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Introduction

This publication presents a summary of legislation considered by the Virginia General Assembly at its 2025 Regular Session through adjournment sine die on **February 22, 2025.** 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* or *Failed*. 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. Bills that have been vetoed by the Governor or that have received Governor's recommendations and may be acted upon by the General Assembly at the Reconvened Session on April 2, 2025, include such notation accordingly.

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. If a summary indicates that a bill must be reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly, its provisions will not become effective on July 1, 2025, unless the bill is amended at the Reconvened Session to remove that requirement.

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

Administration of Government

Passed

P **HB1567 Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; operational plan submission.** Requires the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to include in the annual report on its operational plan the most recent available audit report from the Auditor of Public Accounts' annual examination of the accounts and books of the Authority and removes the requirement that such report contain the audited financial statements of the Authority for the year ending the previous June 30. This bill is identical to SB 1089.
Patron - Wiley

P **HB1578 Office of the State Inspector General; behavioral health and developmental services; required reports.** Adds the Behavioral Health Commission to the list of entities to whom the Office of the State Inspector General is required to report on certain issues related to behavioral health and developmental services. This bill is identical to SB 885.
Patron - Campbell

P **HB1610 Department of Taxation; accounts receivable; collection.** Directs the Department of Taxation, Department of Accounts, and Office of the Attorney General to analyze the pervasiveness of outstanding accounts receivable due to the Commonwealth and collection efforts related to such receivables. The Department of Taxation shall report on the findings and recommendations of such analysis and submit such report to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and House Committee on Appropriations by November 1, 2025. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Cole

P **HB1611 Department of Human Resource Management; hiring on the basis of direct experience.** Prohibits any state agency from requiring as a condition of eligibility for hire to a position in state employment that an applicant have a baccalaureate degree. The bill provides an exception to such prohibition if the knowledge, skills, or abilities required for the position for which an applicant is applying can only reasonably be obtained, as determined by the appointing authority, through a course of study in pursuit of, and culminating in the award of, a baccalaureate degree. This bill is identical to SB 1014.
Patron - Cole

P **HB1632 Office of Data Governance and Analytics; oversight; Chief Data Officer; duties.** Changes oversight of the Office of Data Governance and Analytics from the Office of the Secretary of Administration to the Virginia Information Technologies Agency. The bill directs the Chief Data Officer to obtain from VITA the office space and human resources, procurement, fiscal, and other administrative support and resources that are necessary to support the operations of ODGA. This bill is identical to SB 1137.
Patron - Hayes

P **HB1777 Office of the Children's Ombudsman; foster youth's right to receive information.** Requires the Department of Social Services or a local department of social services, a children's residential facility, or any child-placing agency to provide certain information along with the contact information for the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to a biological parent, prospective adoptive parent, or foster parent, as well as to any child in foster care age 12 or older upon the opening of a foster care case for such child. The bill also provides that, in relation to complaints made to the Ombudsman, if such child is the complainant, the Ombudsman need not gain the consent of the Department or local department of social services, the children's residential facility, the child-placing agency, or the foster parent or guardian of the child or other person having custody or care of the child to receive information from or communicate with the child. This bill is identical to SB 1406.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB1802 Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; employment services organizations.** Amends provisions related to the powers and duties of the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to allow the Department to implement any remediation or enhancement measure for employment services organizations as may be authorized by the Governor pursuant to existing law and develop regulations for program implementation. The bill also directs the Department to amend relevant regulations of the Virginia Administrative Code to reflect the intent of the General Assembly to specifically reference "employment services organizations" in such regulations. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Cohen

P **HB1901 Virginia Sports Tourism Grant Program; work group; report.** Creates the Virginia Sports Tourism Grant Program, to be administered by the Virginia Tourism Authority, to provide grants to sports tourism activity sponsors, defined in the bill, in order to develop and attract sports tourism activities, also defined in the bill, to the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Virginia Tourism Authority to establish guidelines and criteria for grant awards and to report annually on the Program. The bill also requires a work group of stakeholders to be convened to recommend guidelines for grant awards by the Program and report such recommendations to the General Assembly by October 31, 2025.
Patron - Willett

P **HB1922 Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program established.** Establishes the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program with a statewide goal of 42 percent of certified small SWaM business, as such term is defined in the bill, utilization in all discretionary spending by executive branch agencies and covered institutions in procurement orders, prime contracts, and subcontracts, as well as a target goal of 50 percent subcontracting to small SWaM businesses in instances where the prime contractor is not a small SWaM business for all new capital outlay construction solicitations that are issued. The bill provides that executive branch agencies and covered institutions are required to increase their small SWaM business utilization rates by three percent per year until reaching the 42-percent target or, if unable to do so, to implement achievable goals to increase their utilization rates. In addition, the bill provides for a small SWaM business set-aside for executive branch agency and covered institution purchases of goods, services, and construction, requiring that purchases up to $100,000 be set aside for award to certified small SWaM businesses.
The bill creates the Division of Procurement Enhancement within the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity for purposes of collaborating with the Department of General Services, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, the Department of Transportation, and covered

institutions to further the Commonwealth's efforts to meet the goals established under the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program, as well as implementing initiatives to enhance the development of small businesses, microbusinesses, women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses in the Commonwealth.

