying the veteran's disability rating for the taxable year by the amount of his Virginia individual income tax liability for the year. The veteran's disability rating would be determined using the disability ratings of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Patron - Kilgore

FHB1021 Individual income tax; military retirement pay subtraction. Establishes an individual income tax subtraction for annual retirement compensation received for service as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Virginia National Guard. The subtraction is effective beginning with the 2014 taxable year.

Patron - Kilgore

EHB1063 Renewable energy property tax credits. Establishes beginning with taxable year 2014 tax credits for placing into service biomass, geothermal, hydroelectric, solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, and wind systems (renewable energy property). The credit would equal 40 percent of the costs paid or incurred to place the renewable energy property into service, not to exceed \$3 million for any individual piece of renewable energy property placed into service. The bill pro-

vides that credits in excess of \$250,000 would be allowed in three equal taxable year installments. The amount of tax credits otherwise allowed would be proportionally reduced to reflect any public grants, bonds, or other public moneys used in funding the renewable energy property. The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy would administer the tax credit program. The Department would be authorized to issue up to \$100 million in renewable energy property tax credits each fiscal year. The bill would allow the tax credits to be carried forward for five taxable years or to be transferred or assigned to other persons for use.

Patron - Villanueva

EHB1151 Low-income tax credit; refundable. Changes the low-income tax credit to make any amount that exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability refundable to the taxpayer.

Patron - Plum

withhold disclosure of personal identifying information of prize winners. Provides for a lottery prize winner to elect to withhold from public disclosure his name and other personal identifying information, except that the prize amount and the hometown of the prize winner shall continue to be disclosed as provided in current law.

Patron - Leftwich

ESB1 Annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles. Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

Patron - Ebbin

FSB27 Individual income tax refunds; payment. Requires the Tax Commissioner and State Comptroller to implement procedures to allow an individual to elect to have his income tax refund paid by check mailed to his address. If the individual makes no election on his income tax return as to the method of payment of his refund, the refund would be paid by check mailed to the address provided on his return. The bill prohibits the payment of individual income tax refunds through the issuance of prepaid debit cards. The bill applies to individual income tax returns relating to taxable year 2014 and taxable years thereafter. Incorporates SB 141.

. Patron - Ebbin

ESB38 Annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles. Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014. Patron - Marsden

FSB46 Motion picture production tax credit. Increases the percentage of the production company's qualifying expenses that can be taken as a refundable credit from 15 to 20 percent and increases the alternative option of taking the percentage of such expenses if the production is filmed in an economically distressed area of the Commonwealth from 20 to 25 percent. The bill also increases the total amount of the credit that can be given to taxpayers for bienniums after the 2010-2012 biennium from \$5 million to \$25 million and establishes a sunset of January 1, 2024, for productions that use interactive media production.

Patron - Watkins

FSB57 Livable Home Tax Credit. Increases the total amount of tax credits granted for the Livable Home Tax Credit program in any fiscal year from \$1 million to \$2 million and increases the total amount of tax credits made available through the program allocated for purchase or construction of new residences from \$500,000 to \$1 million and the total amount allocated for retrofitting or renovation of existing residences from \$500,000 to \$1 million. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.

Patron - Marsden

FSB84 Sales and use tax; direct payment to the Department of Taxation. Adds providers of television satellite services to the types of businesses that may apply to the Tax Commissioner to pay sales and use tax directly to the Department of Taxation, rather than to the dealers from whom they purchase goods.

Patron - Ruff

ESB107 Grants for donations to science, technology, engineering, or math educational programs at qualified schools. Establishes a grant program beginning in 2014 for donations made by STEM organizations to qualified schools. The donations must be used by the qualified schools to support STEM programs. Qualified schools are public elementary and secondary schools where at least 40 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Grants are capped at \$50,000 per organization per year. The Department of Education would administer the program.

Patron - Stanley

ESB112 Local license tax and local machinery and tools tax. Provides that the Commonwealth pay on behalf of taxpayers the total amount of license taxes and machinery and tool taxes owed to a locality for any calendar year in which the locality has an annual unemployment rate that is equal to or greater than twice the statewide average. Such payments to a locality shall continue until the applicable locality's annual unemployment rate is equal to or less than the statewide average.

Patron - Stanley

FSB141 Individual income tax refunds; payment. Requires the Tax Commissioner and State Comptroller to implement procedures to allow an individual to elect to have his income tax refund paid by check mailed to his address. If the individual makes no election on his income tax return as to the method of payment of his refund, the refund would be paid by check mailed to the address provided on his return. The bill applies to individual income tax returns relating to taxable year 2014 and taxable years thereafter.

Patron - Barker

Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on certain vehicles. Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also lowers the annual license tax for electric motor vehicles to \$50 per year, the rate that was in effect on June 30, 2013. The bill provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014, and for a refund of the difference between the \$64 rate and the \$50 rate for the license tax paid on electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

Patron - Miller

FSB168 Teacher relocation incentive grant program. Provides a grant of \$5,000 to teachers who relocate to either a school where at least 40 percent of the students qualify for free

or reduced lunch or to a school in a locality with a population of 50,000 or less. The bill provides that total annual grants shall not exceed \$1 million and directs the Department of Education to develop guidelines and application forms. *Patron - Stanley*

ESB214 Entitlement to certain sales and use tax revenues; City of Bristol and Washington County. Expands the payments of sales and use tax revenue generated on the premises of a public facility located in the City of Bristol used to pay bonds issued to construct the public facility to include a public facility located in a portion of Washington County, if the two localities agree.

Patron - Carrico

EJSB221 Annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles. Eliminates the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013.

Patron - Petersen

ISB320 Local paper and plastic bag tax. Authorizes localities in Planning District 8 by ordinance to impose a tax on disposable paper bags and disposable plastic bags. Revenues from the local tax would be collected by the Tax Commissioner and distributed monthly to the county or city imposing the tax. The bill requires each county or city adopting an ordinance to impose the tax to provide a certified copy of the ordinance to the Tax Commissioner at least six months prior to the date the tax is to become effective.

Patron - Ebbin

EISB506 Annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles. Eliminates the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014. Patron - Wagner

ESB512 Certified pollution control equipment and facilities; solar equipment. Adds solar equipment to the definition of certified pollution control equipment and facilities that are exempt from state and local taxation pursuant to Article X, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia.

Patron - Wagner

ESB559 Commonwealth's tax code; conformity with federal law; emergency. Advances conformity with the federal tax code from January 2, 2013, to December 31, 2013. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Stosch

ESB568 Land preservation tax credit; retention of qualified mineral interest. Disallows a tax credit for the donation of an interest in land, including the donation of a conservation easement, where the donor retains a qualified mineral interest as defined by IRS regulations.

Patron - Stuart

ESB586 Distribution of communications sales and use tax revenues. Changes the distribution of communications sales and use tax revenues beginning with the month of August 2014 by providing that (i) first, each town would receive the same proportion of such revenues it received in fiscal year 2013-2014 and (ii) all of the remaining revenues would be distributed pro rata to those counties and cities that received a distribution in fiscal year 2013-2014, based upon the population of the county or city as shown by the most recent United States census. Currently, communications sales and use tax revenues

are essentially distributed according to each locality's share of telecommunications and television cable funds (local consumer utility tax on landlines and wireless, E-911, business license tax in excess of 0.5 percent, cable franchise fee, video programming excise tax, local consumer utility tax on cable television) collected throughout the Commonwealth in fiscal year 2006.

Patron - Colgan

Carried Over

CHB57 Sales and use tax exemption; bullion. Exempts from sales and use tax gold, silver, and platinum bullion. The provisions of the bill are set to expire December 31, 2017. *Patron - Miller*

THB148 Motor vehicle sales and use tax; sale price. Reduces the sale price by the value of any trade-in, in determining the amount of motor vehicle sales and use tax owed. Patron - Minchew

PHB314 Individual income tax deduction; insurance premiums. Eliminates the requirements of at least \$20,000 in earned income and no more than \$30,000 in federal adjusted gross income in order for individuals age 66 or older to deduct prepaid funeral, medical, and dental insurance premiums in computing Virginia individual income taxes. The General Assembly enacted legislation in 2013 allowing individuals age 66 or older with at least \$20,000 in earned income and not more than \$30,000 in federal adjusted gross income to deduct such premiums. The bill is effective January 1, 2014. *Patron - Kory*

with the 2015 license year, the optional local license (BPOL) tax would be imposed on the Virginia taxable income of corporations and the net income of sole proprietorships and pass-through entities. Under current law, the optional BPOL tax is imposed on the gross receipts or gross revenues of businesses. Patron - Head

Establishes an individual income tax credit based on the amount attributable to a Virginia income tax deduction associated with the principal paid by an eligible business on a loan during the taxable year. The credit would equal the lesser of (i) the product of .0575 and 75 percent of the principal paid on all business loans during the year, but not to exceed an aggregate of \$3,500, or (ii) the amount of individual income tax imposed for the year.

Eligible businesses are defined as businesses (a) having at least \$100,000 but not in excess of \$5 million in gross receipts or gross revenues for the year, (b) with at least three full-time employees for at least six continuous months of the year, and (c) that have not been operating for more than five years. *Patron - Davis*

The HB434 Machinery and tools, merchants' capital and BPOL taxes; maximum rates established. Prohibits a locality from increasing its business machinery and tools tax, merchants' capital tax, and local license (BPOL) fees and taxes above the locality's rates in effect as of January 1, 2014. Patron - LeMunyon

EHB453 Corporate income taxes. Establishes beginning with the 2015 taxable year a \$25,000 taxable income threshold for corporate income tax liability and increases from

\$1,000 to \$1,500 the minimum amount of income tax a corporation expects to pay to require the corporation to make estimated payments of income tax. The bill also provides that a corporation exempt from income tax would still be required to file a corporate income tax return if the corporation's gross revenues for the taxable year exceeded \$500,000. The \$25,000 taxable income threshold and the \$1,500 of minimum expected income tax would be adjusted annually for inflation beginning with taxable year 2016.

Patron - LeMunyon

chartest and technical changes to state recordation taxes and fees, including defining the value of property for recordation tax purposes as the value determined by a licensed appraiser within the six months prior to the date of recordation, provided an affidavit is submitted to the clerk of the court stating, among other things, the name, state of licensing, and license number of the appraiser and stating the appraised value of the property as provided in the appraisal report. If no such appraisal was performed, then the value for recordation tax purposes would be the current assessed value of the property as shown on the local tax assessor's records. Under current law, the value for recordation tax purposes is the fair market value of the property at the time of recordation.

The bill allows the parties to a deed or other instrument to allocate the liability for recordation taxes as the parties deem appropriate.

Patron - Minchew

Tates. Dedicates to localities with high unemployment rates. Dedicates to localities with an unemployment rate greater that six percent (i) one-half of the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund and (ii) sales tax revenue generated by a sales and use tax of one percent.

Patron - Campbell

EHB717 Income tax deduction; mental health professionals volunteering at community services boards. Provides an individual income tax deduction of \$1,500 beginning with taxable year 2014 to a qualified mental health professional who volunteers at least 20 hours during the taxable year to a community services board by providing mental health, developmental, or substance abuse services to inmates. *Patron - McClellan*

CHB729 Tax restructuring. Modifies the individual income and retail sales and use taxes by lowering the top three individual income marginal tax rates, increasing the individual income tax filing thresholds, repealing the retail sales and use tax on food, increasing the state retail sales and use tax from 4.3 percent to 5.0 percent except in the counties and cities located in the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia Planning Districts, extending the retail sales and use tax to certain personal services that are currently exempt from the tax, and eliminating the retail sales and use tax exemption for nonprofit entities with at least \$1 million in gross revenue. The bill lowers the tax on individual income (i) in excess of \$17,000 from 5.75 percent to 5.5 percent, (ii) between \$5,000 and \$17,000 from 5.0 percent to 4.9 percent, and (iii) between \$3,000 and \$5,000 from 3.0 percent to 2.95 percent. The bill increases the income threshold at which at an individual income tax return must be filed from \$11,950 to \$15,000 for single persons and from \$23,900 to \$30,000 for married persons. The bill increases the state retail sales and use tax from 4.3 percent to 5.0 percent throughout Virginia except in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia. The end result would be a 5.0 percent state retail sales and use tax in all regions of the Commonwealth beginning in 2015. An amount equal to the revenues generated

by the increase would be distributed from the Transportation Trust Fund to each planning district in the Commonwealth in which the revenue was generated to be used solely in the planning district for new construction projects on new or existing roads, bridges, and tunnels or mass transit. The retail sales and use tax increase would become effective on January 1, 2015, and the individual income tax changes would become effective for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2015. Patron - Lingamfelter

□ HB870 New infrastructure investment tax credit.

Creates an income tax credit beginning in taxable year 2014 for any business that places into service new infrastructure for its own use. Infrastructure eligible for the credit would include broadband infrastructure, transmission lines, gas lines, private roadways, computerized ports, and water and sewer infrastructure. The amount of the credit would be 25 percent of the expenses incurred by the business in placing the new infrastructure into service. If, however, the new infrastructure is placed into service in conjunction with a public highway or road construction or improvement project, the credit would equal 35 percent of the infrastructure expenses incurred by the business. A business would be limited to \$50,000 in tax credits for each taxable year. Also, there is a cap of \$2.5 million on the aggregate amount of credits that may be issued in any fiscal year. Unused tax credits could be carried forward for five taxable years.

Patron - Yancey

credit. Provides an income tax; public school renovation tax credit. Provides an income tax credit to persons that complete the renovation or retrofitting of a public school during the taxable year, in accordance with the provisions of the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act. The credit would be available beginning with the 2014 taxable year and thereafter. The amount of the credit would be 25 percent of the person's eligible renovation expenses, regardless of the year incurred, not to exceed \$1 million for the renovation or retrofitting. Also, there is a cap of \$100 million on the aggregate amount of credits that may be issued in any fiscal year. Credits would not be issued for any taxable year for which federal law allows a federal income tax credit for the renovation or retrofitting of a public school.

Patron - Stolle

□HB910 Renewable energy property tax credits. Establishes beginning with taxable year 2014 tax credits for placing into service renewable energy property. The credit would equal 40 percent of the costs paid or incurred to place the renewable energy property into service, not to exceed \$3 million for any individual piece of renewable energy property. The bill provides that credits in excess of \$250,000 would be allowed in three equal taxable year installments. The amount of tax credits otherwise allowed would be proportionally reduced to reflect any public grants, bonds, or other public moneys used in funding the renewable energy property. The bill defines renewable energy as energy derived from sunlight, wind, falling water, biomass, waste, landfill gas, municipal solid waste, wave motion, tides, and geothermal power, but not including energy derived from coal, oil, natural gas, or nuclear power. The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy would administer the tax credit program. The Department would be authorized to issue up to \$100 million in renewable energy property tax credits each fiscal year. The bill would allow the tax credits to be carried forward for five taxable years or to be transferred or assigned to other persons for use.

Patron - Villanueva

©HB974 Income tax credit; food crop donations to a food bank. Establishes an individual and corporate income tax

credit beginning in 2014 for food crops that are grown and donated by a person to a nonprofit food bank. The credit would equal 30 percent of the fair market value of the food crops donated by the person during the taxable year, not to exceed an aggregate of \$5,000 for any taxable year. The bill defines food crops as grains, fruits, nuts, or vegetables. The bill provides for any unused credit to be carried forward for five years. The credit would sunset on January 1, 2019.

Patron - Cline

CHB995 Income tax and sales and use tax; expiration dates for credits and exemptions. Places two-year expiration dates on various income tax credits and sales and use tax exemptions. The revenue attributable to the expiration of these credits and exemptions shall be used to lower the corporate income tax rate.

Patron - Hugo

Establishes, beginning with the 2015 taxable year, an individual income tax credit for child-care expenses incurred during the year by a parent or legal guardian for a child age six years or younger enrolled for at least 11 months during the year in a child-care program participating in the Virginia Star Quality Initiative. The child-care program would be required to have at least a Star 1-level rating from the Virginia Star Quality Initiative. The credit would equal \$100 per eligible child, not to exceed \$300 for the taxable year for any parent or legal guardian. Credit would not be allowed to any single individual whose Virginia adjusted gross income for the taxable year was in excess of \$65,000 or to married individuals whose Virginia adjusted gross income for the taxable year was in excess of \$90,000.

Patron - Peace

CHB1153 Real property tax assessments; appeal to court. Permits courts to grant reasonable attorney fees to tax-payers who prevail in appeals of real property tax assessments on residential property.

Patron - Pogge

Changes the tobacco products tax; premium cigars. Changes the tobacco products tax on premium cigars, as defined, from a wholesale tax to a retail tax at a rate of 6.25 percent on the sale of each premium cigar to an ultimate consumer.

Patron - Fowler

CHB1243 Corporate income tax rate. Reduces the corporate income tax rate from 6% to 5%.

Patron - Cline

companies. Authorizes localities to tax the personal property of telephone and telegraph companies not used in furnishing telegraph, telephone, broadband personal, or mobile commercial communication services, at the applicable personal property rate. Under current law, all personal property of telegraph and telephone companies must be taxed at the locality's real property tax rate. The bill also requires telephone and telegraph companies to include in their annual report to the State Corporation Commission separate listings of property according to whether or not it is used in furnishing telegraph, telephone, broadband personal, or mobile commercial communication services.

Patron - Hanger

SB483 Real property tax liens. Provides that if a tax-payer agrees, a third party who pays the delinquent taxes due

on the taxpayer's real property may be assigned the tax lien on the property.

Patron - Stuart

Eliminates the corporate income tax for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, by setting the rate of the tax at zero percent.

Patron - Martin

Trade and Commerce

Passed

PHB69 Extended service contracts. Expands the types of services that may be provided under an extended service contract to include certain types of damage to a motor vehicle, the replacement of motor vehicle keys, and the installation or application of certain materials on a motor vehicle that includes an agreement that to the purchaser of incidental costs if the material fails to prevent loss or damage as specified. The measure also authorizes the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to designate additional services that may be provided under an extended service contract.

Patron - Marshall. D.W.

PHB180 Invention development services; disclosure and civil penalty. Requires each contract for invention development services to include on its cover sheet a disclosure that the contract is a fee-for-service contract with no guarantees as to success of the invention and information on how to file a consumer complaint regarding invention development services with the Office of the Attorney General. The measure increases the maximum civil penalty that the Attorney General may recover in an enforcement action from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for each violation. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science. Patron - Farrell

PHB375 Patent infringement; assertions made in bad faith. Prohibits any person from making in bad faith an assertion of patent infringement. The Attorney General or an attorney for the Commonwealth is empowered to accept assurances of voluntary compliance and seek injunctive relief. The Attorney General is authorized to issue civil investigative demands. The measure does not create a private cause of action. The measure does not apply to a demand letter or assertion of patent infringement that includes a claim for relief arising under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2) or 42 U.S.C. § 262. This bill is identical to SB 150.

Patron - O'Ouinn

PHB402 Virginia Racing Commission; simulcast of certain horse races. Allows the owner or operator of a steeplechase facility to simulcast the Kentucky Derby at the steeplechase facility in conjunction with holding the steeplechase races.

Patron - Webert

PHB543 Security freezes; protected consumers; penalties. Establishes a procedure by which a protected consumer's representative may request that a consumer reporting agency place a security freeze on the protected consumer's credit report. A protected consumer is an individual resident of the Commonwealth who is (i) younger than age 16 at the time a request for the placement of a security freeze is made or (ii) an

incapacitated person for whom a guardian or conservator has been appointed. If a freeze is established for a protected consumer, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releasing the protected consumer's credit report, any information derived from it, or any record created for the protected consumer, unless the freeze is removed. A fee of up to \$10 may be charged for placing or removing a freeze, except identity theft victims and persons under age 16 for whom the agency has a credit report are not required to pay a fee. Willful violations are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. The measure will become effective January 1, 2015.

Patron - Filler-Corn

PHB785 Reduced cigarette ignition propensity; penalties. Transfers administration of the reduced cigarette ignition propensity (RCIP) program from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to the Executive Director of the Department of Fire Programs. The RCIP program, enacted in 2008, restricted the manufacture, sale, or offer for sale of cigarettes that do not meet a performance standard for fire safety. Manufacturers are assessed a fee of \$250 per brand, the proceeds from which are to be deposited in the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard and Firefighter Protection Act Fund. Violators are subject to civil penalties. This bill is identical to SB 494.

Patron - Cole

PHB1065 Virginia Petroleum Products Franchise Act; right of first refusal. Grants franchise service station dealers the first right of refusal to purchase their business when the station's franchisor attempts to sell the business. A franchisor that owns or leases as lessee a leased marketing premises is prohibited from selling, transferring, or assigning the franchisor's interest in the premises unless the franchisor has first either (i) made a bona fide offer to sell, transfer, or assign to the dealer the franchisor's interest in the premises, with certain exceptions, or (ii) offered to the dealer a right of first refusal of any bona fide offer acceptable to the franchisor made by another person to acquire the franchisor's interest in the premises. The measure applies only to the sale, assignment, or transfer of a franchisor's interest in a leased marketing premises located only in Planning District 8, and does not apply to leased marketing premises owned or controlled by a jobber/ distributor.

Patron - Hugo

PHB1072 Scanning information from driver's license. Prohibits any merchant in the Commonwealth from scanning the machine-readable zone of an individual's Department of Motor Vehicles-issued identification card or driver's license, except to (i) verify authenticity of the identification card or driver's license or to verify the identity of the individual if the individual pays for goods or services with a method other than cash, returns an item, or requests a refund or an exchange; (ii) verify the individual's age in certain circumstances; (iii) prevent fraud or other criminal activity if the individual returns an item or requests a refund or an exchange and the merchant uses a fraud prevention service company or system; (iv) record, retain, or transmit information as required by state or federal law; (v) provide information to a regulated check services company; or (vi) complete a transaction permitted under certain federal statutes. Similar restrictions are imposed on a merchant's ability to retain or sell information obtained from such a scan. A person aggrieved by a violation may bring an action to recover damages of \$100 per violation, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs. This bill is identical to SB 40 as passed. Patron - Bulova

Prohibits any merchant in the Commonwealth from scanning

the machine-readable zone of an individual's Department of Motor Vehicles-issued identification card or driver's license, except to (i) verify authenticity of the identification card or driver's license or to verify the identity of the individual if the individual pays for goods or services with a method other than cash, returns an item, or requests a refund or an exchange; (ii) verify the individual's age in certain circumstances; (iii) prevent fraud or other criminal activity if the individual returns an item or requests a refund or an exchange and the merchant uses a fraud prevention service company or system; (iv) record, retain, or transmit information as required by state or federal law; (v) provide information to a regulated check services company; or (vi) complete a transaction permitted under certain federal statutes. Similar restrictions are imposed on a merchant's ability to retain or sell information obtained from such a scan. A person aggrieved by a violation may bring an action to recover damages of \$100 per violation, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs. This bill is identical to HB 1072. Patron - Marsden

PISB150 Patent infringement; assertions made in bad faith. Prohibits any person from making in bad faith an assertion of patent infringement. The Attorney General or an attorney for the Commonwealth is empowered to accept assurances of voluntary compliance and seek injunctive relief. The Attorney General is authorized to issue civil investigative demands. The measure does not create a private cause of action. The measure does not apply to a demand letter or assertion of patent infringement that includes a claim for relief arising under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2) or 42 U.S.C. § 262. This bill is identical to HB 375.

Patron - Stuart

PSB398 Virginia Racing Commission; simulcast of certain horse races. Allows the owner or operator of a steeplechase facility to simulcast the Kentucky Derby at the steeplechase facility in conjunction with holding the steeplechase races.

Patron - Vogel

PSB404 Health Club Act. Changes the term "health spa" to "health club" throughout what had been captioned the Virginia Health Spa Act. The measure includes technical and clarifying changes and adds a requirement that health club contracts state the name and physical address of the health club. Patron - Alexander

PSB494 Reduced cigarette ignition propensity; penalties. Transfers administration of the reduced cigarette ignition propensity (RCIP) program from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to the Executive Director of the Department of Fire Programs. The RCIP program, enacted in 2008, restricted the manufacture, sale, or offer for sale of cigarettes that do not meet a performance standard for fire safety. Manufacturers are assessed a fee of \$250 per brand, the proceeds from which are to be deposited in the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard and Firefighter Protection Act Fund. Violators are subject to civil penalties. This bill is identical to HB 785.

Patron - Marsh

Failed

FHB12 Patent infringement; assertions made in bad faith. Prohibits any person from making in bad faith an assertion, claim, or allegation that a resident of the Commonwealth is infringing a patent. The measure creates a cause of action for damages and an injunction against a person threatening to

bring legal action for alleged patent infringement. A court that finds that a target of an assertion of patent infringement has established a reasonable likelihood that the person has made the assertion in bad faith shall require the person to post a bond in an amount equal to the target's costs to litigate the claim and amounts reasonably likely to be recovered as damages, not to exceed \$250,000. The Attorney General is empowered to issue civil investigative demands, accept assurances of voluntary compliance, and seek injunctions. The target of a bad faith assertion or any other person aggrieved by a violation may bring an action to recover actual damages, attorney fees, and costs. If the violation was willful, damages may be increased to the greater of three times the actual damages sustained or \$50,000.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

redesignation of certain joint enterprise zones. Removes the requirement that a locality contiguous to an existing multilocality, joint enterprise zone must have lost at least 900 jobs in a 12-month period to be eligible to join the joint enterprise zone, and removes the restriction that such existing multilocality enterprise consist of only two localities.

Patron - Hodges

EHB591 Unsolicited demands for payment. Prohibits solicitations through the use of a document that reasonably could be considered a bill, invoice, or statement of account due, if the document (i) is in fact an offer to sell goods or services to a consumer that were not requested by the consumer and (ii) fails to prominently disclaim that the document is not a bill but is a solicitation. A violation is made a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The Act currently prohibits misrepresentations by the use of any written or documentary material that appears to be an invoice or bill for merchandise or services previously ordered.

Patron - O'Quinn

sent. Prohibits minors younger than 15 years of age from using tanning devices at tanning facilities. The measure also prohibits unemancipated minors age 15, 16, or 17 years from using tanning devices at tanning facilities unless a parent or legal guardian has consented in writing. The written consent form is required to include information developed or approved by the Department of Health. Currently, the parent or legal guardian of a prospective customer younger than 15 years of age is required to sign a written warning statement.

Patron - Brink

18. Prohibits individuals under age 18 from using tanning devices at tanning facilities.

Patron - Yost

FHB863 Enterprise Zone Grant Program. Removes the restriction on the number of enterprise zones that may exist at any one time. The current limit is 30. *Patron - Yancey*

FHB934 Security freezes; protected consumers; penalties. Establishes a procedure by which a protected consumer's representative may request that a consumer reporting agency place a security freeze on the protected consumer's credit report. A protected consumer is an individual resident of the Commonwealth who is (i) younger than age 16 at the time a request for the placement of a security freeze is made or (ii) an incapacitated person for whom a guardian or conservator has been appointed. If a freeze is established for a protected consumer, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releas-

ing the protected consumer's credit report, any information derived from it, or any record created for the protected consumer, unless the freeze is removed. A fee of up to \$5 may be charged for placing or removing a freeze, except identity theft victims and persons under age 16 for whom the agency has a credit report are not required to pay a fee. Penalties and enforcement mechanisms are identical to those provided for nonprotected consumers under the existing security freeze statute. The measure would have become effective January 1, 2015.

Patron - Surovell

FHB999 Virginia Major Employer Research Performance Grant Program. Creates a performance grant program for research and development expenditures conducted in the Commonwealth by major employers. The bill provides that research and development expenditures means "qualified research" as defined in § 41(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, which is research and development that is technological in nature and intended to be useful in the development of a new or improved business component of the entity conducting the research and development. The performance grant would equal 10 percent of the first \$15 million in research and development expenditures conducted in the Commonwealth by an entity that during the year (i) incurred at least \$3.5 million in Virginia research and development expenditures, (ii) employed at least 1,000 full-time positions in the Commonwealth, and (iii) realized at least \$500 million in gross receipts or gross revenues related to business activity performed in the Commonwealth. The bill also would require any major employer receiving a performance grant to incur research and development expenditures in the Commonwealth during the calendar year immediately following the year for which the grant was awarded in an amount at least equal to 200 percent of the performance grant amount. Any major employer failing to incur the required amount of expenditures would be required to repay a portion of the performance grant awarded. The performance grant program would be administered by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade. The performance grant program would expire on January 1, 2019.

Patron - Comstock

ESB76 Trade and commerce; misrepresentation of geographic location of florist business; penalty. Prohibits the misrepresentation of the geographical location of a florist business in the listing of the business in a telephone directory or other directory assistance database, on a website, or in a print advertisement. A misrepresentation of the geographical location of a florist business exists if the name of the business indicates that the business is located in a geographical area and (i) the business is not located within the area indicated; (ii) the listing fails to identify the locality and state of the business's geographical location; and (iii) a telephone call to the telephone number provided routinely is forwarded or transferred to a location that is outside the calling area covered by the directory or database in which the number is listed or outside the geographical area as indicated by the name of the business. A violation is a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Puckett

Carried Over

CHB60 Enterprise Zone Grant Program; designation of noncontiguous areas. Provides (i) that the maximum number of noncontiguous areas that may be part of an enterprise zone shall be set by regulation by the Board of Housing and Community Development, and (ii) that each locality may have

only one enterprise zone. Current law prohibits more than three noncontiguous areas in an enterprise zone, and restricts each locality to no more than three enterprise zones.

Patron - Hodges

Expands the criteria for designation as an enterprise zone to also include, to the extent information is available, (i) the average unemployment rate for the area encompassed by the proposed zone over the most recent three-year period, (ii) the average median adjusted gross income for the area encompassed by the proposed zone over the most recent three-year period, and (iii) the average percentage of public school students within the area encompassed by the proposed zone receiving free or reduced price lunches over the most recent three-year period. Under current law, these same criteria are considered at the county and city level.

Patron - James

CJHB370 Commercial credit reporting. Establishes a procedure through which a commercial enterprise operating in Virginia about whom a commercial credit report has been compiled may request access to view its commercial credit report, at no cost to the subject. The view that is accessed by the subject must consist of the commercial credit report in a format routinely made available to third parties, less any information deemed proprietary to the commercial credit reporting agency. If the report contains an inaccurate statement of fact and the commercial enterprise has exhausted the commercial credit reporting agency's standard means of dispute that are provided without a fee or charge, the agency is required to delete the disputed item from the report or include in the report a notice of the subject's assertion that the statement is inaccurate. A violation is a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Head

© SB19 Virginia Casino Gaming Commission; regulation of casino gaming; penalties. Creates the Virginia Casino Gaming Commission as the licensing body for casino gaming. The bill sets up the licensing scheme for casino gaming and provides penalties for violations of the casino gaming law. Under the bill, casino gambling shall be limited to localities in which at least 40 percent of the land area is exempt from local real property taxation pursuant to federal law or Article X, Sections 6 and 6-A of the Constitution of Virginia. The bill requires proceeds of the gross receipts tax and admission tax imposed on casino gaming operators to be paid as follows: (i) 10 percent to the locality in which the casino gaming operation is located and (ii) 90 percent into the Toll Mitigation Fund, which shall be used to mitigate the tolls established to support construction and maintenance of the Dominion Boulevard Bridge and Roadway Improvement Project and the Downtown Tunnel/Midtown Tunnel/Martin Luther King Freeway Extension Project.

Patron - Lucas

ELSB339 Secondhand fixtures and scrap metal; payment. Requires persons acquiring secondhand building fixtures, scrap, metal articles, and proprietary articles to make payments for the materials in the form of a check. Currently, purchasers of certain secondhand metal articles are required to make payments by check when the amount paid equals or exceeds \$1,000.

Patron - Lucas

CSB479 Tanning facilities; age limit; parental consent. Prohibits minors younger than 15 years of age from using tanning devices at tanning facilities. The measure also prohibits unemancipated minors age 15, 16, or 17 years from using

tanning devices at tanning facilities unless a parent or legal guardian has consented in writing. The written consent form is required to include information developed or approved by the Department of Health. Currently, the parent or legal guardian of a prospective customer younger than 15 years of age is required to sign a written warning statement.

Patron - Barker

CSB598 Health Spa Act; dojos. Deletes the exclusion from the definition of a health spa for organizations primarily operated for the purpose of teaching a particular form of self-defense such as judo or karate. The bill makes such an organization subject to the requirements of the Virginia Health Spa Act.

Patron - Locke

Unemployment Compensation

Passed

PHB22 Unemployment compensation; benefit ratio. Provides that an employer's payroll, for purposes of calculating its benefit ratio and state unemployment tax rate, shall be deemed to be \$1 when the employer's taxable payroll for the applicable 12-month period is not more than \$1. The measure eliminates the necessity of dividing the employer's benefit charges by a payroll amount of \$0, which produces an infinite benefit ratio and results in an assessment of state unemployment taxes at the highest rate.

Patron - Kory

PHB389 Unemployment compensation; voluntary separation presumed. Establishes a rebuttable presumption that an individual left work voluntarily if the individual was a graduate student whose employment commenced and ended between spring and fall semesters of his academic program and he returned to his academic program following his separation from employment.

Patron - Minchew

PISB18 Unemployment compensation; quit to follow military spouse. Provides that good cause for leaving employment exists if an employee voluntarily leaves a job to accompany the employee's spouse, who is on active duty in the military or naval services of the United States, to a new military-related assignment established pursuant to a permanent change of duty order from which the employee's place of employment is not reasonably accessible. The measure applies only if the state to which the spouse is transferred has a similar provision, unless the transfer involves members of the Virginia National Guard relocated within the Commonwealth. Benefits paid to qualifying claimants shall be charged against the pool rather than against the claimant's employer. The measure also repeals Chapter 878 of the 2009 Acts of Assembly, which is similar to this measure but did not take effect because the contingency in its third enactment was not satisfied. The measure will expire on December 31, 2020. The Virginia Employment Commission is required to report to the Commission on Unemployment Compensation regarding the effects of allowing such claimants to be eligible for unemployment benefits. Patron - Locke

PSB110 Unemployment compensation; short-time compensation program. Establishes a short-time compensation program that provides employers with the option of reducing the hours worked by employees, while permitting the

employees whose hours are reduced to receive partial compensation for lost wages. Program participation requires Virginia Employment Commission approval of a plan, which must provide that the reduction in hours of work is in lieu of a layoff of an equivalent percentage of employees and that employees' health and retirement benefits cannot be reduced or eliminated under the plan. An employer is not eligible to participate in the program if it has negative unemployment experience, is assigned the maximum experience rating tax rate, is assigned the tax rate for new employers, or reduced its workforce by 20 percent or more during the preceding six months. Participating employers are required to provide information regarding whether the plan is intended to be a transition to permanent layoffs. The measure requires the Commission to submit reports on the program's implementation and accomplishments, with recommendations to improve its effectiveness. The measure becomes effective January 1, 2015. The bill has an expiration date of January 1, 2020; however, if federal grants covering certain costs of establishing the program are not received by the Commission by July 1, 2016, the bill will expire on that date.

Patron - Stanley

PISB266 Unemployment benefits; financial literacy course. Requires the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), either by itself or in collaboration with workforce service partner entities, to provide information to all unemployment benefits claimants and job seekers on courses in financial literacy. Such courses shall be at no cost to claimants and to job seekers and may be offered online or in any other medium the VEC deems appropriate.

Patron - Stanley

Failed

EHB798 Unemployment compensation; Self-Employment Assistance Pilot Program; report. Establishes the Self-Employment Assistance Pilot Program (Program), under which up to 100 unemployed individuals receive unemployment compensation while they are establishing their own businesses and becoming self-employed. Participants receive an allowance in lieu of weekly regular benefit payments and may use the allowance for entrepreneurial training, business counseling, and technical assistance. The bill provides for the Virginia Employment Commission to develop and implement the program and to report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on (i) the total number of participants, (ii) the fiscal status of the Program, and (iii) any other information that will assist in determining the viability of the Program. Patron - Lopez

Virginia Energy Plan

Passed

PhB796 Virginia Energy Plan; schedule for updates. Postpones the due date for quadrennial updates to the Virginia Energy Plan from July 1 to October 1. This bill is identical to SB 514.

Patron - Lopez

PHB1261 Virginia Energy Plan; carbon dioxide emission control impact; schedule. Requires the Virginia Energy Plan to include, with regard to any regulations proposed or promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuelfired electric generating units under Section 37 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, an analysis of the costs to and benefits for energy producers and electric utility customers; the effect on energy markets and reliability; and the commercial availability of technology required to comply with such regulations. The measure postpones the due date for quadrennial updates to the Virginia Energy Plan from July 1 to October 1. Interim updates on the Plan are required to be provided by October 1 of the third year of each administration. The measure also requires the Division of Energy of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, in Plan updates starting in 2014, to set forth energy policy positions relevant to any potential regulations of the State Air Pollution Control Board to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel-fired electric generating units under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. The Division is required to address policy options for establishing separate standards of performance for carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units to promote the Plan's overall goal of fuel diversity. The Plan is also required to (i) examine policy options for state regulatory action to adopt less stringent standards or longer compliance schedules than those provided for in applicable federal rules or guidelines and (ii) identify options, to the maximum extent permissible, for any federally required regulation of carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units. This bill is identical to SB 615.

Patron - Chafin

PSB25 Offshore natural gas and oil royalties; establishment of Virginia Offshore Energy Emergency Response Fund. Establishes the Virginia Offshore Energy Emergency Response Fund and directs to it the first \$50 million in royalties received by the Commonwealth as the result of offshore natural gas and oil drilling and exploration. Additional revenues and royalties will be applied to maintain the Fund at \$50 million if moneys are withdrawn from the Fund. After the Fund reaches \$50 million, excess revenues and royalties will be transferred to the general fund annually.

Patron - Reeves

PSB222 Solar panels in community associations. Clarifies a community association's authority to prohibit or restrict the installation of solar power devices. The measure bars a community association from prohibiting a property owner from installing a solar energy collection device on the owner's property unless the community association's recorded declaration establishes such a prohibition.