Finally, the bill requires the Director of the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to conduct, or contract with an independent entity to conduct, a disparity study every five years, with the next disparity study due no later than January 1, 2026. The bill specifies that such study shall evaluate the need for enhancement and remedial measures to address the disparity between the availability and the utilization of women-owned and minority-owned businesses. The provisions of the bill other than those requiring such study have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026, and apply to covered institutions beginning July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Ward

P **HB2024 Virginia Public Procurement Act; solar photovoltaic equipment meeting national environmental protection and product safety standards.** Prohibits state and local agencies from including a provision in any request for proposal, procurement agreement, contract, ordinance, policy, permit, or accompanying document that directs the exclusion from use of any materials contained in or products associated with solar photovoltaic equipment and facilities that meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Recommendations of Specifications, Standards, and Ecolabels for Federal Purchasing. This bill is identical to SB 1165. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Seibold

P **HB2071 Department of Veterans Services; powers and duties of Commissioner; identification of incarcerated veterans.** Provides that the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services shall assist the Department of Corrections, sheriffs, and local and regional jails in utilizing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Re-Entry Search Services system to identify veterans incarcerated in state prisons and local and regional jails to help such veterans prepare for release or reentry, reduce recidivism and homelessness, connect such veterans to resources to address the challenges of post-traumatic stress disorder, and divert eligible veterans to treatment dockets. This bill incorporates HB 2522 and is identical to SB 1251.

Patron - Thomas

P **HB2134 Definitions; American Indians; Virginia recognized tribes; federally recognized tribes; sovereignty.** Establishes definitions for "American Indian," "federally recognized tribe," and "Virginia recognized tribe" and amends various sections throughout the Code for the purpose of uniformity in terminology. This bill is identical to SB 949. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Krizek

P **HB2150 Virginia Public Procurement Act; contract terms inconsistent with Virginia law.** Provides that no public contract for information technology goods and services, as defined by the bill, may contain terms in conflict with Virginia law. The bill also provides that public contracts shall provide for the application of Virginia law and for jurisdiction in the state of Virginia regardless of the terms of the contract. The provisions of this bill only apply to a county, city, town, political subdivision, or public institution of higher education, or to a public body listed as an independent agency in the appropriation act, if its governing body has adopted such provisions as part of its procurement policies and procedures.

Patron - Carr

P **HB2152 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; FOIA officer training.** Provides that any legal counsel for a public body who is also designated as the public body's Freedom of Information Act officer (FOIA officer) shall complete a training session or online course offered or approved by the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

Patron - Carr

P **HB2179 Virginia Investment Performance Grants.** Authorizes Virginia Investment Performance Grants to be awarded under more lenient requirements if the recipient is located in a locality with an unemployment rate and poverty rate that exceeds the state average. Specifically, the bill would authorize payment of such grants if the average wage paid by the eligible manufacturer or research and development service, excluding fringe benefits, is no less than 85 percent of the prevailing average wage. Grants may be paid for projects in such localities that pay less than 85 percent of the prevailing average wage, upon a written finding by the Governor that the economic circumstances in the area are sufficiently distressed such that assistance to the locality to attract the project is justified. However, the minimum private investment and number of new jobs required to be created are still a condition of eligibility. This bill is identical to SB 1231.

Patron - Clark

P **HB2397 Virginia Growth and Opportunity Act; eligibility for grants.** Expands eligibility for regional councils to receive grants from the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund. The bill allows regional councils to apply for and utilize grant funds for regional activities that substantially promote the objectives of the regional council's economic growth and diversification plan where there exists a demonstrable gap in services that negatively impacts a region's ability to grow one or more trade sector industry clusters. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Glass

P **HB2482 Virginia Public Procurement Act; additional public works contract requirements.** Provides that public bodies shall require the contractor and its subcontractors for any capital outlay project, as defined in the bill, to complete certain safety training programs, maintain records of compliance with applicable laws, and participate in approved apprenticeship training programs. The bill provides exemptions from such requirements for reasons related to lack of availability of apprentices and high costs. The provisions of the bill do not apply to transportation-related construction projects. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 962. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Krizek

P **HB2502 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exclusions; Department of Workforce Development and Advancement.** Excludes from the mandatory disclosure requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act certain information held by the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, which includes any information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including trade secrets, employee compensation information, balance sheets and financial statements that are not available to the public through regulatory disclosure or otherwise, and revenue and cost projections supplied by a private or nongovernmental entity to the Department for the purpose of sponsoring,

implementing, and operating (i) an apprenticeship program approved by the Department or (ii) a similar lawful workforce development or public-private partnership approved by the Department that assists the Department in fulfilling its mission and objectives and whose workforce development initiative could not advance without such exemption, as determined by the Commissioner of the Department and the Secretary of Labor. This bill is identical to SB 1107.
Patron - Wiley

P **HB2541 Information Technology Access Act; digital accessibility.** Makes numerous organizational changes to the Information Technology Access Act. The bill defines "information and communications technology" as it relates to digital accessibility, defined in the bill, for all persons with disabilities. The bill permits the head of each covered entity, defined in the bill, to designate an employee to serve as such covered entity's digital accessibility coordinator and provides that such digital accessibility coordinator is responsible for developing and implementing such covered entity's digital accessibility policy. The bill has delayed effective dates of April 24, 2026, and April 26, 2027, for specific covered entities according to population size.
Patron - Tran

P **HB2645 Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education; members.** Expands from 31 to 32 the minimum number of members of the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education by adding one representative of the Department of Veterans Services to the nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission. This bill is identical to SB 1391.
Patron - Feggans