Patron - Petersen

PSB514 Virginia Energy Plan; schedule for updates. Postpones the due date for quadrennial updates to the Virginia Energy Plan from July 1 to October 1. This bill is identical to HB 796.

Patron - Wagner

PSB615 Virginia Energy Plan; carbon dioxide emission control impact; schedule. Requires the Virginia Energy Plan to include, with regard to any regulations proposed or promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel-fired electric generating units under Section 37 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, an analysis of the costs to and benefits for energy producers and electric utility customers; the effect on energy markets and reliability; and the commercial availability of technology required to comply with such regulations. The measure postpones the due date for quadrennial updates to the Virginia Energy Plan from July 1 to October 1. Interim updates on the Plan are required to be provided by October 1 of the third year of each administration. The measure also requires the Division

of Energy of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, in Plan updates starting in 2014, to set forth energy policy positions relevant to any potential regulations of the State Air Pollution Control Board to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel-fired electric generating units under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. The Division is required to address policy options for establishing separate standards of performance for carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units to promote the Plan's overall goal of fuel diversity. The Plan is also required to (i) examine policy options for state regulatory action to adopt less stringent standards or longer compliance schedules than those provided for in applicable federal rules or guidelines and (ii) identify options, to the maximum extent permissible, for any federally required regulation of carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units. This bill is identical to HB 1261.

Patron - Carrico

Failed

EHB155 Interstate Offshore Energy Compact established. Creates the Interstate Offshore Energy Compact to secure the right of the member states to execute leases for the production and development of oil and natural gas resources three miles or more off the Atlantic shorelines of their respective states and to suspend the operation of any conflicting federal laws, rules, regulations, and orders within their states. The bill also creates the Interstate Offshore Energy Advisory Commission to study issues related to offshore energy development that are of particular concern and make nonbinding recommendations related to offshore energy policies to the member states for consideration by the legislatures of the member states. The bill provides that the compact becomes effective within a member state upon adoption of the compact by at least two member states and consent of the United States Congress. Patron - Marshall, R.G.

Waters of the State, Ports and Harbors

Passed

PHB654 Wetland and stream mitigation banks; hydrologic unit boundaries. Allows the use of a hydrologic unit system or dataset other than the National Watershed Boundary Dataset and allows the adjustment of the hydrologic unit boundaries of such dataset based on the availability of more accurate information.

Patron - Scott

PHB672 Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Grant Program. Expands the Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone into a statewide grant program and allows the Virginia Port Authority and the Department of Taxation to exchange information. The bill incorporates HB 871.

Patron - Poindexter

PHB876 Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners. Changes the composition of the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority by adding a member

from Greater Hampton Roads. The bill also requires that one member have maritime shipping experience. *Patron - Jones*

□HB1173 Stormwater management programs; optional for some localities. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to establish a Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) for any locality that neither opts to establish its own program nor operates a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The bill defers the VSMP requirement for six months for certain recent MS4 localities. The bill alters the permitting appeals process and allows for an agreement in lieu of a stormwater management plan, and it directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations relating to the issuance of permits for parcels in subdivisions, the registration of single-family residences, and the reciprocity given by Virginia for proprietary Best Management Practices established elsewhere. The bill exempts single-family residences from payment of the Department's portion of the fee for the state general permit. Finally, the bill provides that the consolidation of state post-construction requirements into Virginia's General Permit shall not modify the scope of enforcement of the federal Clean Water Act and exempts from most requirements of the Administrative Process Act those regulations of the State Water Control Board that will be necessary to implement the act. This bill incorporates HB 58, HB 649, and HB 261 and contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 423. Patron - Hodges

PHB 1193 Appointments to State Water Control Board. Requires the Governor, in making appointments to the State Water Control Board, to try to ensure that membership is geographically balanced.

Patron - Webert

PHB1217 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas; documentation in lieu of proof of septic tank pump-out. Directs the State Water Control Board to adopt certain criteria for use by local governments in evaluating development in Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas. The bill provides that any locality allowing owners of certain on-site sewage treatment systems to submit documentation in lieu of proof of septic tank pump-out shall require that such documentation be certified by a licensed or certified on-site sewage system operator or soil evaluator.

Patron - Morris

LISB423 Stormwater management programs; optional for some localities. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to establish a Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) for any locality that neither opts to establish its own program nor operates a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The bill defers the VSMP requirement for six months for certain recent MS4 localities. The bill alters the permitting appeals process and allows for an agreement in lieu of a stormwater management plan, and it directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations relating to the issuance of permits for parcels in subdivisions, the registration of single-family residences, and the reciprocity given by Virginia for proprietary Best Management Practices established elsewhere. The bill exempts single-family residences from payment of the Department's portion of the fee for the state general permit. Finally, the bill provides that the consolidation of state post-construction requirements into Virginia's General Permit shall not modify the scope of enforcement of the federal Clean Water Act and exempts from most requirements of the Administrative Process Act those regulations of the State Water Control Board that will be necessary to implement the act. This bill

incorporates SB 425 and SB 530 and contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to HB 1173.

Patron - Hanger

Failed

EHB58 Stormwater management programs; appeals. Clarifies the appeals process for persons subject to state permit requirements under the Stormwater Management Act. The bill removes Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) authorities from the list of bodies whose actions may be appealed. For appeals of actions of the Department of Environmental Quality or the State Water Control Board, the bill refers to applicable hearing procedures and provides that appeals include an opportunity with judicial review in accordance with certain standards.

Patron - Hodges

FIHB145 Commonwealth Transportation Board. Provides for removal of members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board by the Governor for malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetence, or gross neglect of duty.

Patron - Hugo

FHB261 Stormwater management program; regulations; single-family residence. Authorizes the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations that create a procedure for approving permits for individual parcels in a common plan of development, provide a General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities that omits unneeded information on post-construction water quality standards, and provide reciprocity with other states regarding certification of best management practices. The bill also allows the submission of an agreement in lieu of a permit where land-disturbing activity results from the construction of a single-family residence. Patron - Scott

Establishes a multistate compact that allows a member of the compact to regulate non-navigable waters located wholly

within its state. The bill defines non-navigable waters as any river, creek, stream, branch, or accumulation of water resulting from precipitation, storms, or other natural occurrences that is (i) located wholly within a member state and (ii) isolated from any other body of water by not being fed or replenished by a perennial stream.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

FHB649 Stormwater management program; regulations; single-family residence. Allows the submission of an agreement in lieu of a Virginia Stormwater Management Plan where certain land-disturbing activity is the result of the construction of a single-family residence. Patron - Ransone

FHB673 Stormwater management permit fees; land-disturbing activities of one to five acres involving single-family residences. Directs the Board to set the fee for coverage of one-acre to five-acre single-family residential projects under a General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities at the amount charged for similar projects of less than one acre.

Patron - Poindexter

FJHB697 Local implementation of Stormwater Management Program. Delays the date that local governments

will have to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015. Patron - Poindexter

THB842 Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone. Adds Accomack County and Northampton County to the localities composing the Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone. Certain new or expanded businesses located in such Zone are eligible to apply for certain grants. Patron - Lewis

EHB871 Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Grant Program. Expands the existing Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone Grant Fund and Program into a statewide program. *Patron - Jones*

HB1071 Local implementation of Stormwater Management Program. Delays the date that local governments will have to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015.

Patron - Fariss

EHB1117 Local implementation of Stormwater Management Program. Delays the date that local governments will have to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015.

Patron - Wright

FHB1168 Wetland and stream mitigation banks. Provides that state lands that are used to provide compensatory mitigation for wetland or stream impacts shall be used only for projects undertaken by a state agency, or a foundation related to a state institution of higher education, on land which the agency or foundation owns.

Patron - Fariss

FHB1170 Stormwater management; separately built single-family residences. Expands the exemption from state stormwater permit requirements for certain separately built single-family residences by raising the area of disturbance for exempt projects from one acre to three acres. The bill does not alter the disturbance area for projects located in jurisdictions designated as subject to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations. Patron - Rush

ESB48 Drilling in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. Allows the drilling for oil and gas in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area if certain Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards for the protection of groundwater and surface water are met. The Department of Mining, Minerals and Energy (DMME) is not authorized to issue a permit to drill in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area until DEQ has completed its review of (i) the current surface water and groundwater quality and quantity regulations in the management area and (ii) any amendments to the regulation that are necessary to protect groundwater and surface water. The DEQ review is to be completed by December 1, 2014. The State Water Control Board, as the policy board, is required to use its best efforts to adopt any changes in the regulations by July 1, 2016. The DEQ is also charged with reviewing any criteria and procedures for preparation and evaluation of the environmental impact assessments that the permit applicant is required to submit to DMME. The bill requires the assessment to include the impact

of drilling, production, and transportation on surface and

groundwater quality and supply. The DEQ shall use its best efforts to review and incorporate any changes to the assessment by October 1, 2015.

Patron - Stuart

FSB425 Stormwater management programs; appeals. Clarifies the appeals process for persons subject to state permit requirements under the Stormwater Management Act. The bill removes Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) authorities from the list of bodies whose actions may be appealed. For appeals of actions of the Department of Environmental Quality or the State Water Control Board, the bill refers to applicable hearing procedures and provides that appeals include an opportunity with judicial review in accordance with certain standards.

Patron - Hanger

ESB469 Stormwater Management Program; localities with minimal Chesapeake Bay watershed. Delays the date on which local governments are required to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015, in those localities in which less than 11 percent of the land area drains to the Chesapeake Bay.

Patron - Smith

ESB530 Local implementation of Stormwater Management Program. Delays the date that local governments will have to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015.

Patron - Hanger

ESB671 Reporting of water usage. Requires electric generating stations seeking a Virginia Water Protection Permit to submit an estimate of the amount of water that will be withdrawn and consumed for the lifecycle of the fuel used by the proposed generating station.

Patron - Favola

Carried Over

circles adopted by Accomack County. Patron - Lewis

Welfare (Social Services)

Passed

PHB202 Licensure of assisted living facilities; credit references. Updates requirements relating to applications for licensure as an assisted living facility, replacing the requirement for at least one letter of credit with the requirement for at least one credit reference.

Patron - O'Bannon

PHB215 Withdrawal from district board of social services. Establishes a process for withdrawal from a district

board of social services by the local governing body of a county or city.

Patron - Tyler

PHB262 Local boards; appointment of members of boards of supervisors. Provides that in cases in which a member of a local board of social services is also a member of the board of supervisors of a county represented by the local board, he shall serve on the local board at the pleasure of the board of supervisors of which he is a member or until such time as he ceases to be a member of the board of supervisors. This bill is identical to SB 316.

Patron - Scott

PHB264 Authority of local boards of social services to employ in-house counsel. Authorizes local boards of social services to employ in-house counsel to provide general legal advice and representation related to specific actions. This bill is identical to SB 417.

Patron - Bell, Richard P.

PHB405 Suspected abuse or neglect of a child; reports to law enforcement. Requires the local department of social services to notify the local attorney for the Commonwealth and the local law-enforcement agency of all complaints of suspected child abuse and neglect involving certain injuries or criminal acts immediately upon receipt of the complaint, but in no case more than two hours from receipt of the complaint. The bill also requires the local department to complete a written report on a form provided by the Board of Social Services for such purpose for each case in which a local law-enforcement agency is notified of a case of suspected child abuse or neglect. This bill is identical to SB 332.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

PHB407 Adoption; disclosure of identifying information. Provides that in cases in which an adult adopted person seeks disclosure of identifying information about his birth parents and consent of the birth parents is not obtainable due to the death or mental incapacity of the birth parents, the Commissioner of Social Services shall release the identifying information requested upon a showing of good cause as to why the information should be made available. In cases in which the Commissioner refuses to disclose the information requested, the adult adopted person may apply to the circuit court for an order to disclose the information. Currently, an adult adopted person seeking disclosure of identifying information when his birth parents are unable to consent due to death or mental incapacity must petition the circuit court for release of identifying information.

Patron - Toscano

background checks. Directs the Department of Social Services to convene a work group to review current state and federal laws and regulations governing criminal history background checks for child-care providers and to develop a plan for implementation of national fingerprint-based criminal history background checks for all child-care providers in the Commonwealth, and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2014. This bill incorporates HB 552 and HB 1252 and is identical to SB 639.

Patron - Anderson

PHB468 Child day program licensure exemptions. Exempts from the child day program licensure requirement any summer instructional or athletic experience operated by an accredited private elementary, middle, or high school. *Patron - Massie*

between 18 and 21 years of age. Requires local departments of social services and child-placing agencies to provide independent living services to any person between 18 and 21 years of age who is transitioning from a commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice to self-sufficiency when such individual was in the custody of the local department of social services immediately prior to his commitment, provides written notice of his intent to receive independent living services, and enters into a written agreement for independent living services with the local board of social services or child-placing agency within 60 days of his release. Currently, local departments and child-placing agencies may, but are not required to, provide independent living services to such individuals. This bill is identical to SB 134.

Patron - Brink

reglect; agreements with school divisions. Requires local departments of social services and local school divisions to develop written interagency agreements for the investigation of all complaints of child abuse or neglect. Currently, local departments and local school divisions must enter into written interagency agreements for investigation of complaints of child abuse and neglect involving school personnel only. This bill incorporates HB 1204.

Patron - Herring

PHB709 Child abuse and neglect investigations; time for determination. Provides for an extension of the time period during which a local department of social services must determine if a report of child abuse or neglect is founded from 60 to 90 days in cases in which the investigation is being conducted in cooperation with a law-enforcement agency and both parties agree that circumstances so warrant.

Patron - Gilbert

PHB888 Uniform assessment instrument; regulations. Transfers authority for promulgating regulations governing uniform assessments for residents of assisted living facilities from the Board of Social Services to the Commissioner of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services.

Patron - Peace

PHB890 Social worker. Allows family-services specialists and qualified equivalent workers to perform tasks currently limited to social workers. The bill expands the authority of the Adult Protective Services Unit to establish minimum standards of training and educational opportunities for all workers in the field of adult protective services, which minimum standards currently apply to social workers. The bill changes the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) employment requirement for a baccalaureate degree from "social work" positions to "family-services specialist" positions. The bill adds family-services specialists to the list of individuals required to report suspicions of child abuse or neglect and allows DMAS-designated assessors to serve in place of social workers on community-based screening teams. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Peace

DSB134 Independent living services; individuals between 18 and 21 years of age. Requires local departments of social services and child-placing agencies to provide independent living services to any person between 18 and 21 years of age who is transitioning from a commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice to self-sufficiency when such individual was in the custody of the local department of social services immediately prior to his commitment, provides writ-

ten notice of his intent to receive independent living services, and enters into a written agreement for independent living services with the local board of social services or child-placing agency within 60 days of his release. Currently, local departments and child-placing agencies may but are not required to provide independent living services to such individuals. This bill is identical to HB 668.

Patron - Favola

PSB284 Kinship care; regulations. Directs the Department of Social Services to review current policies governing kinship care placements, propose regulations governing kinship care placements, and review the fiscal impact of the proposed regulations. The bill directs the Department of Social Services to report its recommendations and findings to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Board of Social Services by January 1, 2016.

Patron - Howell

PSB316 Local boards; appointment of members of boards of supervisors. Provides that in cases in which a member of a local board of social services is also a member of the board of supervisors of a county represented by the local board, he shall serve on the local board at the pleasure of the board of supervisors of which he is a member or until such time as he ceases to be a member of the board of supervisors. This bill is identical to HB 262.

Patron - Vogel

PSB331 Investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child; qualifications of investigator. Prohibits any individual who has not previously participated in investigations of alleged abuse or neglect of a child from participating in investigations of cases of alleged sexual abuse of a child unless he has completed a training program for investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child or is directly supervised by a person who has completed such training. The bill also prohibits individuals who have not completed training for investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child from making dispositional findings in such cases. Patron - Howell

PSB332 Suspected abuse or neglect of a child; reports to law enforcement. Requires the local department of social services to notify the local attorney for the Commonwealth and the local law-enforcement agency of all complaints of suspected child abuse and neglect involving certain injuries or criminal acts immediately upon receipt of the complaint, but in no case more than two hours from receipt of the complaint. The bill also requires the local department to complete a written report on a form provided by the Board of Social Services for such purpose for each case in which a local law-enforcement agency is notified of a case of suspected child abuse or neglect. This bill is identical to HB 405.

Patron - Howell

PSB400 Kinship foster care; removal. Prohibits the removal of a child placed in kinship foster care from the physical custody of the kinship foster parent, provided the child has been living with the kinship foster parent for six consecutive months and the placement continues to meet approval standards for foster care, unless the kinship foster parent consents to the removal; removal is agreed upon at a family partnership meeting as defined by the Department of Social Services; removal is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction; or removal is warranted pursuant to § 63.2-1517 of the Code of Virginia.

Patron - Reeves

PSB417 Authority of local boards of social services to employ in-house counsel. Authorizes local boards of social services to employ in-house counsel to provide general legal advice and representation related to specific actions. This bill is identical to HB 264.

Patron - Hanger

PSB639 Department of Social Services; plan for national background checks for child care providers. Directs the Department of Social Services to convene a work group to review current state and federal laws and regulations governing criminal history background checks for child-care providers and to develop a plan for implementation of national fingerprint-based criminal history background checks for all child care providers in the Commonwealth, and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2014. This bill is identical to HB 412.

Patron - Hanger

Failed

of payments made to TANF recipients and indexing of such payments to the Consumer Price Index. Requires the Department of Social Services to develop and implement a process for annually reviewing the amount of assistance paid to eligible recipients through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and adjusting the amount of such payments in an amount equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the year immediately preceding the year in which the review occurs to compensate for inflation. The bill requires the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its progress in implementing the provisions of the act no later than December 1, 2014. Patron - Kory

FHB234 Substance abuse screening and assessment of public assistance applicants and recipients. Requires local departments of social services to screen each VIEW program participant to determine whether probable cause exists to believe the participant is engaged in the use of illegal drugs. The bill provides that when a screening indicates reasonable cause to believe a participant is using illegal drugs, the Department of Social Services shall require drug testing. Any person who fails or refuses to participate in a screening or assessment without good cause or who tests positive for the use of illegal drugs shall be ineligible to receive TANF payments for a period of one year. This bill incorporates HB 642. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

EHB552 Child welfare agencies; criminal history background checks. Establishes a requirement for national criminal history background checks for child-care providers, adds crimes requiring registration with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry to the definition of "offense," and creates a portable background check registry for individuals required to undergo background checks. This bill was incorporated into HB 412.

Patron - Filler-Corn

FHB642 Substance abuse screening and assessment of public assistance recipients. Requires local departments of social services to screen each Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare (VIEW) program participant to determine whether probable cause exists to believe the participant is engaged in the use of illegal drugs. The bill provides that, when a screening indicates reasonable cause to believe a participant is using illegal drugs, the local department of social services

shall require drug testing. Any person who fails or refuses to participate in a screening or assessment without good cause or who tests positive for the use of illegal drugs shall be ineligible to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) payments for a period of one year, unless he enters into and complies with the requirements of a drug treatment program. This bill was incorporated into HB 234.

Patron - Campbell

THB682 Central registry of records; time records must be kept. Extends from one year to three years the required period for which the Department of Social Services must maintain records of reports and investigations of unfounded complaints of child sexual abuse before purging. Patron - Herring

Welfare (VIEW); Workforce Development Pilot Program. Directs the Department of Social Services to establish a Workforce Development Pilot Program. The Program will allow participants to divide their employment requirement between work and up to 15 hours of educational and vocational programs where an assessment shows participation will improve their chances of achieving self-sufficiency. The existing employment requirements under the VIEW program will be waived for its participants.

Patron - Herring

FHB1068 Eligibility for TANF; drug-related felonies. Provides that a person who is otherwise eligible to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families assistance shall not be denied assistance solely because he has been convicted of a felony offense of possession of a controlled substance, provided that he complies with all obligations imposed by the court and the Department of Social Services, is actively engaged in or has completed substance abuse treatment, and participates in drug screenings.

Patron - Orrock

FHB1081 Adoption assistance. Clarifies provisions related to adoption assistance for children with special needs and makes the provision of state-funded maintenance payments for children with special needs who do not qualify for federal adoption assistance optional at the discretion of the local department rather than mandatory.

Patron - Farrell

EHB1113 Adoption by person other than spouse of a parent. Provides that a person other than the spouse of a parent may adopt a child if the child has only one parent, the adoption would not terminate the parental rights of the parent, and the parent joins in the petition for the purpose of indicating his consent.

Patron - Yost

Establishes in the Department of Social Services an Office of Immigrant Assistance to assist persons lawfully entering the United States and the Commonwealth for the purpose of becoming citizens. The Office shall provide (i) advice and assistance regarding the citizenship application process and (ii) assistance with finding and securing employment, housing, and services for which such persons may be eligible.

Patron - Lingamfelter

EHB1204 Investigation of alleged child abuse and neglect; agreements with school divisions. Requires local departments of social services and local school divisions to include, in written interagency agreements for the investigation of certain complaints of child abuse or neglect, provisions gov-

erning investigation of complaints of sexual abuse of a child in which coordination between the local department of social services and local school division is necessary to facilitate the investigation. In addition, the bill requires local school divisions to report annually to the Board of Education, and local departments of social services to report annually to the Board of Social Services, regarding the status of such interagency agreements for the investigation of complaints of child abuse and neglect against school personnel and reports of sexual abuse of children that require coordination between local departments and local school divisions to facilitate investigation of such complaints and reports. This bill was incorporated into HB 683.

Patron - Yost

FHB1206 Central registry of records; time records must be kept. Extends from one year to three years the required period for which the Department of Social Services must maintain records of reports and investigations of unfounded complaints of child sexual abuse before purging. Patron - Gilbert

FHB1236 DSS; amend the state plan for foster care and adoption assistance to include payments for individuals up to age 21. Directs the Department of Social Services to develop amendments to the state plan for foster care and adoption assistance, including proposals for amendments to existing statutes and regulations, necessary to extend the payment of foster care and adoption assistance for individuals up to the age of 21, and to report on its progress in implementing the provisions of the act no later that October 1, 2014, and quarterly thereafter.

Patron - Peace

of child abuse or neglect. Requires any guardian ad litem who has been appointed by a court to represent a child to report suspected child abuse or neglect to a local department of social services or to the Department of Social Services' toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline, except when prohibited by attorney-client privilege.

Patron - Hope

ESB132 Department of Social Services; annual review of payments made to TANF recipients and indexing of such payments to the Consumer Price Index. Requires the Board of Social Services to develop and implement a process for annually reviewing the amount of assistance paid to eligible recipients through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and indexing the amount of such payments in an amount equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the year immediately preceding the year in which the review occurs, if an appropriation from federal funds effectuating the purposes of the act is made available to the Commonwealth and included in a general appropriation act passed in 2014 by the General Assembly. The bill requires the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its progress in implementing the provisions of the act no later than December 1, 2014.

Patron - Favola

income families. Directs the Department of Social Services to provide financial assistance to offset the cost of child care for individuals receiving TANF and other individuals whose household incomes are less than 185% of the federal poverty level and who are employed or participating in job placement, job training, or education in accordance with the requirements

of the Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare program.

Patron - Stanley

and adoption assistance to include payments for individuals up to age 21. Directs the Department of Social Services to develop amendments to the state plan for foster care and adoption assistance, including proposals for amendments to existing statutes and regulations, necessary to extend the payment of foster care and adoption assistance for individuals up to the age of 21, and to report on its progress in implementing the provisions of the act no later than October 1, 2014, and quarterly thereafter.

Patron - Favola

FSB278 Foster care; approval of applicant whose household includes certain individuals convicted of an offense. Provides that a child-placing agency may approve an applicant as a foster care provider whose household includes an adult who has been convicted of burglary, provided that the adult was a juvenile when the offense occurred, was placed in foster care prior to turning 18 years of age, committed the offense prior to entering foster care, was placed in the home of the applicant for the purpose of foster care, and has not committed an offense since entering foster care, and the child-placing agency makes a specific finding that approving the applicant would not adversely affect the safety or well-being of any child placed with the applicant for purposes of foster care. Patron - Favola

ESB336 Adoption by person other than spouse of a parent. Provides that a person other than the spouse of a parent may adopt a child if the child has only one parent, the adoption would not terminate the parental rights of the parent, and the parent joins in the petition for the purpose of indicating his consent.

Patron - Howell

ESB353 Criminal history record checks; barrier **crimes.** Sets out the list of barrier crimes for (i) individuals seeking employment at nursing homes, home care organizations, hospices, state facilities, and private providers licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, community services boards, behavioral health authorities, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, children's welfare agencies, family day homes approved by family day systems, and children's residential facilities; (ii) applicants for licensure, registration, or approval as assisted living facilities, child welfare agencies, or family day homes approved by family day systems; (iii) individuals with whom a local board of social services or child-placing agency is considering placing a child on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis; (iv) foster and adoptive homes seeking approval from child-placing agencies; and (v) providers of adult services and adult foster care seeking approval by the Department of Social Services by setting out each of the crimes included in the definition of "barrier crime." The bill also makes technical changes and updates obsolete language.

Patron - Edwards

ESB437 Child day programs; radon testing. Requires regulated child day programs that are located in jurisdictions designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as High or Moderate Risk areas for indoor radon to test for radon at least once every five years, submit the results to the Department of Social Services, and make the results available to the public. The bill provides that if indoor radon levels are 4.0 pCi/L or higher, the regulated child day program shall consider mit-

igation by a professional. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2015.

Patron - Barker

FSB534 Local departments; consent to treatment and collection of evidence. Provides that a local director of social services or his designee may consent to (i) surgical or medical treatment of a minor in the custody of the local department of social services in certain situations and (ii) the collection of forensic evidence on behalf of a minor in the custody of the local department in cases in which the minor is believed to be the victim of sexual assault.

Patron - Barker

Establishes in the Department of Social Services an Office of Immigrant Assistance to assist persons lawfully entering the United States and the Commonwealth for the purpose of becoming citizens. The Office shall provide (i) advice and assistance regarding the citizenship application process and (ii) assistance with finding and securing employment, housing, and services for which such persons may be eligible. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a 2014 general appropriation act.

Patron - Ebbin

ESB662 Child-care subsidy; use of local sliding scale. Allows any county operating under the urban county executive form of government to continue using a local sliding scale in determining copayment responsibilities for families receiving child-care subsidy.

Patron - Favola

Carried Over

CHB74 Justice for Victims of Sterilization Act. Establishes the Justice for Victims of Sterilization Act to provide compensation to persons involuntarily sterilized between 1924 and 1979. The bill creates the Justice for Victims of Sterilization Compensation Fund to be administered by the Department of Social Services. Under the bill, claims payments are limited to \$50,000 per claim. The provisions of the bill expire on July 1, 2019.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

The HB404 Investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child; qualifications of investigator. Prohibits any individual who has not previously participated in investigations of alleged abuse or neglect of a child from participating in investigations of cases of alleged sexual abuse of a child unless he has completed a training program for investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child or is directly supervised by a person who has completed such training. The bill also prohibits individuals who have not completed training for investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child from making dispositional findings in such cases. Patron - Bell, Robert B.

investigation. Requires individuals currently required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to also report suspected cases of human trafficking of a child and specifies the duties of local departments of social services and courts with regard to investigating complaints of suspected human trafficking of a child. Patron - Hugo

EHB779 DSS; diabetes self-care education pilot program. Requires the Department of Social Services to develop a

pilot program for diabetes self-care education for individuals and families receiving public assistance, to improve clinical outcomes, health status, and quality of life for individuals with diabetes and to reduce health care costs. This bill is carried over pursuant to Rule 22 of the House.

Patron - Futrell

CHB780 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; distribution of benefits; restrictions. Provides that the Department of Social Services shall distribute TANF benefits only in the form of debit cards or direct deposits into savings or checking accounts and prohibits the distribution of TANF benefits in the form of a paper check. The bill expands restrictions on the use of TANF cash benefits. Patron - Wilt

vides that a legal embryo custodian may relinquish all legal rights to and legal responsibilities for an embryo through a written contract to an intended recipient parent prior to an embryo transfer, thus making a child born to such intended recipient parent the legal adoptive child of the intended recipient parent. In addition to the written contract between parties, the bill provides for an expedited adoption process for an intended recipient parent prior to the birth of a child or following the birth of a child and provides that an adoptive parent as a result of an embryo transfer may be issued a certificate of live birth or of fetal demise, as appropriate, when the child is born. The bill provides definitions of terms.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

Wills, Trusts, and Fiduciaries

Passed

PHB413 Filing of evaluation reports for incapacitated persons; requirement for filing under seal. Requires that medical evaluation reports filed in guardian or conservator proceedings before the circuit court be filed under seal. The bill also requires that a copy of the report be provided to the guardian ad litem, the respondent, and all adult individuals and entities whose names and post office addresses appear in the petition within a reasonable time prior to the hearing on the petition.

Patron - Hope

PSB245 Qualification of administrator in action for wrongful death or personal injury. Clarifies that the appointment of a fiduciary in a foreign jurisdiction shall not preclude the fiduciary from qualifying as an administrator of an estate for the purpose of bringing a wrongful death or personal injury cause of action. Additionally, the bill provides that a resident and nonresident may be appointed as coadministrators. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.

Patron - McEachin

PSB345 Trust directors; defenses to liability. Clarifies that a trust director is liable for a breach of the trust director's fiduciary duty to the same extent a trustee would be liable for a breach of his fiduciary duty and that a trust director is able to assert defenses to liability on the same basis as a trustee serving under the governing instrument. The bill also provides that a term of a trust relieving a trust director of liability for breach of trust is unenforceable to the extent that it (i) relieves the trust director of liability for a breach of trust that was committed in

bad faith or with reckless indifference to the purposes of the trust or the interests of the beneficiaries or (ii) was inserted as a result of abuse by the trust director.

Patron - Edwards

PSB346 Increasing various allowances and other amounts related to wills, trusts, and fiduciaries. Increases the amounts of various allowances, threshold amounts, and other dollar-based provisions in Title 64.2 (Wills, Trusts, and Fiduciaries) to account for the effect of inflation. The bill also provides that a commissioner of accounts has the same authority to determine the amounts, recipients, and proportions of any gifts made from the estate of an incapacitated person for whom a conservator has been appointed, provided that the total gifts authorized shall not exceed \$25,000 in a calendar year and the commissioner shall report to the circuit court his determination as to such gifts.

Patron - Edwards

PSB634 Decanting statute; conditions for second trust. Makes a technical correction to § 64.2-778.1. This statute authorizes a trustee to appoint all or part of the principal or income of a trust into a second trust for the beneficiaries of the original trust.

Patron - Edwards

Failed

FHB487 Fiduciaries; letters of administration; bond without surety. Provides that certificates of qualification and letters of administration for obtaining probate must state the amount of any surety required, or that no surety was required. The bill also requires good cause be shown in order for a circuit court, or circuit court clerk, having authority to appoint a personal representative to allow that representative to give bond without surety where the amount coming into possession of the personal representative is \$15,000 or less. The bill also provides that no personal representative giving bond without surety under this section shall be permitted control over a decedent's property valued in excess of \$15,000.

Patron - Knight

FHB551 Wills of living persons lodged for safekeeping with certain clerks of circuit courts; delivery under seal. Permits a testator to lodge a sealed envelope, purporting to contain a will, with certain clerks of circuit courts for safekeeping.

Patron - Filler-Corn

Workers' Compensation

Passed

PHB456 Workers' compensation; civil penalty for failure to make required reports; collection costs. Clarifies that the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission is authorized to assess a civil penalty against an insurance carrier, self-insurer, group self-insurance association, or third-party administrator that fails to make reports required by the Commission. The measure also provides that (i) civil penalties will be allocated equally between the administrative fund and the Uninsured Employer's Fund and (ii) the Commission may add the costs of collecting the civil penalty to the aggregate civil pen-

alty, with the collected costs to be paid into the administrative fund.

Patron - Kilgore

PHB458 Workers' compensation; civil penalties; collection costs. Increases the maximum civil penalty that may be assessed against an employer for failure to obtain workers' compensation insurance or provide evidence of compliance with the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act to \$50,000. Currently, noncompliant employers are subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000. The measure provides that, subject to the maximum, the penalty for each day of noncompliance will be no more than \$250. The measure also provides that (i) civil penalties will be allocated equally between the Workers' Compensation Commission's administrative fund and the Uninsured Employer's Fund and (ii) the Commission may add the costs of collecting the civil penalty to the aggregate civil penalty, with the collected costs to be paid into the administrative fund.

Patron - Kilgore

PHB459 Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission; vacancies. Authorizes the chairman of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission to recall retired members of the Commission to participate in a review of an award when vacancies exist on the Commission. The retired member or members recalled shall be the member or members who occupied the seat for which such member or members are being recalled, unless the parties otherwise consent. The measure also provides for the compensation of recalled retired members and clarifies that more than one deputy commissioner may be appointed to participate in a review.

Patron - Kilgore

PHB630 Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission; filings. Eliminates the ability of parties to a workers' compensation proceeding to file documents or materials with the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission by telegraph. The measure also permits the filing of documents and materials only by means of electronic transmission approved by the Commission.

Patron - Kilgore

PHB1083 Workers' compensation; payment for medical services. Limits the liability of an employer for medical treatment provided to an injured person that is rendered by a nurse practitioner or physician assistant serving as an assistant-at surgery to no more than 20 percent of the reimbursement due to the physician performing the surgery and the liability for treatment provided by an assistant surgeon in the same specialty as the primary surgeon to no more than 50 percent of the reimbursement due to the physician performing the surgery. The measure requires multiple procedures completed on a single surgical site associated with medical, surgical, and hospital services rendered on or after July 1, 2014, to be coded and billed with appropriate Current Procedural Terminology modifiers and paid according to the National Correct Coding Initiative rules and hospital in-patient care to be coded and billed through the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems. The measure also (i) establishes prompt payment requirements with respect to health care services provided under the Workers' Compensation Act; (ii) prohibits an employer or insurer from seeking recovery of a payment made to a health care provider for health care services rendered after July 1, 2014, absent fraud, unless recovery is sought less than one year from the date payment was made; (iii) prohibits a health care provider from submitting a claim to the Workers' Compensation Commission contesting the sufficiency of payment for health care services rendered to a claimant on or after July 1, 2014, unless such

claim is filed within one year from the date the last payment is received by the provider or the date the medical award for a specific item or treatment that is denied or contested by the employer becomes final; (iv) provides that health care providers located outside of the Commonwealth shall be reimbursed according to these prompt payment and claims limitations and the "same community" shall be deemed the principal place of business of the employer if located in the Commonwealth or, if no such location exists, the location where the Commission hearing regarding the dispute is conducted; and (v) clarifies the application of the balance billing prohibition.

Patron - Ware

Failed

experience rating; loss limitation for not-at-fault motor vehicle accidents. Directs the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to adopt regulations that establish standards for determining a loss limitation to be included in the calculation of workers' compensation insurance experience modifications when a motor vehicle accident is a not-at-fault motor vehicle accident. The bill requires the SCC to establish how any loss remaining after such deduction of the loss limitation should be distributed among workers' compensation classifications. The SCC is also required to ensure that the amount, if any, by which an employer's experience rating would otherwise be modified as the result of a motor vehicle accident in which an employee is injured or killed shall be reduced if the accident was a not-at-fault motor vehicle accident.

Patron - Webert

FHB457 Workers' compensation; rejection of coverage by executive officer. Establishes when a rejection of workers' compensation coverage by an executive officer of an employer expires. The measure requires that such rejections of coverage be renewed annually. *Patron - Kilgore*

FHB821 Workers' compensation; disease presumption; correctional officers. Adds correctional officers to the list of public safety employees who are entitled to a presumption that hypertension and heart disease and certain infectious diseases are occupational diseases compensable under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act. *Patron - Lopez*

FHB1017 Workers' compensation; payment for **medical services.** Limits the liability of an employer for medical treatment provided to an injured person that is rendered by a nurse practitioner or physician assistant serving as an assistant-at-surgery to no more than 20 percent of the charge of the physician performing the surgery. The measure requires multiple procedures associated with medical, surgical, and hospital services rendered on or after July 1, 2014, to be coded and billed with appropriate CPT modifiers and paid according to the National Correct Coding Initiative rules. The measure also (i) establishes prompt payment requirements with respect to health care services provided under the Workers' Compensation Act; (ii) prohibits an employer or insurer from seeking recovery of a payment made to a health care provider for health care services rendered after July 1, 2014, absent fraud, unless recovery is sought less than one year from the date payment was made; and (iii) prohibits a health care provider from submitting a claim to the Workers' Compensation Commission contesting the sufficiency of payment for health care services rendered to a claimant on or after July 1, 2014, unless such claim is filed within one year from the date of service for

which payment is sought, the date the employer or insurer notifies the provider that payment is denied, or the last date payment was made, whichever occurs last.

Patron - Kilgore

FHB1058 Workers' compensation; payments for medical services. Requires that, for health care services rendered to a workers' compensation claimant on or after July 1, 2014, (i) the charge master used by a health care provider shall be the same charge master used by a health care provider when providing health care services to patients other than claimants; (ii) the pecuniary liability of the employer for treatment rendered by an assistant-at-surgery will be limited to those services as coded and billed consistent with the then current Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value file; and (iii) multiple procedures shall be coded and billed as agreed upon by a work group composed of subject matter experts. The measure also establishes (a) a procedure for advanced authorization for medical treatment and testing of an injured employee when requested by the provider; (b) prompt payment requirements; and (c) a two-year limitations period on a health care provider's submission of claims contesting the sufficiency of payment for services rendered on or after July 1, 2014. Patron - Kilgore

Carried Over

□ HB946 Workers' compensation; fee schedule for medical care services; limitations; prompt payment. Limits the pecuniary liability of an employer for medical, surgical, and hospital services provided on or after October 1, 2015, pursuant to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act to the maximum amount that may be paid pursuant to fee schedules established by the Workers' Compensation Commission, unless a contract provides otherwise. The Commission is directed to promulgate regulations establishing medical care fee schedules governing all medical care services rendered pursuant to the Act. The regulations implementing the schedules shall become effective on October 1, 2015. The bill requires the medical care fee schedule regulations to (i) initially be based on Medicare, (ii) utilize Medicare coding and reimbursement rules, (iii) be comprehensive in scope, and (iv) address fees of physicians and surgeons, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, ancillary services provided by other health care facilities and providers, and pharmacy and pharmaceutical services. The measure provides that certain initial fee schedule regulations shall apply uniform conversion factors of up to 150 percent of Medicare base reimbursement rates in determining reimbursement levels. The Commission is directed annually to review and revise the fee schedules, provided that if revisions address changes in inflation, the increase is capped at three percent per year. The Commission shall have an independent, peer-reviewed study conducted every two years. The measure prohibits bringing a claim for payment of charges for services rendered under the Act by a health care provider more than one year from the later of the date of service for which payment is sought or the date a medical award covering such service becomes final. Finally, the bill requires an insurer or self-insured employer, effective October 1, 2015, to either pay a medical bill or deny payment of the bill within 60 days of receiving a bill and supporting medical documentation. If the Commission finds that the selfinsured employer or insurer unreasonably denied payment for medical services, it shall order payment for the services and award interest if the employee has paid for the services. Patron - Hugo

EHB1046 Workers' compensation; medical treatment; nurse practitioners. Authorizes an employer or its

workers' compensation insurer to include an advanced practice registered nurse, who is licensed by the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing, on the three-provider panel from which an injured employee may select a provider.