P **HB2724 Use of automatic license plate recognition systems; reports; penalty.** Requires the Division of Purchases and Supply of the Department of General Services (the Division) to determine and approve the automatic license plate recognition systems, defined in the bill, for use in the Commonwealth and provides requirements for use of such systems by law-enforcement agencies. The bill limits the use of such systems by law-enforcement agencies to the following purposes: (i) as part of a criminal investigation into an alleged criminal violation of the Code of Virginia or any ordinance of any county, city, or town where there is a reasonable suspicion that a crime was committed; (ii) as part of an active investigation related to a missing or endangered person, including whether to issue an alert for such person, or a person associated with human trafficking; or (iii) to receive notifications related to a missing or endangered person, a person with an outstanding warrant, a person associated with human trafficking, a stolen vehicle, or a stolen license plate.
The bill requires annual reports from law-enforcement agencies using such systems that provide de-identified information concerning the use of the systems and from the State Police that aggregate such information statewide beginning April 1, 2027. The bill also requires a law-enforcement officer or State Police officer to collect data on whether a stop of a driver of a motor vehicle or stop or temporary detention of a person was based on a notification from an automatic license plate recognition system prior to such stop and if so, the specific reason for the notification as set forth in relevant law.
The provisions of the bill that require a law-enforcement agency to obtain a permit from the Department of Transportation in accordance with regulations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board before installing an automatic license plate recognition system on a state right-of-way do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. Except for provisions requiring (a) the Division to determine and approve automatic license plate recognition systems for use in the Commonwealth, which shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and (b) law-enforcement officers to collect data on whether a stop was based on a notification from an automatic license plate recognition system, which shall become effective January 1, 2026, the provisions of the bill become effective in due course. The bill requires the Division, in consultation with the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, to determine such systems for use in the Commonwealth and publicly post a list of such systems by January 1, 2026. Finally, the bill requires the Virginia State Crime Commission to collect data and conduct surveys of law-enforcement agencies to assess the use of automatic license plate recognition systems and report its findings by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session and again on November 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Herring

P **HB2736 Virginia Values Veterans Program; military spouse eligibility.** Provides that the comprehensive program developed by the Department of Veterans Services to reduce unemployment among veterans extends to military spouses.
Patron - Reaser

P **HB2751 Virginia Public Procurement Act; discrimination prohibited; military family-owned businesses.** Prohibits any public body from discriminating against a bidder or offeror in the solicitation or awarding of contracts on the basis of status as a military family, defined in the bill. The bill provides that all public bodies shall establish programs to facilitate the participation of military family-owned businesses, as defined in the bill, in procurement transactions.
Patron - Feggans

P **HB2779 Office of New Americans Advisory Board; increase in membership.** Increases from 18 to 21 the number of nonlegislative citizen members of the Office of New Americans Advisory Board and adds the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Education, Health and Human Resources, Labor, Public Safety and Homeland Security, and Transportation as ex officio members with nonvoting privileges. The bill also removes the provision that limits the Board to meeting four times per year. This bill incorporates HB 2280. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Shin

P **SB801 Children's Services Act; state pool of funds.** Makes a number of changes to the Children's Services Act state pool of funds for the provision of public or private nonresidential or residential services for troubled youth and families, including (i) removing from the purpose of the state pool of funds the consolidation of categorical agency funding and the institution of community responsibility for the provision of services; (ii) removing language specifying that references to funding sources and current placement authority for the target population served by the state pool of funds are for the purpose of accounting for the funds and should not be intended to categorize children and youth into funding streams in order to access services; (iii) modifying the target population served by the state pool of funds by (a) removing references to the Department of Education's private tuition assistance and the Interagency Assistance Fund for Noneducational Placement for Handicapped Children and (b) adding children and youth who are determined to be a child in need of services, as such term is defined in relevant law; (iv) removing the requirement that the financial and legal responsibility for

certain special education services remains with the placing jurisdiction, unless the placing jurisdiction has transitioned all appropriate services; (v) requiring that the uniform assessment instrument used to determine eligibility for funding through the state pool of funds be approved by the State Executive Council for Children's Services; and (vi) modifying the eligibility criteria for funding through the state pool of funds by adding language that (a) specifies that the child or youth's emotional or behavioral problems have resulted in the child or youth, or place the child or youth at imminent risk of, entering purchased residential care and (b) includes the determination by a court that the child or youth is a child in need of services, as such term is defined in relevant law. The bill also includes technical changes. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Commission on Youth.
Patron - Favola

P **SB885 Office of the State Inspector General; behavioral health and developmental services; required reports.** Adds the Behavioral Health Commission to the list of entities to whom the Office of the State Inspector General is required to report on certain issues related to behavioral health and developmental services. This bill is identical to HB 1578.
Patron - Perry

P **SB913 Virginia Public Procurement Act; procurement of imported goods; forced and indentured child labor prohibition.** Provides that a public body that enters into a public contract for goods or services that exceeds $10,000 shall include in such a public contract provisions (i) prohibiting the use of forced or indentured child labor in the performance of the contract and (ii) requiring that the contractor include such prohibition in every subcontract or purchase order that exceeds $10,000, so that the prohibition will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Manufacturing Development Commission.
Patron - Stanley

P **SB927 Virginia Sports Tourism Grant Program; work group; report.** Creates the Virginia Sports Tourism Grant Program, to be administered by the Virginia Tourism Authority, to provide grants to sports tourism activity sponsors, defined in the bill, in order to develop and attract sports tourism activities, also defined in the bill, to the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Virginia Tourism Authority to establish guidelines and criteria for grant awards and to report annually on the Program. The bill also requires a work group of stakeholders to be convened to recommend guidelines for grant awards by the Program and report such recommendations to the General Assembly by October 31, 2025.
Patron - Head