Patron - Peace

Constitutional Amendments

Passed

□HB46 Constitutional amendment (voter referendum) and implementing legislation; property tax exemption for surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action. Provides for a referendum at the November 4, 2014, election to approve or reject an amendment to allow the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of a soldier killed in action. The constitutional amendment provides that the surviving spouse must occupy the real property as his or her principal place of residence and any exemption ceases if the surviving spouse remarries. If the amendment is approved, the bill provides that beginning with tax year 2015 the exemption would apply to a dwelling with an assessed value in the most recently ended tax year that does not exceed the average assessed value for such year for dwellings in the locality that are zoned as single family residential. The exemption would apply for the dwelling and the land upon which it is situated, not exceeding one acre.

Patron - Ramadan

PHJ8 Constitutional amendment (second resolution); real property tax exemption for spouses of soldiers killed in action. Provides that the General Assembly may provide a real property tax exemption for the primary residence of surviving spouses of members of the military who are killed in action. Such tax exemption may not be claimed by a surviving spouse who has remarried.

Patron - Ramadan

Failed

FHJ3 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election. That amendment to the Bill of Rights (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

Patron - Morrissey

General Assembly; term limits. Limits members of the Senate to three full terms (12 years) and members of the House of Delegates to six full terms (12 years). The limitations apply to service for both consecutive and nonconsecutive terms. Service for a partial term does not preclude serving the allowed number of full terms. In addition to any partial term, a person may serve 12 years in each house or a total of 24 years in the General Assembly. The limits apply to terms of service beginning

on and after the start of the 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Morrissey

FHJ11 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election. That amendment to the Bill of Rights (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage." Patron - Surovell

qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences, including any period or condition of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law. At present, the Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law for nonviolent felons.

Patron - Dance

restoration of civil rights. Provides for the automatic restoration of civil rights. Provides for the automatic restoration of civil rights to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies (excepting felony drug and election fraud crimes) upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and payment in full of any restitution, fines, costs, and fees. The amendment further provides that persons convicted of violent felonies, felony drug crimes, or election fraud crimes may have their civil rights restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority.

Patron - Farrell

FHJ44 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); aid for nonpublic higher education; religious or theological education for military chaplains. Allows the General Assembly to provide for loans to, and grants to or on behalf of, students attending nonprofit institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth whose primary purpose is to provide religious training or theological education, provided the students are approved candidates for the chaplaincy of any active duty or reserve component of the United States armed forces, including the Virginia National Guard.

Patron - Greason

FHJ48 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); restoration of voting rights. Provides for the automatic restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies except felony drug and election fraud crimes upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole. The resolution further provides that persons convicted of violent felonies, felony drug crimes, or election fraud crimes may have their voting rights restored by the Governor upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of voting rights to such persons. The restora-

tion of rights pursuant to these provisions has no effect on the right to possess firearms.

Patron - Howell, A.T.

FHJ51 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); charter schools. Grants the Board of Education authority to establish charter schools within the school divisions of the Commonwealth subject to criteria and conditions prescribed by the General Assembly.

Patron - Bell, Robert B.

HJ58 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes to replace the language of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election with new language that provides that "the freedom to choose to marry another person resides with the individual, and cannot be infringed upon by this Commonwealth, except on the basis of age, kinship, or marital status, as prescribed by law." The new amendment language also requires the Commonwealth to recognize any marriage between two persons performed in any other state or jurisdiction that would be lawful in the Commonwealth and specifies that a minister or civil celebrant authorized to perform marriages in the Commonwealth does not infringe upon the rights guaranteed by the Constitution if that individual refuses to perform the marriage of any persons. Patron - Krupicka

FHJ66 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Appointments to the 13-member Commission are to be made as follows: two each by the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the minority leader in each house, and the state chairman of each of the two political parties receiving the most votes in the prior gubernatorial election. The 12 partisan members then select the thirteenth member by a majority vote, or if they cannot agree on a selection, they certify the two names receiving the most votes to the Supreme Court of Virginia, which will name the thirteenth member. The standards to govern redistricting plans include the current constitutional standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data.

Patron - Plum

FHJ67 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election. That amendment to the Bill of Rights (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage." Patron - Plum

FHJ69 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Virginia Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission created. Provides for a temporary commission to prepare redistricting plans in 2021 and each tenth year thereafter for the House of Delegates, state Senate, and congressional districts. The Commission shall consist of seven members, and appointments are made by majority vote of the Supreme Court of Virginia from a

list of retired judges who have indicated their willingness to serve on the Commission. The resolution sets out the standards by which the Commission is to draw district lines and the procedure for doing so. The resolution requires the Commission to submit the plan to the General Assembly as a bill and to review and make recommendations on any amendments made by the General Assembly or Governor.

Patron - Carr

restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of felonies who have completed service of their sentence, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. Currently, the Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The proposed amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds the alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to general law.

Patron - Carr

FHJ77 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election. That amendment to the Bill of Rights (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage." Patron - Herring

EHJ78 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law for nonviolent felons. Patron - Herring

FHJ97 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law for nonviolent felons. Patron - Lopez

FHJ107 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); restoration of civil rights. Provides that no person convicted of a felony shall be qualified to vote unless he has served his full sentence and been released back to civil society. The proposed amendment deletes the present constitutional language that provides for restoration of civil rights by the Governor or other appropriate authority.

Patron - Torian

FHJ170 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); right to acquire farm-produced food. Provides that people have the right to acquire, for their own consumption, farm-produced food directly from the farmer who produced it. The proposed amendment permits reasonable regulations and restrictions authorized by general law.

Patron - Cline

Carried Over

marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election. That amendment to the Bill of Rights (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

Patron - Ebbin

Governor's term of office. Permits a Governor elected in 2017 and thereafter to succeed himself in office. The amendment allows two four-year terms (either in succession or not in succession) but prohibits election to a third term. Service for more than two years of a partial term counts as service for one term.

Patron - Garrett

marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election. That amendment to the Bill of Rights (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

Patron - Howell

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Patron - Miller

Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Appointments to the 13-member Commission are to be made in the census year as follows: two each by the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the minority leader in each house, and the state chairman of each of the two political parties receiving the most votes in the prior gubernatorial election. The 12 partisan members then

select the thirteenth member by a majority vote or, if they cannot agree on a selection, they certify the two names receiving the most votes to the Supreme Court of Virginia, which will name the thirteenth member. The Commission is directed to certify district plans for the General Assembly within one month of receipt of the new census data or by March 1 of the year following the census, whichever is later, and for the House of Representatives within three months of receipt of the census data or by June 1 of the year following the census, whichever is later. The standards to govern redistricting plans include the current constitutional standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data.

Patron - Deeds

©SJ65 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, and other funds established by general law for transportation. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on January 1, 2014, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Fund moneys to transportation and related purposes. The General Assembly may borrow from the Funds for other purposes only by a vote of two-thirds plus one of the members voting in each house, and the loan must be repaid with reasonable interest within four years.

Patron - Obenshain

CSJ66 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); charter schools. Grants the Board of Education authority to establish charter schools within the school divisions of the Commonwealth subject to criteria and conditions prescribed by the General Assembly.

Patron - Obenshain

CSJ74 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); nomination of candidates for elective office. Provides for the right of a political party to determine the method by which it nominates candidates for state, county, city, and district office, so long as the nomination method selected does not have the practical effect of preventing active duty military personnel from participating in the nomination process.

Patron - Wagner

real property tax exemption for spouses of soldiers killed in action. Provides that the General Assembly may provide a real property tax exemption for the primary residence of surviving spouses of members of the military who are killed in action. Such tax exemption may not be claimed by a surviving spouse who has remarried.

Patron - Black

Other Resolutions

Passed

PHJ13 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission. Confirms the appointment of Hal E. Greer as Director of JLARC.

Patron - O'Bannon

PHJ71 World War I Anniversary Committee. Designates the City of Richmond's Carillon Advisory Committee, in 2014, as the World War I 100th Anniversary Committee in Virginia.

Patron - Carr

PHJ93 Chiropractic Health Week. Designates the first week in October, in 2014 and in each succeeding year, as Chiropractic Health Week in Virginia.

Patron - Hugo

PHJ98 Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy Awareness Day. Designates July 12, in 2014 and in each succeeding year, as Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy Awareness Day in Virginia.

Patron - Keam

PHJ108 Rare Disease Day. Designates February 28, in 2014 and in each succeeding year, as Rare Disease Day in Virginia.

Patron - Anderson

PHJ122 Statewide transportation technology goals and plan of action. Requests the Secretary of Transportation and VDOT to create and implement statewide transportation technology goals and a five-year plan of action. Such goals and plan are to be directed to enhancing the efficiency, safety, and convenience of all modes of transportation throughout the Commonwealth.

Patron - LeMunyon

PHJ148 Importance of good oral health. Recognizes the importance of oral health as a part of overall health and supporting efforts to improve the oral health of all Virginians. *Patron - Peace*

PHJ161 Teen Cancer Awareness Week. Designates the third week in January, in 2015 and in each succeeding year, as Teen Cancer Awareness Week in Virginia.

Patron - Rust

PHJ167 Historic Smithfield Plantation. Designates Historic Smithfield Plantation in Blacksburg as "a Family Homestead of Virginia Governors."

Patron - Yost

PHJ197 Lacey Edward Putney; longest-serving General Assembly member. Recognizes the Honorable Lacey Edward Putney as the longest-serving member of the Virginia General Assembly.

Patron - Byron

PHJ386 Appointments by the Joint Rules Committee and the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Confirms appointments by the Joint Rules Committee to the Commonwealth Health Research Board and the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System and an appointment by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to the Board of Directors of

the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority.

Patron - Cox

PHJ489 Appointments by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Confirms appointments by the Speaker to the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission.

Patron - Cox

PSJ69 Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment; Master Rail Plan; Report. Requests the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment to develop a Master Rail Plan for the principal facilities of the Port of Virginia.

Patron - Watkins

PSJ70 Confirming Governor's appointments of certain persons. Confirms appointments to various positions made by Governor McDonnell and communicated to the General Assembly December 1, 2013.

Patron - Obenshain

PSJ76 Virginia Women's Monument Commission; membership. Increases the membership of the commemorative commission to honor the contributions of the women of Virginia with a monument on the grounds of Capitol Square by adding one member, the immediate past Secretary of Administration.

Patron - McDougle

ESJ90 Confirming Governor's appointments of certain persons. Confirms appointments to various positions made by Governor McDonnell and communicated to the General Assembly January 8, 2014.

Patron - Vogel

PSJ102 Move Over Awareness Month. Designates June, in 2014 and in each succeeding year, as Move Over Awareness Month in Virginia.

Patron - Carrico

ESJ104 Brown v. Board of Education. Commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. *Patron - Lucas*

ESJ107 Confirming Governor's appointments of certain persons. Confirms appointments to various positions made by Governor McDonnell and communicated to the General Assembly January 17, 2014.

Patron - Obenshain

PSJ128 Confirming Governor's appointments of certain persons. Confirms appointments of certain agency heads and persons made by Governor McAuliffe and communicated to the General Assembly January 27, 2014. *Patron - Howell*

PSJ152 Confirming Governor's appointments of certain persons. Confirms appointments of certain persons made by Governor McAuliffe and communicated to the General Assembly February 14, 2014.

Patron - Howell

DSJ168 *Virginia is for Lovers;* anniversary. Commemorating the forty-fifth anniversary of *Virginia is for Lovers*. *Patron - Edwards*

ESR12 Sergeant Bowe R. Bergdahl; rescue efforts. Recognizes efforts to secure the release of Sergeant Bowe R.

Bergdahl, U.S. Army, POW, from the Haqqani Network in Pakistan.

Patron - Reeves

PSR46 Confirming a nomination to the Senate Ethics Advisory Panel. Confirms the nomination of the Senate Committee on Rules to appoint the Honorable Jackson E. Reasor to serve an unexpired term ending June 30, 2016. Patron - Edwards

Failed

FHJ2 Emergency Medical Services Week. Designates the third full week in May, in 2014 and in each succeeding year, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Virginia. *Patron - Kory*

EHJ9 U.S. Constitution; application for a convention of the states. Applies to Congress to call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the United States Constitution to restrain the abuse of power by the federal government. *Patron - Lingamfelter*

inestimable value of early childhood education. Recognizes the inestimable value of early childhood education to children and sets a goal of extending the availability of early childhood education so that the Virginia Preschool Initiative and Head Start together serve 50,000 children in the Commonwealth by 2019. Patron - Kory

FHJ12 United States Constitution; Equal Rights Amendment. Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution that was proposed by Congress in 1972. This joint resolution advocates the position that the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment remains viable and may be ratified notwithstanding the expiration of the 10-year ratification period set out in the resolving clause, as amended, in the proposal adopted by Congress.

Patron - Surovell

EHJ23 United States Constitution; amendment.

Makes application to the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing a constitutional amendment that pertains to the subject of balancing the federal budget.

Patron - LeMunyon

FHJ27 Memorializing Congress to propose an amendment to Article V of the United States Constitution. Expresses the General Assembly's support for an amendment to modify the process for proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution by the calling of an amendment convention of the several states.

Patron - Landes

FHJ84 Memorializing Congress; tolls on Dulles Access Highway. Memorializes Congress to impose and collect tolls for use of the Dulles Access Highway in order to limit toll increases for use of the Dulles Toll Road used to finance the rail-to-Dulles project.

Patron - LaRock

FHJ85 MWAA; tolls on Dulles Access Highway. Memorializes the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority to impose and collect tolls for use of the Dulles Access Highway in order to reduce tolls for use of the Dulles Toll Road. Patron - LaRock

FHJ99 Requesting the Board of Education to determine the need for additional mathematics, science, and technology Governor's Schools in the Commonwealth; report. Directs the Board of Education to determine the need for additional mathematics, science, and technology Governor's Schools in the Commonwealth and develop a plan for the establishment of such schools by December 31, 2014. Patron - LeMunyon

FHJ101 Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; report. Directs the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to work with the Virginia Information Technologies Agency to recommend strategies to enhance and stimulate economic development through technology transfer. The bill requires the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to make a report of its findings and recommendations to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Yancey

FHJ104 Virginia Retirement System; stop-loss orders. Encourages the Virginia Retirement System to place stop-loss orders on securities it holds. Patron - Yancey

FHJ111 Encouraging the opening of the Virginia Science Technology Engineering and Applied Mathematics Academy. Encourages the completion and opening of the Virginia Science Technology Engineering and Applied Mathematics Academy in Hampton.

Patron - Helsel

FHJ121 Advanced Composites Initiative. Encourages the development of the Advanced Composites Initiative at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration historic Langley Research Center.

Patron - Helsel

FHJ173 Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services; Village Concept; report. Requests the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) to promote the Village Concept as an alternative to institutional-based care. The resolution requests that DARS inform relevant stakeholders about the Village Concept, encourage the creation of grant opportunities for existing and future Villages, and encourage one or more universities or nonprofit organizations in the Commonwealth to evaluate the Village Concept as an alternative to institutional-based care.

Patron - Krupicka

- FHJ177 Regulation Freedom Amendment. Memorializes the Congress of the United States to propose the Regulation Freedom Amendment to the United States Constitution. *Patron Wilt*
- FHJ205 Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013; United States Congress. Memorializes the Congress of the United States to pass HR 543, restoring the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to United States veterans who served in the waters and airspace adjacent to the ground combat zone of the Vietnam War. Patron Stolle
- FHR7 Rules of the House of Delegates. Prohibits firearms on the floor of the House of Delegates. *Patron Hope*
- FHR67 Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; public interactions. Encourages the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to consistently observe

agency policies and protect constitutional rights in interactions with the public.

Patron - Toscano

ESJ22 Memorializing Congress to enact banking legislation. Memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that would reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking functions that were in effect under the Glass-Steagall Act (Banking Act of 1933).

Patron - Black

ESJ52 Early childhood education. Recognizes the inestimable value of early childhood education to children and sets a goal of extending the availability of early childhood education so that the Virginia Preschool Initiative and Head Start together serve 50,000 children in the Commonwealth by 2019. *Patron - Marsden*

ESJ71 United States Congress; application to call a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States to provide for a balanced budget requirement. Applies to the United States Congress to call a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States to add a balanced budget amendment to promote fiscal integrity at the federal level. *Patron - Hanger*

ESJ101 City of Suffolk. Encourages the City of Suffolk and Paul D. Camp Community College to collaborate on the creation of a joint academic center and new library for the Suffolk region.

Patron - Cosgrove

FSJ179 Standard for movable soccer goal safety. Recognizes the Consumer Product Safety Commission's "Guidelines for Movable Soccer Goal Safety" as the standard for use by public and private soccer programs in the Commonwealth to promote and protect the safety of players.

Patron - Vogel

ESR15 Regulation Freedom Amendment. Memorializes the Congress of the United States to propose the Regulation Freedom Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Carried Over

CSJ84 Recognizing the training of nineteenth-century physicians in Richmond. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Marsh

CISJ86 Advanced Composites Initiative. Encourages the development of the Advanced Composites Initiative at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's historic Langley Research Center.

Patron - Locke

EXECUTE: Extends state recognition to the Appalachian Cherokee Nation, Incorporated. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Alexander

Miscellaneous (Including Budget and Bonds)

Passed

PHB869 Bonds; capital projects at institutions of higher learning. Authorizes the Treasury Board to issue bonds pursuant to Article X, Section 9 (c) of the Constitution of Virginia in an amount up to \$245,020,705 plus financing costs to finance revenue-producing capital projects at institutions of higher learning. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 394.

Patron - Jones

PSB394 Bonds; capital projects at institutions of higher learning. Authorizes the Treasury Board to issue bonds pursuant to Article X, Section 9 (c) of the Constitution of Virginia in an amount up to \$245,020,705 plus financing costs to finance revenue-producing capital projects at institutions of higher learning. The bill contains an emergency clause. The bill is identical to HB 869.

Patron - Stosch

PSB667 Authorizing DBHDS to convey a portion of the real property known as the Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board. Corrects the legal description of property authorized by the 2013 General Assembly to be conveyed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board for the purpose of providing services for individuals in need of mental health, developmental, and substance abuse services.

Patron - Carrico

Failed

FHB29 Budget Bill. Amending Chapter 806, 2013 Acts of Assembly.

Patron - Jones

FHB30 Budget Bill. Appropriations of the Budget submitted by the Governor of Virginia providing a portion of revenues for the two years ending respectively on the thirtieth day of June, 2015, and the thirtieth day of June, 2016.

Patron - Jones

ESB29 Budget Bill. Amending Chapter 806, 2013 Acts of Assembly.

Patron - Stosch

ESB30 Budget Bill. Appropriations of the Budget submitted by the Governor of Virginia providing a portion of revenues for the two years ending respectively on the thirtieth day of June, 2015, and the thirtieth day of June, 2016.

Patron - Stosch

Charters

Passed

PHB 165 Charter; Town of Culpeper; November elections, town council, vice-mayor. Moves the date of election for the members of the town council, the mayor, and the vice-mayor from May to November beginning in 2017. The bill also substitutes the general law for certain charter provisions dealing with vacancies on the town council and in the office of mayor and substitutes "council member" for "council-man."

Patron - Scott

PHB322 Charter; Town of Monterey. Reduces the total number of council members from seven to four, beginning in 2014. The bill contains an emergency clause. *Patron - Bell, Richard P.*

PHB328 Charter; City of Alexandria. Shifts dates related to the election of the council and the school board to reflect the City's change to November elections. The bill provides that the city attorney may be the legal advisor to the school board with the concurrence of both the council and the school board. This bill is identical to SB 321.

Patron - Krupicka

PHB374 Charter; City of Fairfax. Makes numerous technical changes to the City Charter. The bill also clarifies the duties and organization of the fire department and requires members of the elected school board to have lived in the city for one year prior to their election. This bill is identical to SB 238.

Patron - Bulova

PHB399 Charter; City of Norfolk; council meetings and deputy police chief. Requires the city council to hold regular meetings on at least a monthly basis rather than at least 36 weekly meetings per year and creates the position of deputy chief of police as an appointee of the city manager. This bill is identical to SB 198.

Patron - Howell, A.T.

PHB470 Charter; City of Manassas. Updates the city's charter to reflect a shift in the time of local elections from May to November. This bill is identical to SB 567.

Patron - Miller

PHB503 Charter; Town of Victoria. Establishes a new charter for the Town of Victoria and repeals the current charter. The proposed charter contains powers typically granted to towns. This bill is identical to SB 544.

Patron - Wright

PHB570 Charter; City of Colonial Heights. Repeals outdated provisions in the charter related to courts and provides that the city shall have separate courts and clerks for the General District Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Patron - Cox

PHB579 Charter; City of Falls Church. Updates the charter to reflect the shift from May to November city elections. This bill is identical to SB 363.

Patron - Simon

PHB866 Charter; Town of Christiansburg. Updates the town boundary description. Other changes alter the method for filling vacancies on council or in the office of mayor, require an annual audit of the town's financial records, delete or update numerous obsolete provisions, and make technical corrections.

Patron - Rush

PHB1149 Charter; Town of Tazewell. Makes numerous technical changes to the town's charter and revises or repeals many outdated provisions. This bill is identical to SB 196.

Patron - Morefield

PHB1195 Charter; Town of Rural Retreat. Provides a new charter for the Town of Rural Retreat containing powers typically granted to towns.

Patron - Campbell

PISB75 Charter; Town of Honaker; November elections and mayoral term. Moves town council elections from May to November and extends the term of the mayor from two years to four years beginning with the mayor elected in November 2014. This bill contains an emergency clause. Patron - Puckett

ESB196 Charter; Town of Tazewell. Makes numerous technical changes to the town's charter and revises or repeals many outdated provisions. This bill is identical to HB 1149. *Patron - Puckett*

PSB198 Charter; City of Norfolk; council meetings and deputy police chief. Requires the city council to hold regular meetings on at least a monthly basis rather than at least 36 weekly meetings per year and creates the position of deputy chief of police as an appointee of the city manager. This bill is identical to HB 399.

Patron - Alexander

PSB238 Charter; City of Fairfax. Makes numerous technical changes to the City Charter. The bill also clarifies the duties and organization of the fire department and requires members of the elected school board to have lived in the city for one year prior to their election. This bill is identical to HB 374.

Patron - Petersen

PSB321 Charter; City of Alexandria. Shifts dates related to the election of the council and the school board to reflect the City's change to November elections. The bill provides that the city attorney may be the legal advisor to the school board with the concurrence of both the council and the school board. This bill is identical to HB 328.

Patron - Ebbin

PSB363 Charter; City of Falls Church. Updates the charter to reflect the shift from May to November city elections. This bill is identical to HB 579.

Patron - Saslaw

PSB544 Charter; Town of Victoria. Establishes a new charter for the Town of Victoria and repeals the current charter. The proposed charter contains powers typically granted to towns. This bill is identical to HB 503. *Patron - Ruff*

PSB567 Charter; City of Manassas. Updates the city's charter to reflect a shift in the time of local elections from May to November. This bill is identical to HB 470. *Patron - Colgan*

PSB609 Charter; City of Covington. Updates the city's charter to reflect a shift to November municipal elections. The bill also deletes outdated provisions and contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Deeds

Study Resolutions

Passed

PHJ16 Study; recurrent flooding; report. Establishes an 11-member joint subcommittee to formulate recommendations for the development of a comprehensive and coordinated planning effort to address recurrent flooding. The joint subcommittee is charged with recommending short- and long-term strategies for minimizing the impact of recurrent flooding. The joint subcommittee must submit its report to the Governor and the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly. This bill is identical to SJR 3.

Patron - Stolle

PHJ28 Study; Manufacturing Development Commission; report. Directs the Manufacturing Development Commission to examine the economic and environmental benefits of the use of recycled material in the manufacturing process in Virginia. This resolution is identical to SJR 75.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

PHJ57 Study; toxicity of selenium; report. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study the toxicity of selenium to aquatic life. This bill is identical to SJR 35. *Patron - Kilgore*

PHJ62 Study; Crime Commission; missing persons; report. Directs the Virginia State Crime Commission to study the current state of readiness of Virginia's Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue efforts for rapid and well-coordinated deployment in all missing, endangered, and abducted person cases.

Patron - Albo

PHJ68 Study; viral hepatitis within the Commonwealth; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to identify resources available, and needed, for the treatment and prevention of viral hepatitis. The resolution directs the Commission to ascertain regulatory and other factors limiting the treatment and prevention of viral hepatitis and to identify opportunities for integration of viral hepatitis treatment within new or existing HIV-positive treatment programs.

Patron - Hodges

PHJ96 Study; Virginia Freedom of Information Act; report. Directs the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council to study all exemptions contained in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to determine the continued applicability or appropriateness of such exemptions and whether the Virginia Freedom of Information Act should be amended to eliminate any exemption from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act that the Virginia Freedom of Information Act that the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council determines is no longer applicable or appropriate. The bill requires the FOIA Council to report its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2016.

Patron - LeMunyon

PHJ103 Study; JLARC; Virginia's Line of Duty Act; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Com-

mission to study Virginia's Line of Duty Act, the current and projected future costs of benefits awarded thereunder, and the advisability of coordinating those benefits with additional benefits paid under other state and federal programs.

Patron - Jones

PHJ190 Study; supported decision-making; report. Requests the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to examine the use of supported decision-making for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Commonwealth, compare the Commonwealth's policies and practices related to supported decision-making and informed choice to the policies and practices used in other jurisdictions, and recommend strategies to improve the use of supported decision-making in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Landes

PHJ196 Study; Public and private educational placements of students with disabilities; report. Directs the Commission of Youth to study the use of federal, state, and local funds for the public and private educational placements of students with disabilities. In conducting its study, the Commission on Youth shall (i) examine the use of CSA and Medicaid funds for private day and private residential special education placements; (ii) gather local and statewide data on the extent to which youth are placed in settings that are segregated from nondisabled students; (iii) determine the feasibility and costeffectiveness of more integrated alternatives to provide special education services to students including, but not limited to, those students with intellectual and developmental disabilities currently in segregated settings in the Commonwealth; and (iv) consider any other matters as it deems appropriate to meet the objectives of this study.

Patron - Adams

PSJ3 Study; recurrent flooding; report. Establishes an 11-member joint subcommittee to formulate recommendations for the development of a comprehensive and coordinated planning effort to address recurrent flooding. The joint subcommittee is charged with recommending short- and long-term strategies for minimizing the impact of recurrent flooding. The joint subcommittee must submit its report to the Governor and the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly. This bill incorporates SJR 34 and is identical to HJR 16.

Patron - Locke

PSJ24 Study; expungement of juvenile records; report. Directs the Virginia State Crime Commission to study expungement of juvenile records. *Patron - Favola*

PSJ35 Study; toxicity of selenium; report. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study the toxicity of selenium to aquatic life. This bill is identical to HJR 57. Patron - Carrico

PSJ54 Study; tiered-reimbursement subsidy program for child-care providers; report. Requests that the Department of Social Services (DSS) study strategies for implementation of a tiered-reimbursement subsidy program based on a quality-rating-improvement system for child-care providers in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Miller

PSJ61 Study; strategies for preventing and mitigating potential damages caused by geomagnetic disturbances and electromagnetic pulses; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS) to study the nature and magnitude of potential threats caused by geomagnetic disturbances and electromagnetic pulses, examine the Common-

wealth's vulnerabilities to such threats, and recommend strategies to protect the Commonwealth's infrastructure from geomagnetic disturbances and electromagnetic pulses. The resolution requests that JCOTS report its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the 2015 Regular Session. *Patron - Reeves*

PSJ63 Study; preserving Virginia Bobwhite quail; report. Requests the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to study ways to preserve the Virginia Bobwhite quail population. The Department is requested to (i) develop strategies for preserving the Bobwhite quail population and (ii) determine the resources, financial and staffing, necessary to implement such strategies.

Patron - Hanger

PSJ75 Study; Manufacturing Development Commission; report. Directs the Manufacturing Development Commission to examine the economic and environmental benefits of the use of recycled material in the manufacturing process in Virginia. This resolution is identical to HJR 28. Patron - Wagner

PSR32 Study; Interstate 73; report. Directs the Senate Committee on Local Government and the Senate Committee on Transportation to study construction of proposed Interstate 73

Patron - Stanley

PSR35 Study; full-day kindergarten; report. Directs the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the Senate Committee on Finance to study the potential effects of the Commonwealth's mandating full-day kindergarten programs. Patron - Barker

Failed

FHJ4 Study; Fourth Amendment implications of the National Security Agency's domestic surveillance programs; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the National Security Agency's warrantless domestic surveillance and data collection programs and whether such programs comport with the protections against unreasonable searches and seizures required by the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution of Virginia.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

report. Establishes an 14-member joint subcommittee to evaluate the adequacy of Virginia's current ethics laws governing the conduct of public officials, including the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act and the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, and make recommendations for improvements in the laws and the procedures used to enforce them.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

EHJ15 Study; State Board of Elections; vote-by-mail elections; report. Requests the State Board of Elections to study the fiscal impact of conducting vote-by-mail elections in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Krupicka

eral registrars; report. Requests the State Board of Elections to study the evolution of the role, duties, and responsibilities of general registrars in the Commonwealth. The study shall be

conducted by a work group consisting of at least one member of the State Board of Elections, members of the local electoral boards, general registrars, and other persons as the State Board of Elections deems necessary.

Patron - Minchew

FHJ24 Study; State Board of Elections; compensation of general registrars; report. Requests the State Board of Elections to study the compensation of general registrars in the Commonwealth and the potential impacts of increases in the rate of compensation. The study shall be conducted by a work group consisting of at least one member of the State Board of Elections, members of the local electoral boards, general registrars, and other persons as the State Board deems necessary. Patron - Webert

report. Requests the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to study whether there is an overpopulation of wild animals in the Commonwealth. If the Department finds that overpopulation exists in a specific region or among particular species, the Department is requested to develop strategies for controlling the overpopulation.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

FHJ31 Study; JLARC; staffing Department of Corrections; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study staffing levels and employment conditions at the Department of Corrections.

Patron - Tyler

FHJ34 Study; JLARC; effectiveness of requiring seat belts on school buses in the Commonwealth; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the effectiveness of requiring seat belts on every school bus in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Lingamfelter

FHJ39 Study; adult abuse in the Commonwealth; report. Requests the Department of Social Services (DSS) to research the frequency and character of adult abuse allegations in the Commonwealth, compare the Commonwealth's statistics to national standards, and recommend strategies to prevent and raise awareness about adult abuse in the Commonwealth. Patron - Webert

THJ40 Study; JLARC; Virginia Medicaid program and Medicaid-funded nonemergency transportation services in the Commonwealth; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to review the Commonwealth's contract with Logisticare for Medicaid-funded transportation services, identify remedies and alternatives available to the Commonwealth to resolve the issues survounding Logisticare's questionable performance, and review the Department of Medical Assistance Services' oversight of the Commonwealth's contract with Logisticare. The resolution provides that the Commonwealth's contract with Logisticare not be renewed or extended prior to the completion of this study. The resolution requests that JLARC report its findings no later than the first day of the 2015 Regular Session. Patron - Albo

FHJ41 Study; joint committee to study options for reducing the number of Standards of Learning assessments; report. Establishes a joint committee of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health to gather information and develop recommendations on (i) the feasibility of reducing the number of SOL assessments administered to public school students in grades three through 11, (ii) which SOL assessments to eliminate and

which SOL assessments to continue administering, and (iii) how best to use the remaining SOL assessments and the extra instructional time resulting from a reduction in the number of assessments administered to foster individualized student learning and measure student growth.

Patron - Landes

HJ59 Study; Department of Education to study impacts on teacher quality; report. Requests that the Department of Education recommend policies and assess the impact of such policies on the quality of teachers' work for each of the following: (i) improved practices in the recruiting, training, and hiring of new teachers; (ii) new routes and programs for teacher licensure; (iii) enhanced opportunities for individuals to become teachers; (iv) increased time for planning and collaboration; (v) a "career ladder" system that includes professional levels, payment models, training, and potential leadership opportunities; (vi) teacher pay that is competitive nationally and among states with which Virginia competes for new hires; and (vii) improved professional development practices. The resolution requests that the Department assess the fiscal impact and rank the importance of each of the above policies.

Patron - Krupicka

FHJ72 Study; SCHEV; Pay It Forward, Pay It Back; report. Directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to study the feasibility of implementing a "Pay It Forward, Pay It Back" higher education financing tuition model to increase access to educational opportunities and to decrease the debt burden on students in the Commonwealth. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. Patron - Toscano

FHJ76 Study; mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard program; report. Directs the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation to study the establishment of a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard program for the Commonwealth. The study will (i) address issues associated with transitioning from the existing voluntary renewable energy portfolio standard program to a mandatory program, (ii) determine the costs and benefits that would be associated with requiring electric utilities to meet varying levels of renewable energy portfolio standard goals, (iii) recommend measures to address electric utilities that do not meet the program's goals, and (iv) determine if it is feasible and advisable to require that all electric utilities in Virginia participate in a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard program.

Patron - Herring

EHJ83 Study; Commonwealth's child support enforcement system; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the Commonwealth's current child support enforcement system and recommend strategies for improvement. Patron - Campbell

FHJ86 Study; Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council; report. Directs the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council (Council) to study whether the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), specifically § 2.2-3703 of the Code of Virginia as it relates to the Virginia Parole Board, should be amended to eliminate the exemption for the Virginia Parole Board from FOIA.

Patron - Hope

EHJ87 Study; Department of Labor and Industry to study violence and bullying in the workplace; report. Directs the Department of Labor and Industry to update its study conducted in 2000 on workplace violence in the Com-

monwealth and to expand the study to address violence and bullying in both public and private workplaces in the Commonwealth.

Patron - McClellan

FHJ90 Study; JCHC; compensation and benefits for home health care providers; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study compensation and benefits for home health care providers and to make recommendations for changes to compensation and benefits to increase the availability of home health care providers in the Commonwealth. Patron - Hope

FHJ92 Study; religious exemption to compulsory school attendance; report. Requests the Department of Education to (i) survey each local school board to determine (a) how the school board makes the determination that a student is eligible to be excused from attending school by reason of bona fide religious training or belief pursuant to subdivision B 1 of § 22.1-254 of the Code of Virginia, (b) whether the initial determination pursuant to clause (a) is reviewed, (c) whether the school board requires the initial grant to be renewed and, if so, how often, and (d) whether the school board monitors the educational progress of students who have been excused from attending school by reason of bona fide religious training or belief or requires the student's parents to report on the student's educational progress, or both, and (ii) make a recommendation to the General Assembly on how, if at all, § 22.1-254 of the Code of Virginia could be amended to better carry out the requirements of Article VIII, Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution of Virginia.

Patron - Rust

FHJ102 Study; Virginia Tech; veterans; report. Requests Virginia Tech to update its 2010 study report on "Assessing Experiences, Supportive Service Needs, and Service Gaps of Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia" and to report its findings and recommendations.

Patron - Yost

FHJ118 Study; dam safety regulations; report. Requests the Department of Conservation and Recreation to study changes to Virginia's Impounding Structure Regulations that may result in cost savings to owners of dams without jeopardizing public safety.

Patron - Austin

ESJ10 Study; strategies for improving access to higher education for students with developmental and intellectual disabilities; report. Requests the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to study strategies for improving access to higher education for students with developmental and intellectual disabilities. In conducting the study, SCHEV shall report on the number and percentage of students with developmental and intellectual disabilities who were enrolled at each public institution of higher education based on the fall counts for the 2014-2015 academic year, identify strategies that public institutions of higher education in other states use to improve access to higher education for students with developmental and intellectual disabilities, recommend strategies that the institution could use to annually increase the percentage of enrolled students with developmental and intellectual disabilities, and estimate the fiscal impact to the institution of an annual increase in the percentage of enrolled students with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The study is a recommendation of the Disability Commission. Patron - Marsden

ESJ16 Study; mental health and the criminal justice system; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study

mental health and the criminal justice system, including (i) the training provided to law-enforcement officers and other first responders under the crisis intervention team program, (ii) the need for crisis receiving centers at the local level, and (iii) the need for mental health treatment beds or other appropriate alternatives for jail diversion at the regional or local level, including the current and projected future availability of beds in state and private hospitals and local and regional jails and other housing arrangements where appropriate. This bill was incorporated into SJR 47.

Patron - Howell

ESJ53 Study; creation of state ethics commission; ethics laws governing public officials; report. Establishes a 14-member joint subcommittee to study the creation of a state ethics commission and evaluate the adequacy of Virginia's current ethics laws governing the conduct of public officials. The Commission shall review the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act and the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and make recommendations for improvements in the laws and the procedures used to enforce them.

Patron - Ebbin

ESJ79 Study; DGIF to study removal of prohibition against hunting over bait; report. Requests the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to study the effects of a removal of the prohibition against baiting, with an emphasis on the recent experience in North Carolina, where baiting is permitted. The Department shall submit its report by the first day of the 2015 Regular Session.