P **SB949 Definitions; American Indians; Virginia recognized tribes; federally recognized tribes; sovereignty.** Establishes definitions for "American Indian," "federally recognized tribe," and "Virginia recognized tribe" and amends various sections throughout the Code for the purpose of uniformity in terminology. This bill is identical to HB 2134. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - McDougle

P **SB962 Virginia Public Procurement Act; additional public works contract requirements.** Provides that public bodies shall require the contractor and its subcontractors for any capital outlay project, as defined in the bill, to complete certain safety training programs, maintain records of compliance with applicable laws, and participate in approved apprenticeship training programs. The bill provides exemptions from such requirements for reasons related to lack of availability of apprentices and high costs. The provisions of the bill do not apply to transportation-related construction projects. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2482. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Carroll Foy

P **SB1014 Department of Human Resource Management; hiring on the basis of direct experience.** Prohibits any state agency from requiring as a condition of eligibility for hire to a position in state employment that an applicant have a baccalaureate degree. The bill provides an exception to such prohibition if the knowledge, skills, or abilities required for the position for which an applicant is applying can only reasonably be obtained, as determined by the appointing authority, through a course of study in pursuit of, and culminating in the award of, a baccalaureate degree. This bill is identical to HB 1611.
Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SB1052 Virginia Human Rights Act; definition of "employer."** Reduces from 15 to five the number of employees for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year for the purposes of the definition of "employer." This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1089 Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; operational plan submission.** Requires the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to include in the annual report on its operational plan the most recent available audit report from the Auditor of Public Accounts' annual examination of the accounts and books of the Authority and removes the requirement that such report contain the audited financial statements of the Authority for the year ending the previous June 30. This bill is identical to HB 1567.
Patron - Craig

P **SB1107 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exclusions; Department of Workforce Development and Advancement.** Excludes from the mandatory disclosure requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act certain information held by the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, which includes any information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including trade secrets, employee compensation information, balance sheets and financial statements that are not available to the public through regulatory disclosure or otherwise, and revenue and cost projections supplied by a private or nongovernmental entity to the Department for the purpose of sponsoring, implementing, and operating (i) an apprenticeship program approved by the Department or (ii) a similar lawful workforce development or public-private partnership approved by the Department that assists the Department in fulfilling its mission and objectives and whose workforce development initiative could not advance without such exemption, as determined by the Commissioner of the Department and the Secretary of Labor. This bill is identical to HB 2502.
Patron - Jordan

P **SB1137 Office of Data Governance and Analytics; oversight; Chief Data Officer; duties.** Changes oversight of the Office of Data Governance and Analytics from the Office of the Secretary of Administration to the Virginia Information Technologies Agency. The bill directs the Chief Data Officer to obtain from VITA the office space and human resources, procurement, fiscal, and other administrative

support and resources that are necessary to support the operations of ODGA. This bill is identical to HB 1632.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1165 Virginia Public Procurement Act; solar photovoltaic equipment meeting national environmental protection and product safety standards.** Prohibits state and local agencies from including a provision in any request for proposal, procurement agreement, contract, ordinance, policy, permit, or accompanying document that directs the exclusion from use of any materials contained in or products associated with solar photovoltaic equipment and facilities that meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Recommendations of Specifications, Standards, and Ecolabels for Federal Purchasing. This bill is identical to HB 2024.This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Salim

P **SB1231 Virginia Investment Performance Grants.** Authorizes Virginia Investment Performance Grants to be awarded under more lenient requirements if the recipient is located in a locality with an unemployment rate and poverty rate that exceeds the state average. Specifically, the bill would authorize payment of such grants if the average wage paid by the eligible manufacturer or research and development service, excluding fringe benefits, is no less than 85 percent of the prevailing average wage. Grants may be paid for projects in such localities that pay less than 85 percent of the prevailing average wage, upon a written finding by the Governor that the economic circumstances in the area are sufficiently distressed such that assistance to the locality to attract the project is justified. However, the minimum private investment and number of new jobs required to be created are still a condition of eligibility. This bill is identical to HB 2179.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1251 Department of Veterans Services; powers and duties of Commissioner; identification of incarcerated veterans.** Provides that the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services shall assist the Department of Corrections, sheriffs, and local and regional jails in utilizing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Re-Entry Search Services system to identify veterans incarcerated in state prisons and local and regional jails to help such veterans prepare for release or reentry, reduce recidivism and homelessness, connect such veterans to resources to address the challenges of post-traumatic stress disorder, and divert eligible veterans to treatment dockets. This bill is identical to HB 2071.
Patron - Durant

P **SB1275 Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund; eligible site for site development grant.** Provides that the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority may determine a site of at least 25 contiguous acres to be an eligible site to receive a site development grant from the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund if such site is located in a locality with an area of 35 square miles of land area or less.
Patron - Jordan

P **SB1391 Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education; members.** Expands from 31 to 32 the minimum number of members of the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education by adding one representative of the Department of Veterans Services to the nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission. This bill incorporates SB 1427 and is identical to HB 2645.
Patron - Srinivasan

P **SB1406 Office of the Children's Ombudsman; foster youth's right to receive information.** Requires the Department of Social Services or a local department of social services, a children's residential facility, or any child-placing agency to provide certain information along with the contact information for the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to a biological parent, prospective adoptive parent, or foster parent, as well as to any child in foster care age 12 or older upon the opening of a foster care case for such child. The bill also provides that, in relation to complaints made to the Ombudsman, if such child is the complainant, the Ombudsman need not gain the consent of the Department or local department of social services, the children's residential facility, the child-placing agency, or the foster parent or guardian of the child or other person having custody or care of the child to receive information from or communicate with the child. This bill is identical to HB 1777.
Patron - Salim

P **SB1415 Virginia Public Procurement Act; purchase of testing kits during a disaster caused by a communicable disease of public health threat; exemption.** Clarifies that the current exemption from the provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act for the purchase of personal protective equipment by the Governor for private, nongovernmental entities during a disaster caused by a communicable disease of public health threat for which a state of emergency has been declared includes communicable disease testing kits and associated safety equipment and supplies. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Roem

P **SB1472 Revenue reserves of the Revenue Stabilization Fund and the Revenue Reserve Fund.** Increases the maximum combined amount in the Revenue Stabilization Fund and the Revenue Reserve Fund from 15 percent to 20 percent of the Commonwealth's average annual tax revenues, provided that such combined amount shall only exceed 15 percent if the balance of the Revenue Reserve Fund does not exceed eight percent of such revenues. The bill also removes the requirement that the Governor make increased deposits into the Revenue Stabilization Fund during periods of increased revenue collection. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Lucas

P **SB1473 Six-year capital outlay plan and funding.** Repeals the requirement that the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee meet on the day the Governor presents his preliminary financial report.
Patron - Lucas

P **SB1474 Filing of six-year financial outline; alternative recession estimates; revenue estimates based on Governor's Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates.** Requires the Governor to include, in addition to all other requirements in law, (i) alternative recession estimates of anticipated general fund and nongeneral fund revenue and (ii) revenue estimates for the general fund and nongeneral fund based on the assumptions presented to the Governor's Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates in his financial plan for a prospective period of six years submitted to the General Assembly. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Lucas

Failed

F **HB1556** **Authority of Attorney General; criminal cases; criminal sexual assault and commercial sex trafficking committed against children.** Authorizes the Attorney General to institute or conduct criminal prosecutions in cases involving a violation of criminal sexual assault or commercial sex trafficking when such crimes are committed against children.
Patron - Williams

F **HB1565** **Governor; chief of staff and Governor's Secretaries.** Provides that no chief of staff appointed by the Governor and no Secretary appointed by the Governor shall be members of each other's immediate family when each is serving in his appointed capacity at the same time.
Patron - Green

F **HB1570** **Virginia Public Procurement Act; project labor agreements.** Repeals the provision of the Virginia Public Procurement Act that authorizes any public body, including any state or local government, when engaged in procuring products or services or letting contracts for construction, manufacture, maintenance, or operation of public works, to require bidders to enter into or adhere to project labor agreements on the public works projects.
Patron - Wiley

F **HB1590** **Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exclusions; apprenticeship programs; minors.** Excludes from the mandatory disclosure requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act any personal information in a public record regarding the participation of a minor in a program run by a state public body, such as an internship, externship, or apprenticeship, except as otherwise prescribed by law.
Patron - Kent

F **HB1648** **Office of Data Governance and Analytics; oversight; Chief Data Officer; duties.** Changes oversight of the Office of Data Governance and Analytics (ODGA) from the Office of the Secretary of Administration to the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA). The bill directs the Chief Data Officer to obtain from VITA the office space and human resources, procurement, fiscal, and other administrative support and resources that are necessary to support the operations of ODGA.
Patron - Hayes

F **HB1676** **GO Virginia grants; matching funds; sunset repeal.** Removes the July 1, 2025, sunset date of the program allowing a locality to use grant funds awarded by the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission as matching funds for GO Virginia grants.
Patron - Phillips

F **HB1737** **Department of Veterans Services; powers and duties of Commissioner; online portal.** Provides that the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services shall develop and maintain an online portal to connect veterans, members of the Virginia National Guard, Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves who qualify for veteran status, and their immediate family members to available resources, programs, and services in the Commonwealth and provide a means to submit electronic applications for such resources, programs, and services.
Patron - Reid

F **HB1745** **State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; definition of "personal interest in a transaction."** Provides that a personal interest in a transaction exists, for purposes of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act, when a subject of a transaction is the spouse of the officer, employee, or legislator, regardless of whether a financial benefit or liability is accrued by the spouse as the result of such transaction.
Patron - Watts

F **HB1758** **Surplus real property; prioritization of disposition for affordable housing.** Requires the Department of General Services to determine whether, following an offer of surplus property to the chief administrative officer of the locality within which the surplus property is located, as well as to any economic development entity for such locality, such surplus property is suitable for the development of affordable housing, as defined by the bill. If the Department so determines, the bill provides that such property shall be offered for at least 90 days exclusively to eligible organizations, as defined by the bill, for the purpose of developing affordable housing, provided that the terms of the disposition include a recorded covenant to provide affordable housing for at least 30 years.
The bill also requires the governing body of each locality to prepare an inventory list of all real property within its jurisdiction to which the locality or any dependent special district within its boundaries holds fee simple title that is suitable for the development of affordable housing. If the governing body of a locality chooses to dispose of such a property, such property shall be offered for at least 90 days exclusively to eligible organizations, as defined by the bill, for the purpose of developing affordable housing, through purchase, lease, exchange, or donation in return for a recorded covenant to provide affordable housing for at least 30 years.
Patron - Gardner