Patron - Ruff

FSR33 Study; Senate Committee on Education and Health to study options for changing the number, frequency, or content of Standards of Learning assessments; report. Directs the Senate Committee on Education and Health to study options for changing the number, frequency, or content of Standards of Learning assessments and report its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly. Patron - Miller

ESR47 Study; distributed solar generation and net metering; report. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy to jointly convene a stakeholder group to study the costs and benefits of distributed solar generation and net metering. The stakeholder group shall include representatives from public utilities, the solar industry, local governments, environmental advocacy groups, and academic institutions. The stakeholder group shall examine data relevant to determining the costs and benefits of interconnected distributed solar generation, recommend a method for evaluating such data, and consider other issues as it may deem appropriate.

Patron - Edwards

Carried Over

CHJ26 Study; JLARC; reorganization of law-enforcement agencies; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study reorganizing all or some state law-enforcement functions under the Virginia State Police. This bill was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Landes

EHJ38 Study; construction of I-73; report. Creates a joint subcommittee to conduct a two-year study to promote the

construction of I-73 in Virginia. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. Patron - Adams

Commission to study equity of transportation funding; report. Directs JLARC to review the equity of transportation funding in light of new revenues and because such a study has not been conducted in 30 years. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. Patron - Villanueva

EHJ45 Study; local business license (BPOL) tax; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the local business license (BPOL) tax. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. Patron - DeSteph

EHJ91 Study; ethics laws governing public officials; report. Establishes a 14-member joint subcommittee to evaluate the adequacy of Virginia's current ethics laws governing the conduct of public officials, including the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act and the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, and make recommendations for improvements in the laws and the procedures used to enforce them by November 30, 2015. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. Patron - Kory

THJ147 Study; effects of the Affordable Care Act on health insurance consumers; report. Requests the Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission to study effects of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on Virginia health insurance consumers. The Bureau is directed to report its findings to the chairman of the House Commerce and Labor Committee by September 1, 2014. This bill was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. Patron - Byron

CHJ174 Study; tax restructuring; report. Directs the Department of Taxation to conduct a study on tax restructuring. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Byron

©SJ23 Study; construction of I-73; report. Creates a joint subcommittee to conduct a two-year study to promote the construction of I-73 in Virginia. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. Patron - Stanley

©SJ30 Study; joint committee to study options for reducing the number of Standards of Learning assessments; report. Establishes a joint committee of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education to gather information and develop recommendations on (i) the feasibility of changing the number, frequency, or content of SOL assessments administered to public school students in grades three through 11; (ii) which SOL assessments to eliminate and which SOL assessments to continue administering; (iii) when to administer SOL assessments; (iv) whether to administer SOL assessments with essay and short answer questions rather than multiple choice questions; (v) whether to allow students to forego SOL assessment if they achieve satisfactory scores on Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or other such assessments; and (vi) the appropriateness of alternative assessments for students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency. This

resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Miller

enforcement agencies under the Virginia State Police; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study consolidation of all state law-enforcement agencies under the Virginia State Police. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. Patron - Deeds

CSJ72 Study; Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study equity of transportation funding; report. Directs JLARC to review the equity of transportation funding in light of new revenues and because such a study has not been conducted in 30 years. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. Patron - Wagner

CSJ80 Study; JLARC; brain injury services; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the progress made by the Commonwealth in expanding access to brain injury services. This resolution was continued to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly. Patron - Ruff

CSR38 Study; safety of Route 13; report. Directs the Senate Committee on Local Government to study the safety of Route 13 in Northampton and Accomack Counties and to report on safety improvement recommendations. *Patron - Lewis*

Appendix A: Session Statistics

2014 SESSION STATISTICS

	Introduced	Passed	Failed	Continued
House Bills	1273	514	631	128
House Joint Resolutions	489	419	62	8
House Resolutions	188	170	18	0
House Total	1950	1103	711	136
Senate Bills	673	320	276	77
Senate Joint Resolutions	212	180	11	21
Senate Resolutions	53	44	8	1
Senate Total	938	544	295	99
General Assembly Total	2888	1647	1006	235

Appendix B: Session Highlights

Session Highlights 2014

The 2014 Session Highlights summarizes significant legislation considered by the 2014
Session of the General Assembly as selected by the staff of the Virginia Division of Legislative Services. The brief overview of the General Assembly Session covers legislative actions through sine die on Saturday, March 8, 2014.

Agriculture

Passed

HB 268/SB 51. Agricultural operations; local regulation of certain activities. Protects certain activities at agricultural operations from local regulation in the absence of substantial impacts on the public welfare and requires localities to take certain factors into account when regulating any of several activities: the conduct of agritourism activities, the sale of agricultural or silvicultural products or related items, the preparation or sale of foods that otherwise comply with state law, and other customary activities. The bill provides that its provisions shall not affect an entity licensed in accordance with the alcoholic beverage control laws, affect the provisions of the Right to Farm Act, alter the provisions of § 15.2-2288.3 (licensed farm wineries), or restrict the taxation authority of any locality.

HB 1237/SB 154. Hunting on Sundays. Allows hunting on Sundays, under certain circumstances, of wild birds and wild animals that may be lawfully hunted on other days of the week. A person may hunt waterfowl, subject to restrictions imposed by the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and a landowner and his immediate family or a person with written permission from the landowner may hunt or kill any wild bird or wild animal, including nuisance species, on the landowner's property. However, the aforementioned hunting activities cannot occur within 200 yards of a house of worship. The bill prohibits the hunting of deer or bear with a gun, firearm, or other weapon with the aid or assistance of dogs on Sundays.

SB 42. Penning of fox or covote; penalty. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to erect or maintain an enclosure for the purpose of pursuing, hunting, or killing a fox or coyote with dogs. Until July 1, 2054, the bill exempts from the ban any foxhound training preserve that was operating under a permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries as of January 1, 2014. The bill also directs the Department to adopt regulations to limit the total number of foxes stocked annually to 900, to be allocated in proportion to the acreage of each operating preserve. Finally, the bill provides that the Department shall not deny a permit solely on the basis of recordkeeping failures, and that any permit denial shall constitute a case decision under the Administrative Process Act.

SB 228. Pet dealers; diseased animals; veterinary certificate. Requires a pet dealer to reimburse certain veterinary fees when a consumer returns or retains a diseased dog or cat that has been certified by a veterinarian as being unfit for purchase. Current law requires the pet dealer to refund the purchase price or exchange the unfit pet for a pet of equivalent value. The bill extends the return or reimbursement period from 10 to 14 days in the case of an animal infected with parvovirus and eliminates the condition that the animal be described as pedigreed. The bill also requires a pet shop or licensed dealer to provide the identity of the breeder of each dog or cat for sale and incorporates information about the refund provision into the text of the required notice document. The bill requires certain dealers to record and post certain information about the breeder of each animal.

Failed

HB 135. Home-produced or farm-produced products. Allows the sale of food products made

from any fruit, grain, herbs, honey, meat, milk, mushrooms, nuts, poultry, seafood, or vegetables by a farm operation employing 10 or fewer people or by a private home, so long as (i) the sale is made directly to consumers and (ii) the product is labeled with the producer's name and address, the product's ingredients, and a disclosure statement indicating the product is not subject to Virginia's food safety laws or regulations.

Business

Passed

HB 375/SB 150. Patent infringement; assertions made in bad faith. Prohibits any person from making in bad faith an assertion of patent infringement. The Attorney General or an attorney for the Commonwealth is empowered to accept assurances of voluntary compliance and seek injunctive relief. The Attorney General is authorized to issue civil investigative demands. The measure does not create a private cause of action. The measure does not apply to a demand letter or assertion of patent infringement that includes a claim for relief arising under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2) or 42 U.S.C. § 262.

SB 18. Unemployment compensation; quit to follow military spouse. Provides that good cause for leaving employment exists if an employee voluntarily leaves a job to accompany the employee's spouse, who is on active duty in the military or naval services of the United States, to a new military-related assignment established pursuant to a permanent change of duty order from which the employee's place of employment is not reasonably accessible. The measure applies only if the state to which the spouse is transferred has a similar provision. Benefits paid to qualifying claimants shall be charged against the pool rather than against the claimant's employer. The provisions of the bill expire on December 31, 2020.

SB 459. Electric utility regulation; recovery of nuclear costs. Requires an electric utility to establish a regulatory asset for regulatory accounting and ratemaking purposes under which it shall defer operation and maintenance costs incurred in connection with the refueling of any nuclear-powered generating plant and certain related work. The measure also limits the portion of the costs incurred by an electric utility between July 1, 2007, and December 31, 2013, in developing a nuclear power facility that are recoverable through a rate adjustment clause to 30 percent of such amount. The remaining 70 percent of such costs may be recovered through existing base rates as determined by the SCC in the test periods

under review in the utility's next biennial review filed after July 1, 2014.

SB 585. Electric utility regulation; recovery of costs of new underground distribution facilities.

Authorizes investor-owned electric utilities to recover the costs of new underground distribution facilities through a rate adjustment clause. Eligible facilities will replace existing overhead distribution facilities of 69 kilovolts or less. Petitions seeking approval for recovery of such costs shall not be brought more frequently than annually. A utility shall not seek any annual incremental increase in the level of investments in such facilities that exceeds five percent of the utility's distribution rate base. None of the costs of such new facilities shall be allocated to customers in the large power service rate class for a Phase I utility or general service rate classes for a Phase II utility.

Failed

HB 536/SB 590. Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.25 per hour effective July 1, 2014, and to \$9.25 per hour effective July 1, 2015, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Carried Over

HB 946. Workers' compensation: fee schedule for medical care services; limitations; prompt payment. Limits the pecuniary liability of an employer for medical, surgical, and hospital services provided on or after October 1, 2015, pursuant to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act to the maximum amount that may be paid pursuant to fee schedules established by the Workers' Compensation Commission, unless a contract provides otherwise. The Commission is directed to promulgate regulations establishing medical care fee schedules governing all medical care services rendered pursuant to the Act. Finally, the bill requires an insurer or self-insured employer, effective October 1, 2015, to either pay a medical bill or deny payment of the bill within 60 days of receiving a bill and supporting medical documentation. If the Commission finds that the selfinsured employer or insurer unreasonably denied payment for medical services, it shall order payment for the services and award interest if the employee has paid for the services.

SB 275. Health insurance; victims of sexual assault; cost-sharing requirement for HIV prevention medication. Prohibits certain insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health maintenance organization contracts from imposing on an insured,

subscriber, or enrollee who is the victim of sexual assault any cost-sharing requirement, including a copayment, coinsurance, deductible, or other dollar limit provision, with respect to any medication prescribed to prevent HIV.

SB 479. Tanning facilities; age limit; parental consent. Prohibits minors younger than 15 years of age from using tanning devices at tanning facilities. The measure also prohibits unemancipated minors age 15, 16, or 17 from using tanning devices at tanning facilities unless a parent or legal guardian has consented in writing. The written consent form is required to include information developed or approved by the Department of Health. Currently, the parent or legal guardian of a prospective customer younger than 15 years of age is required to sign a written warning statement.

Constitutional Amendment

Passed

HJ 8/HB 46. Constitutional amendment and voter referendum; real property tax exemption for spouses of soldiers killed in action. Provides that the General Assembly, if the amendment is approved by voter referendum at the November 4, 2014, election, may provide a real property tax exemption for the primary residence of surviving spouses of members of the military who are killed in action. Such tax exemption may not be claimed by a surviving spouse who has remarried.

Courts and Civil Law

Passed

HB 301. Admissibility of business records. Provides that in any civil proceeding the authentication and foundation necessary for the admission of a business record under the business records exception to the rule against hearsay may be laid by witness testimony, a certificate of authenticity of and foundation for the record made by the record's custodian or another qualified witness, or a combination of testimony and a certification. The bill also provides that the proponent of the record must give written notice to all other parties no later than 15 days in advance of the trial or hearing if a certification will be relied on for the admission of such record and provide a copy of the record and certification to all other parties.

HB 933. Update to child support guidelines.

Provides for updated child support guidelines. The new guidelines specify obligors' monthly child support obligation on the basis of gross monthly income in increments up to \$35,000, with an additional amount calculated as a percentage of gross monthly income above \$35,000. The bill allows the court to set a support obligation below the presumptive statutory minimum for obligors who earn up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level, provided that such lower amount does not seriously impair the custodial parent's ability to maintain minimal adequate housing and provide other basic necessities for the child. The bill also removes the \$250 floor on reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses that parents are required to pay in proportion to their gross incomes. This bill is a recommendation of the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel.

HB 1084/SB 578. Damages, attorney fees, and costs for unconstitutional grant or denial by locality of certain permits and approvals. Provides that an applicant aggrieved by the grant or denial by a locality of any approval or permit, where such grant included, or denial was based upon, an unconstitutional condition, shall be entitled to an award of compensatory damages and may be awarded reasonable attorney fees and costs. The bill also provides that the applicant shall be entitled to an order remanding the matter to the locality with a direction to grant or issue such permits or approvals without the unconstitutional condition. The provisions of the bill apply only to approvals or permits that are granted or denied on or after July 1, 2014.

SB 116. Correcting errors in deeds, deeds of trust, and mortgages; affidavit. Allows an attorney to record a corrective affidavit to correct an obvious description error contained in a recorded deed, deed of trust, or mortgage. Obvious description errors include (i) errors transcribing courses and distances, (ii) errors incorporating a recorded plat or deed reference, (iii) errors in listing a lot number or designation, and (iv) omitted exhibits that supply the legal description of the property. Before a corrective affidavit may be recorded, all parties to the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage, including the current property owner, the attorney who prepared the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage, and the title insurance company, must be provided with a copy of the affidavit, and such parties have 30 days to object in writing to the recordation of the corrective affidavit.

Failed

HB 487 Fiduciaries; letters of administration; bond without surety. Provides that certificates of qualification and letters of administration for obtaining probate must state (i) the amount of any surety required or (ii) that no surety was required. The

bill also requires good cause be shown in order for a circuit court, or circuit court clerk, having authority to appoint a personal representative to allow that representative to give bond without surety where the amount coming into possession of the personal representative is \$15,000 or less. The bill also provides that no personal representative giving bond without surety shall be permitted control over a decedent's property valued in excess of \$15,000.

HB 731. Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act; liability for employment discrimination. Provides that when an employee is discriminated against in the terms and conditions of employment in whole or in part because of lawful acts done in furtherance of an action under the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act, or because of other efforts to stop a violation of the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act, joint and several liability shall extend to the officer or agent of the Commonwealth responsible for the adverse employment action.

HB 1113. Adoption by person other than spouse of a parent. Provides that a person other than the spouse of a parent may adopt a child if the child has only one parent, the adoption would not terminate the parental rights of the parent, and the parent joins in the petition for the purpose of indicating his consent.

Carried Over

HB 738. Agreements to obtain land for conservation easements; consent required; inverse condemnation. Provides that where the Commonwealth or any political subdivision possessing the power of eminent domain enters into an agreement to obtain a conservation easement, the Commonwealth shall first obtain the consent of all private landowners whose property would be subject to such easement, and any such landowner whose consent is not obtained shall have a cause of action against the Commonwealth for inverse condemnation.

HB 935. Civil action for unlawful dissemination or sale of images of another. Provides for a civil cause of action for the dissemination or sale of images depicting another person who is totally nude, in a state of undress, or engaged in sexual conduct where such person knows or has reason to know that he is not licensed or privileged to do so and the person depicted suffers substantial emotional distress.

Criminal Justice

Passed

HB 17. Warrant requirement for certain telecommunications records; real-time location data.

Provides that a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service shall not disclose real-time location data to an investigative or law-enforcement officer except pursuant to a search warrant, subject to certain exceptions. The bill defines "real-time location data" as data or information concerning the current location of an electronic device that is generated, derived from, or obtained by the operation of the device.

HB 235/SB 454. Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act; solicitation of prostitution; pandering; minors. Amends the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act to add solicitation of prostitution from a minor and pandering involving a minor. The bill also provides that a person who engages in pandering involving a minor is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

HB 326. Unlawful dissemination or sale of images of another; penalty. Provides that a person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if he, with the intent to coerce, harass, or intimidate the depicted person, maliciously disseminates or sells any videographic or still image created by any means whatsoever that depicts another person who is totally nude, in a state of undress, or engaged in sexual conduct where such person knows or has reason to know that he is not licensed or authorized to do so. The bill also amends the crime of creating an image of a nonconsenting person by substituting the term "videographic or still image created by any means whatsoever" for the current term "videotape, photograph, or film."

HB 810/SB 65. Reckless handling of firearms; penalty. Provides that any person who recklessly handles a firearm and through such reckless handling causes the serious bodily injury of another person resulting in permanent and significant physical impairment is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

HB 1112/SB 594. Cannabimimetic agents; controlled substance analogs; regulation by Board of Pharmacy; penalties. Substitutes the term

"cannabimimetic agents" for the term
"synthetic cannabinoids" to describe certain substances
that are unlawful to possess, sell, give, distribute, or
manufacture. Authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to
place controlled substance analogs (a substance that has
a substantially similar chemical structure to a

controlled substance in Schedule I or II and that has or is intended to have the same or a greater stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system) into the list of controlled substances found in Schedule I or II via an expedited regulatory process. A substance added via this process is removed from such list after 18 months unless a general law is enacted adding the substance to such list. Such controlled substance analogs are subject to the same penalties as those for the actual drug. The bill also repeals the specific criminal penalties for possession, etc., of synthetic cannabinoids and places cannabimimetic agents on the list of controlled substances in Schedule I, where they will be subject to the same penalties as those for other Schedule I controlled substances with the exception of simple possession, which will be penalized as a Class 1 misdemeanor instead of as a Class 5 felony.

SB 14. Certain sex crimes. Adds the words "anal intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, and anilingus" to numerous Code sections criminalizing certain conduct to clarify the behaviors that are prohibited. The bill also clarifies the sex crimes that are prohibited by the crimes against nature statute. The bill states that an emergency exists and it is in force from its passage.

Failed

SB 450. Driving under the influence; first offenders; license conditions. Provides that if it is an adult offender's first DUI conviction and the offender's BAC was less than .015, the sole condition of the offender's driver's license restriction shall be a requirement that the offender have an ignition interlock for one year.

Carried Over

HB 716. Trafficking in persons; penalties. Creates new felonies for trafficking in persons for forced labor or sexual servitude and adds the new felonies as a predicate criminal act under the criminal gang statute, as racketeering crimes, and to the functions of a multijurisdiction grand jury, and also allows seizure and forfeiture of property used in committing such felonies. The new felonies and the existing felony of receiving money for procuring a person are added to the rape shield statute. The Secretary of Public Safety is required to convene an anti-trafficking committee and the Virginia Prevention of Human Trafficking Victim Fund is created, which will be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

SB 293. Reckless driving causing death or injury of certain persons. Punishes reckless driving or a

violation of the "move-over" law that causes death or permanent and significant physical impairment by striking a law-enforcement officer, emergency medical services personnel, highway worker, firefighter, or DMV size and weight compliance agent who was not in a vehicle and on a public roadway or work zone engaged in his duties as a Class 5 felony with a \$2,500 mandatory minimum fine. The bill further requires the court to suspend the offender's driver's license for one year. In addition, the court may impose a civil penalty of up to \$10,000, and the proceeds shall be deposited into the general fund.

Education

Passed

HB 930/SB 306. Standards of Learning assessments; reform. Provides that the number and type of Standards of Learning assessments shall not exceed 17 specified assessments in grades three through eight. The bill requires each local school board to certify that it has provided instruction and administered an alternative assessment, in conformance with Board guidelines, for each subject area in which the Standards of Learning assessment was not administered. The bill also requires the Secretary of Education to establish the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee to periodically review the Standards of Learning and assessments.

HB 1229/SB 324. Grading system for individual school performance; delay. Delays the implementation of the A-to-F school grading system by two years, to October 1, 2016.

SB 2. Public school textbooks; East Sea. Requires all textbooks approved by the Board of Education after July 1, 2014, to note that the Sea of Japan is also referred to as the East Sea.

Failed

HB 63. Students receiving home instruction; participation in interscholastic programs. Prohibits public schools from joining an organization governing interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student who (i) is receiving home instruction; (ii) has demonstrated evidence of progress for two consecutive academic years; (iii) is in compliance with immunization requirements; (iv) is entitled to free tuition in a public school; (v) has not reached the age of 19 by August 1 of the current academic year; (vi) is an amateur who receives no compensation but participates solely for the educational, physical, mental, and social benefits of the activity; (vii) complies with all disciplinary rules and is subject

to all codes of conduct applicable to all public high school athletes; and (viii) complies with all other rules governing awards, all-star games, maximum consecutive semesters of high school enrollment, parental consents, physical examinations, and transfers applicable to all high school athletes. The bill allows such students to be charged reasonable fees for participation.

HB 333. School calendar. Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening date of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement.

HB 747. In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Declares a student eligible for in -state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has provided an I-797 Approval Notice stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

Elections

Passed

HB 669. Elections; absentee ballots; date requirement. Provides that a voter's failure to provide the date, or any part of the date, on which he signed the statement on the back of the return envelope shall not render an absentee ballot void or provide officers of election with a basis for rejection.

HB 670/SB 333. Elections; absentee ballots; name and signature requirements. Provides that a voter's failure to provide his full middle name or his middle initial in the statement on the back of an absentee ballot envelope shall not render that absentee ballot void or provide officers of election with a basis for rejection, unless the voter also failed to provide his full first and last name.

secure return of voted military-overseas ballots. Requires the State Board of Elections to provide instructions, procedures, services, a security assessment, and security measures for the secure return by electronic means of voted absentee military-overseas ballots from uniformed-service voters outside of the United States. The bill requires the State Board to develop and update annually a security assessment and security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of such votes. The State Board is directed to convene a working group and is required to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly beginning January 1, 2016. Additionally, the State Board is directed to work with federal, state, local, and other appropriate entities to establish best practices for

HB 759/SB 11. Absentee voting and procedures;

Failed

uniformed-service voter authentication and identifica-

ballots. The provisions of this bill will not become

General Assembly.

effective unless reenacted by the 2016 Session of the

tion and for the secure return of such military-overseas

HB 31. Primary elections; voter registration by political party. Adds party affiliation to the information that an applicant is asked to provide when registering to vote. The applicant may indicate that he is an independent. Voters registered prior to January 1, 2015, will be designated as independent unless they provide a political party designation in writing to the general registrar.

HB 226. Campaign finance: contributions from certain organizations. Requires political action committees to include in campaign finance reports single or aggregate contributions that exceed \$5,000 from organizations holding tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The bill also requires that certain information about the contributing organization, including information about donors in particular circumstances, be disclosed in the report of the political action committee. The bill subjects single organizations whose contributions exceed \$50,000 in a calendar year, or organizations with one or more contributors in common with other organizations whose total contributions combined exceed \$50,000 in a calendar year, to current requirements for out-of-state political committees.

HB 727. Campaign finance disclosure; out-of-state political committees. Includes § 501(c)(4) social welfare organizations in the provisions applicable to § 527 groups in the definition of out-of-state committees that are required to file statements of organization and disclosure filings with the State Board of Elections.

The bill also requires the filing of a statement of organization when a committee makes contributions in Virginia totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year (the current threshold is \$10,000) and requires disclosure of the committee's donors who contribute a total of \$1,000 or more (the current threshold is \$2,500).

SB 158. Bipartisan Virginia Redistricting

Commission. Provides for a statewide referendum on the question of whether a bipartisan advisory commission should be created to propose redistricting plans for the House of Delegates, state Senate, and congressional districts. The referendum would be held at the November 2014 statewide election, and the results would be advisory only.

Freedom of Information Act

Carried Over

HB 788. Virginia Freedom of Information Act; out-of-state requests for records. Sets out the process for public bodies to respond to record requests made by out-of-state requesters.

General Laws

Passed

HB 588. Cemetery Board; powers and duties; special interments. Provides that a cemetery company may have a section in the cemetery devoted to the interment of human remains and those of their pets or the interment of pets only under certain circumstances. The bill requires the Cemetery Board to adopt such regulations as the Board deems appropriate and necessary to implement its provisions. The bill defines "pet."

HB 1211/SB 649. State and Local Government **Conflict of Interests Act and General Assembly** Conflicts of Interests Act; Virginia Conflict of **Interest and Ethics Advisory Council.** Establishes the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council composed of 15 members. The Council will elect its chairman and vice-chairman. The Council will review and post online the disclosure forms filed by lobbyists and persons subject to the conflict of interests acts and provide formal opinions and informal advice, education, and training. The bill requires the Council to transmit complaints of conflict law violations to the ethics advisory panels of the House of Delegates and Senate. The bill prohibits tangible gifts with a value of more than \$250 or a combination of tangible gifts with a value of more

than \$250 to certain officers and employees of state or local governmental or advisory agencies or to legislators from a lobbyist; lobbyist's principal; or a person, business, or organization that is a party to or seeking to become a party to certain governmental contracts. The bill also clarifies the distinction between gifts and other things of value received for travel, reduces a number of disclosure provision thresholds from \$10,000 to \$5,000, and requires the disclosure of gifts to immediate family members. Gifts from a relative or personal friend are not subject to disclosure, but a lobbyist, lobbyist's principal, or a person, business, or organization that is a party or seeking to become a party to certain government contracts cannot be considered a personal friend.

HB 1247. Professions and occupations; expedited review; applications of spouses of military service members. Reduces from 30 to 20 days the allowable application review period after which a regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the Department of Health or any board named in Title 54.1 will be required to issue a temporary license to certain military spouses while the board completes its review. The bill amends a provision that is scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2014.

SB 430. Alcoholic beverage control; limited brewery license created; local regulation of certain activities. Creates a new limited brewery license for breweries that manufacture no more than 15,000 barrels of beer per calendar year, are located on a farm in the Commonwealth, and use agricultural products that are grown on the farm in the manufacture of their beer. The bill limits local regulation of limited brewery licensees and specifically prohibits the imposition of minimum parking, road access, or road upgrade requirements on any licensed limited brewery.

Failed

SB 248. Nondiscrimination in state employment.

Prohibits discrimination in state employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a special disabled veteran or other veteran covered by the Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended. The bill also defines "sexual orientation" and "gender identity."

Carried Over

HB 216. Alcoholic beverage control. Eliminates the

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC) and replaces it with the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, created by the bill. The bill provides for the appointment of the board of directors of the Authority and the appointment by the board of directors of a chief executive officer of the Authority and sets eligibility requirements for appointment, including background checks.

SB 670. Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act; limitation on collection and use of personal information by law enforcement. Limits the ability of law-enforcement and regulatory agencies to use technology to collect and maintain personal information on individuals and organizations where a warrant has not been issued and there is no reasonable suspicion of criminal activity by the individual or organization.

Health and Mental Health

Passed

HB 612/SB 330. Genetic counseling; licensure.

Provides that no person shall practice or hold himself out as practicing genetic counseling without a valid, unrevoked license as a genetic counselor from the Board of Medicine. The bill establishes requirements and a process for licensure as a genetic counselor, sets forth exemptions from the requirements for a license, and establishes the Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling.

SB 77. Disposition of remains; absence of next of kin. Provides that, in the absence of a next of kin, a person designated to make arrangements for disposition of a decedent's remains, an agent named in an advance directive, or a guardian who exercises powers conferred in an order of appointment or upon the failure or refusal of such next of kin, designated person, agent, or guardian to accept responsibility for the disposition of the decedent's remains, any person who is 18 years of age or older who is able to provide identification of the deceased and willing to pay the costs of disposition of the remains may make arrangements for such disposition and may authorize cremation.

SB 260. Emergency custody and temporary detention; duration; facility of temporary detention; acute psychiatric bed registry. Extends the time that a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order from four hours with a possible two-hour extension to eight hours. The bill also provides that a representative of the law-enforcement agency that takes the person into emergency custody or executes an emergency custody order must notify the local community services board as soon as practicable after

the person is taken into custody or the order is executed. The bill provides further that an individual for whom a temporary detention order is issued shall be detained in a state facility unless the state facility or an employee or designee of the community services board is able to identify an alternative facility that is able and willing to provide temporary detention. Under no circumstances shall a state facility fail or refuse to admit an individual who meets the criteria for temporary detention unless an alternative facility has agreed to accept the individual. The state facility and the local community services board may continue to look for an alternative facility for an additional four hours. The provisions of this bill allowing for this additional four-hour period expire on June 30, 2018. The bill also requires that a person who is the subject of an emergency custody order or temporary detention order be given a written summary of the procedures and statutory protections associated with such custody or detention. The bill also directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish an acute psychiatric bed registry that will provide real-time information on the availability of beds in public and private psychiatric facilities and residential crisis stabilization units for individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention. The provisions of the bill establishing such registry are subject to an emergency clause. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees on the implementation of the provisions of the bill. Finally, the bill directs the Governor's Mental Health Task Force to study issues associated with law enforcement's involvement in the admission process and make recommendations designed to reduce the burden on law-enforcement resources.

Housing

Passed

HB 690. Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts; merger of developments; reformation of declaration. Provides a process for the merger of two or more associations and a process for seeking judicial reformation of the declaration in both Acts. The reformation procedure includes, among other requirements, at least 30 days' notice to the owners and the mortgagee and gives the mortgagee standing to participate in the reformation proceedings.

HB 791 Condominium and Property Owners' Association Acts; rule enforcement. Gives associations the right, to the extent the governing documents duly adopted rules expressly so provide, to (i)

suspend a unit owner's right to use facilities or services, including utility services, provided directly through the unit owners' association for nonpayment of assessments which are more than 60 days past due, to the extent that access to the unit through the common elements is not precluded and provided that such suspension shall not endanger the health, safety, or property of any unit owner, tenant, or occupant; (ii) assess charges against any unit owner for any violation of the condominium instruments or of the rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto for which such unit owner or his family members, tenants, guests or other invitees are responsible; and (iii) file or defend a legal action in general district or circuit court to seek an order to require that any violation of the condominium instruments or rules duly adopted pursuant thereto be corrected. The bill further provides that before any action authorized in the bill or in the governing documents is taken and after written notice of the alleged violation to the unit owner at the address required for notices of meetings, the owner shall be given a reasonable opportunity to correct the alleged violation. If the violation remains uncorrected, the owner shall be given an opportunity to be heard and to be represented by counsel before the board or such other tribunal as the governing documents or rules duly adopted pursuant thereto specify. The bill gives an appeal of right from general district court an action involving rule enforcement filed by a condominium unit owners' association or unit owner or of an action filed by a property owners' association or lot owner. Lastly, the bill provides that in the event of a legal action involving rule enforcement, the prevailing party is entitled to recover court costs and reasonable

Motor Vehicles

attorney fees.

Passed

HB 122/SB 383. New vehicle classification; autocycle. Defines a new class of vehicle, known as an autocycle, and provides for examination of drivers, registration fees, safety, inspection, and other requirements pursuant to creating this new class of vehicle.

HB 771. Mature driver crash prevention. Provides for a course in mature driver motor vehicle crash prevention and provides that such course is an option for the court in adjudicating defendants. The bill also lowers the age at which drivers are required to appear before the DMV for renewal from 80 to 75 and requires that licenses issued to persons age 75 or older be valid for no more than five years.

Failed

HB 973. Use of photo-monitoring systems for traffic lights; repeal. Repeals the authority for localities to operate a photo-monitoring system for traffic light enforcement, colloquially known as a "photo red" program.

Natural Resources

Passed

HB 1006/SB 582. Update of the Probable Maximum **Precipitation level.** Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to utilize a storm-based approach to calculate the Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) for various locations in or affecting Virginia. The methodology for a storm-based approach shall be completed by December 1, 2015. Owners of impounding structures with inadequate spillway designs who maintain coverage under the conditional certificate are not required to rehabilitate the spillway until the PMP analysis is completed and reviewed by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board. The bill requires the Board to consider the results of the PMP analysis in its decision of whether to authorize replacement of the current PMP values. The Department of Conservation and Recreation is authorized to expend up to \$500,000 in obligated balances from two agency funds to finance the analysis. The bill contains an emergency clause.

HB 1173/SB 423. Stormwater management programs; optional for some localities. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to establish a Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) for any locality that neither opts to establish its own program nor operates a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The bill defers the VSMP requirement for six months for certain recent MS4 localities. The bill alters the permitting appeals process and allows for an agreement in lieu of a stormwater management plan, and it directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations relating to the issuance of permits for parcels in subdivisions, the registration of single-family residences, and the reciprocity given by Virginia for proprietary Best Management Practices established elsewhere. The bill exempts single-family residences from payment of the Department's portion of the fee for the state general permit. Finally, the bill provides that the consolidation of state post-construction requirements into Virginia's General Permit shall not modify the scope of enforcement of the federal Clean Water Act and exempts from most requirements of the Administrative Process Act those regulations of the State Water

Control Board that will be necessary to implement the act.

Failed

SB 48. Drilling in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. Allows the drilling for oil and gas in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area if certain Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards for the protection of groundwater and surface water are met. The Department of Mining, Minerals and Energy (DMME) is not authorized to issue a permit to drill in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area until DEQ has completed its review of (i) the current surface water and groundwater quality and quantity regulations in the management area and (ii) any amendments to the regulation that are necessary to protect groundwater and surface water.

Carried Over

HB 461. Coalbed methane gas; release of funds held in escrow or suspense. Requires the operator of certain previously pooled coalbed methane gas wells to request, by the beginning of 2015, the release of any funds held in escrow or suspense to the person who possesses a claim through a gas title. A coal claimant may halt such a release of funds by providing evidence that the coal and gas claimants have reached an agreement or that a proceeding against the gas claimant is pending. For a well that is pooled after July 1, 2014, the bill requires the operator to pay royalties directly to the gas claimant unless the coal claimant provides evidence of an agreement or a proceeding within a certain time.

Social Services

Passed

HB 668/SB 134. Independent living services; individuals between 18 and 21 years of age. Requires local departments of social services and child-placing agencies to provide independent living services to any person between 18 and 21 years of age who is transitioning from a commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice to self-sufficiency when such individual was in the custody of the local department of social services immediately prior to his commitment, provides written notice of his intent to receive independent living services, and enters into a written agreement for independent living services with the local board of social services or child-placing agency within 60 days of his release. Currently, local departments and childplacing agencies may but are not required to provide independent living services to such individuals.

SB 117. Location of methadone clinics near schools and day care centers; exemptions for existing facilities and providers. Provides that licensed providers of methadone treatment that are exempt from restrictions regarding proximity to a school or day care center do not retain the exemption when relocating an existing facility or establishing a new facility. The bill provides an exception to location requirements for certain facilities operated by and located with a community services board and located in a city in Planning District 23.

SB 304. Disposition of dead bodies. Establishes a process for the disposition of unclaimed dead bodies. The bill contains an emergency clause.

SB 627. Department of Behavioral Health and **Developmental Services; training center residents;** quality of care; disclosure. Requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to provide a training center resident who is to be transferred to another training center or to communitybased care with written certification that (i) the receiving training center or community-based option provides a quality of care that is comparable to that provided in the resident's current training center regarding medical, health, developmental, and behavioral care and safety and (ii) all permissible placement options available have been disclosed to the resident. The bill also requires the Department to convene a work group of interested stakeholders to consider options for expanding the number of training centers that remain open, in whole or in part, in the Commonwealth.

Failed

HB 1135. Sexual orientation change efforts prohibited. Prohibits any health care provider from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with any person under 18 years of age. The bill defines "sexual orientation change efforts."

SB 297. DMAS; work search requirements for newly eligible Medicaid enrollees. Requires that, if Virginia expands Medicaid eligibility pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Department of Medical Assistance Services apply for a waiver of certain Medicaid program requirements to establish a work search requirement for newly eligible working-age unemployed enrollees and to report on its progress to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2014.

SB 336. Adoption by person other than spouse of a parent. Provides that a person other than the spouse of a parent may adopt a child if the child has only one

parent, the adoption would not terminate the parental rights of the parent, and the parent joins in the petition for the purpose of indicating his consent.

SB 437. Child day programs; radon testing. Requires regulated child day programs that are located in jurisdictions designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as High or Moderate Risk areas for indoor radon to test for radon at least once every five years, submit the results to the Department of Social Services, and make the results available to the public.

Carried Over

HB 780. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; distribution of benefits; restrictions. Provides that the Department of Social Services shall distribute TANF benefits only in the form of debit cards or direct deposits into savings or checking accounts and prohibits the distribution of TANF benefits in the form of a paper check. The bill expands restrictions on the use of TANF cash benefits.

SB 607. Method of execution. Provides that if the Director of the Department of Corrections certifies that lethal injection is not available as a method of execution, electrocution shall be used instead.

Taxation

Passed

HB 156/SB 175. Real property tax exemption for religious bodies. Clarifies the meaning of real property used exclusively for religious worship for determining the real property tax exemption for religious bodies.

HB 869/SB 394. Bonds; capital projects at institutions of higher learning. Authorizes the Treasury Board to issue bonds pursuant to Article X, Section 9 (c) of the Constitution of Virginia in an amount up to \$245,020,705 plus financing costs to finance revenue-producing capital projects at institutions of higher learning. The bill contains an emergency clause.

HB 975/SB 127. Annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles. Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

Transportation

Passed

HB 311. Revision of Title 33.1. Creates proposed Title 33.2 (Highways and Other Surface Transportation Systems) as a revision of existing Title 33.1 (Highways, Bridges and Ferries), as well as portions of Titles 15.2 (Counties, Cities and Towns), 56 (Public Service Companies), and 58.1 (Taxation). Proposed Title 33.2 consists of 32 chapters divided into four subtitles: Subtitle I (General Provisions and Transportation Entities); Subtitle II (Modes of Transportation: Highways, Bridges, Ferries, Rail, and Public Transportation); Subtitle III (Transportation Funding and Development); and Subtitle IV (Local and Regional Transportation). This bill has a delayed effective date of October 1, 2014.

HB 1253/SB 513. Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission created. Creates the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to manage regional transportation planning in Planning District 23. The bill moves the responsibility for approval of projects and the priority of such projects pursuant to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund from the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization to the new Commission.

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