F **HB1763** **Virginia Freedom of Information Act; virtual meetings; advisory boards, commissions, and councils.** Allows advisory boards, commissions, and councils to convene all-virtual public meetings regardless of whether any such board, commission, or council convenes in-person meetings. Current law prohibits certain public bodies from convening an all-virtual public meeting (i) more than two times per calendar year or 50 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater, or (ii) consecutively with another all-virtual public meeting.
Patron - Martinez

F **HB1772** **Autism Advisory Council; name change; membership; staffing; powers and duties.** Provides for the Autism Advisory Council to be reconstituted as a permanent, independently staffed agency in the legislative branch of state government. Currently, the Autism Advisory Council is set to expire on July 1, 2027. The bill repeals that expiration date and renames the agency as the Autism Commission. The bill also modifies the membership of the Commission to more closely align with the membership makeup of other independently staffed legislative agencies and directs the Commission to appoint and employ an executive director and other staff to assist in carrying out the duties of the Commission.
Patron - Hope

F **HB1787** **Duties of Secretary of Health and Human Resources; informed consent for surgeries; review;**

report. Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in consultation with the Department of Health Professions, to review every five years hospitals' procedures for obtaining informed consent for surgeries and requires the Secretary to provide a report on the review to the General Assembly.
Patron - Orrock

F **HB1789 Procurement; cancellation of bids.** Provides that a public body may include a statement in an Invitation to Bid, a Request for Proposal, or any other solicitation of an intention to cancel any such invitation, request, or solicitation if, in the estimation of the public body, all responsive bids exceed by at least 50 percent the current price for such goods or services as offered to the private sector.
Patron - Orrock

F **HB1823 Virginia Commission on Lynching Sites Memorialization established; report.** Establishes the Virginia Commission on Lynching Sites Memorialization as an advisory commission in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the 15-member Commission is to acknowledge the history of racial violence in Virginia through the placement of historical markers at the sites of lynchings. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028.
Patron - Reid

F **HB1843 Legal holidays; Indigenous Peoples' Day.** Replaces Columbus Day, the second Monday in October, with Indigenous Peoples' Day as a state holiday.
Patron - Krizek

F **HB1963 Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program; guidance and criteria for awarding grants; military community.** Requires that the guidance and criteria developed by the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs for use in awarding grants under the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program provide that such grants be awarded primarily to projects that receive federal matching funds. However, in the event that federal matching funds are not available, the bill provides that such grants may be made to other projects that promote the objectives of the Program.
The bill redefines "military community" for purposes of the Program to mean any locality that can demonstrate that more than five percent of the community's economy is derived from military funding and supporting partner entities who aid in the planning, design, construction, or completion of infrastructure projects that enhance military readiness, installation resiliency, or quality of life for such locality's community. Under current law, such term means any locality that can demonstrate that more than five percent of the community's economy is derived from military funding.
Patron - Tata

F **HB2038 Prohibition on procurement and use of insecure uncrewed aircraft systems; report.** Prohibits, beginning on July 1, 2025, any public body from purchasing, leasing, or otherwise procuring an insecure uncrewed aircraft system (UAS), as that term is defined in the bill. The bill further prohibits, beginning on July 1, 2029, any public body from using, whether directly or through work with or on behalf of another public body, an insecure UAS. The bill directs the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) to establish cybersecurity standards for the certification of secure UAS and maintain a list of approved UAS manufacturers and models on its website.
The bill also requires the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, in collaboration with stakeholders, to review cybersecurity standards and make recommendations every two years to ensure alignment with emerging UAS technologies, evolving cybersecurity threats, the operational and safety needs of public bodies, and public safety priorities within the Commonwealth.
Finally, the bill establishes the Uncrewed Aircraft Replacement Grant Program, to be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, to award grants to aid public bodies with the transition from insecure UAS to secure UAS.
Patron - Anthony

F **HB2046 High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies; work group; report.** Creates requirements for the development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems, as defined in the bill, by public bodies. The bill also directs the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth (CIO) to develop, publish, and maintain policies and procedures concerning the development, procurement, implementation, utilization, and ongoing assessment of systems that employ high-risk artificial intelligence systems that are consistent with the requirements created by the bill. The bill directs the CIO to convene a work group to examine the impact on and the ability of local governments to comply with the requirements of the bill. The substantive requirements of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.
Patron - Anthony

F **HB2081 Virginia Human Rights Act; unlawful discrimination.** Prohibits any state agency or political subdivision in the Commonwealth from supporting, implementing, recognizing, or utilizing any program, process, or procedure that conveys or denies a benefit, advantage, or privilege to an individual based solely on such individual's race, sex, or ethnicity.
Patron - Garrett

F **HB2091 Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; powers and duties.** Requires the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to ensure that all state workforce development programs and state workforce education and training programs (i) address an industry need identified on a high-demand occupation or field list created by the Department and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development and Advancement and (ii) include a job placement component in their implementation and operating plans. Publicly funded workforce development and workforce education and training programs may apply for an exemption from such requirements, and the Commissioner shall approve or disapprove such application within 45 days of receipt. The bill provides that if the Commissioner does not provide a response within 45 days of receipt, the waiver request will be deemed approved. The bill also provides that if a program is denied an exemption by the Commissioner, such program may appeal the decision to the Secretary of Labor within 10 days of the date of denial by the Commissioner and the Secretary of Labor will make a final determination within 30 days of receipt of the appeal.
Patron - Shin

F **HB2125 Department of Human Resource Management; State Government Internship Coordinator.** Requires the Department of Human Resource Management to establish and employ a State Government Internship Coordinator to attract high quality interns to the service of the Commonwealth with the goal of developing such interns to support their ability to compete for positions in agencies of the Commonwealth upon conclusion of their internships and completion of their educational programs. The bill also requires the Department to establish and administer a system to

provide professional development opportunities for state agency interns, intern supervisors, and human resources staff.
Patron - Sullivan

F HB2187 Children's Ombudsman; powers and duties. Authorizes the Children's Ombudsman to take action on behalf of children for whom a report of abuse or neglect was made. Under current law, the Children's Ombudsman has the authority to take action on behalf of children receiving child-protective services, in foster care, or placed for adoption and children who may have died as a result of alleged abuse or neglect.
Patron - Freitas

F HB2268 Department of Law; Division of Emerging Technologies, Cybersecurity, and Data Privacy established. Establishes within the Department of Law a Division of Emerging Technologies, Cybersecurity, and Data Privacy to oversee and enforce laws governing cybersecurity, data privacy, and the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies. The bill requires the Division to submit an annual report to the Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS) by November 1 of each year detailing (i) trends in enforcement, audit findings, and compliance rates under cybersecurity, data privacy, and AI-related laws and (ii) legislative recommendations for addressing emerging challenges and technological advancements.
The bill also requires JCOTS to (a) collaborate with the Division to hold public hearings to gather community input on the impact of emerging technologies and issue legislative recommendations to address gaps in existing laws or emerging risks related to cybersecurity, data privacy, and AI and (b) monitor the implementation and enforcement of laws governing cybersecurity, data privacy, and AI.
Patron - Anthony

F HB2272 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; Virginia Parole Board; meetings. Provides that except for a public meeting convened for conducting the final deliberation and vote regarding whether the Virginia Parole Board will grant parole to a prisoner, a meeting of the Virginia Parole Board members, regardless of whether such members invite staff or other guests to participate in such meeting, shall not be deemed a meeting subject to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
Patron - Obenshain

F HB2275 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; civil penalties. Increases the minimum and maximum civil penalties that may be imposed upon an officer, employee, or member of a public body for violations of certain provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The bill also adjusts the minimum and maximum civil penalty for such second and subsequent violations, in addition to increasing the minimum and maximum civil penalties that can be imposed on a public body for violations related to certifying a closed meeting.
Patron - Ennis

F HB2279 Authority of Attorney General; criminal cases; human and sex trafficking. Authorizes the Attorney General to prosecute violations of criminal law relating to human and sex trafficking offenses in connection with racketeering.
Patron - Owen

F HB2280 Office of New Americans Advisory Board; increase in membership. Increases from 18 to 21 the number of nonlegislative citizen members of the Office of New Americans Advisory Board and adds the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Education, Health and Human Resources, Labor, Public Safety and Homeland Security, and Transportation as ex officio members with nonvoting privileges. This bill was incorporated into HB 2279.
Patron - Owen

F HB2282 Children's Services Act; state pool of funds. Makes a number of changes to the Children's Services Act state pool of funds for the provision of public or private nonresidential or residential services for troubled youth and families, including (i) removing the requirement that the Office of Children's Services consult with private special education services providers in developing the standard reporting template for tuition rates; (ii) removing from the purpose of the state pool of funds the consolidation of categorical agency funding and the institution of community responsibility for the provision of services; (iii) removing language specifying that references to funding sources and current placement authority for the target population served by the state pool of funds are for the purpose of accounting for the funds and should not be intended to categorize children and youth into funding streams in order to access services; (iv) modifying the target population served by the state pool of funds by (a) removing references to the Department of Education's private tuition assistance and the Interagency Assistance Fund for Noneducational Placement for Handicapped Children and (b) adding children and youth who are determined to be a child in need of services, as such term is defined in relevant law; (v) removing the requirement that the financial and legal responsibility for certain special education services remains with the placing jurisdiction, unless the placing jurisdiction has transitioned all appropriate services; (vi) requiring that the uniform assessment instrument used to determine eligibility for funding through the state pool of funds be approved by the State Executive Council for Children's Services; and (vii) modifying the eligibility criteria for funding through the state pool of funds by adding language that (a) specifies that the child or youth's emotional or behavioral problems have resulted in the child or youth, or place the child or youth at imminent risk of, entering purchased residential care and (b) includes the determination by a court that the child or youth is a child in need of services, as such term is defined in relevant law. The bill also includes technical changes. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Commission on Youth.
Patron - Coyner

F HB2311 Display of POW/MIA flag by localities. Requires localities to display the POW/MIA flag on public buildings on designated days.
Patron - Davis

F HB2367 Department of Human Resource Management; Department of Health; pharmacogenomics pilot program established; report. Directs the Department of Human Resource Management, in conjunction with the Department of Health, to develop a two-year pharmacogenomics pilot program for state employees, beginning no later than January 1, 2026, and expiring on January 1, 2028. The bill also directs the Department of Human Resource Management to report annually on the pilot program to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health.
Patron - Higgins

F HB2411 Division of Consumer Counsel; duties; artificial intelligence fraud and abuse. Expands the duties of the Division of Consumer Counsel to include establishing and administering programs to address artificial intelligence fraud and abuse. The bill provides that such

programs would include establishing a statewide fraud and abuse alert system to be administered by the Division.
Patron - Glass

F **HB2417 Procurement; local budget.** Provides that a locality may make an Invitation to Bid, a Request for Proposal, and any other solicitation prior to budgeting an anticipated expenditure for such proposal and may include a statement in an Invitation to Bid, a Request for Proposal, or any other solicitation of an intention to cancel any such invitation, request, or solicitation if all bids exceed the anticipated expenditure.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2490 Study; Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; small business set-asides; report.** Directs the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to study small business set-asides and their effectiveness in promoting the growth and economic development of small businesses through participation in government contracting. For purposes of the study, "small business" includes women-owned and minority-owned businesses.
Patron - Henson

F **HB2498 Virginia Gaming Commission; established.** Establishes the Virginia Gaming Commission as an independent agency of the Commonwealth, exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government, to oversee and regulate all forms of legal gambling in the Commonwealth except for the state lottery. The bill sets eligibility requirements for the appointment of a Commissioner and Virginia Gaming Commission Board members, provides powers and duties of such Commissioner and Board members, and provides for the transfer of current employees of relevant state agencies to the Commission. The bill contains numerous technical amendments.
Patron - Krizek

F **HB2522 Department of Veterans Services; powers and duties of Commissioner; identification of incarcerated veterans.** Provides that the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services shall utilize, in consultation with the Department of Corrections, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Re-Entry Search Services system to identify veterans incarcerated in state, local, or community correctional facilities to prepare such veterans for release and reentry, reduce recidivism and homelessness, provide behavioral health resources, and refer eligible veterans to behavioral health dockets. This bill was incorporated into HB 2071.
Patron - Fowler

F **HB2556 Department of Law; Address Confidentiality Program; removal of Program participant; penalty.** Permits the Office of the Attorney General to cancel a participant's certification in the Address Confidentiality Program if such Program participant (i) has reached the age of 18, is not incapacitated, and did not submit recertification for participation in the Program within 60 days of his eighteenth birthday or (ii) initiates any legal action against the Office of the Attorney General. The bill clarifies that participation in the Program shall not affect custody or visitation orders in effect prior to or during Program participation. Finally, the bill penalizes any individual who knowingly discloses or publishes a Program participant's confidential address or any other confidential information with intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass such Program participant or any other person.
Patron - Batten

F **HB2572 Department of Human Resource Management; direct experience recruitment policy.** Requires the Department of Human Resource Management to develop a statewide direct experience recruitment policy designed to provide guidance to state agencies on how to remove postsecondary degree requirements from hiring considerations, defined in the bill. The bill prohibits state agencies from rejecting applicants for job positions solely on the basis of the applicant lacking a postsecondary degree unless the agency substantiates in the job posting and to the Department the necessity of including a postsecondary degree as a baseline requirement, defined in the bill. Finally, the bill requires each state agency to provide a detailed quarterly report to the Department regarding the baseline requirements of its job postings.
Patron - Leftwich

F **HB2588 Virginia Public Procurement Act; discrimination prohibited; military spouse-owned businesses.** Prohibits a public body from discriminating against military spouse-owned businesses, as defined in the bill, in the solicitation or awarding of contracts. The bill further requires public bodies to facilitate the participation of military spouse-owned businesses in procurement transactions.
Patron - Cordoza

F **HB2591 Information and communications technology and services; transactions with foreign adversaries.** Requires the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency to establish and maintain a list of prohibited information and communications technology and services that (i) are designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of a foreign adversary and (ii) have been determined to pose an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of the United States. The bill specifies that the list shall include any information and communications technology and services determined by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Federal Communications Commission, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, or any other appropriate federal agency to pose an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of the United States pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 13873 on Securing the Information and Communications Technology and Services Supply Chain and any related regulations or official guidance.
The bill prohibits any public body or person conducting business in the Commonwealth from acquiring, importing, transferring, installing, dealing in, or using any information and communications technology and services included on the list established and maintained by the CIO unless (i) (a) such transaction was initiated, is pending, or will be completed after July 1, 2025, or (b) the public body received a waiver from the CIO and (ii) such transaction is not otherwise prohibited by law. The bill also allows the Superintendent of State Police, in consultation with the CIO, to grant an exception to the prohibition on such transactions by public bodies for the purpose of allowing any employee, agent, person, or entity to participate in any law-enforcement-related matters
Patron - Freitas

F **HB2702 State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act; contracts; nonexclusive towing service programs.** Provides that a contract, for purposes of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, does not include a contract for nonexclusive towing service programs regulated pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the governing body of a locality to regulate towing services rendered pursuant to police towing requests by any business engaged in

the towing or storage of unattended, abandoned, or immobile vehicles.
Patron - Cherry

F **HB2741 Virginia Public Procurement Act; local public bodies; bids for small purchases.** Requires local public bodies to issue an invitation to bid for all goods and services over $500,000. The bill provides that a civil action may be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce any violation of such requirement and permits such court to impose a penalty of up to two times the amount of the total cost of the bid at issue.
Patron - Marshall

F **HB2747 Regulating electronic gaming devices, licensees, taxation, placement and compliance; penalties.**
Patron - Feggans

F **HB2761 State employee leave; attending health care with certain veterans.** Allows a state employee to take up to 24 hours of paid leave per month in any calendar year to attend medical appointments or procedures at a Veterans Affairs hospital, center, or other facility or installation with an eligible parent who is a veteran and has a serious health condition, as those terms are defined in the bill. Prior to taking such leave, a state employee must demonstrate that he is eligible to take leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act for such purpose and must provide sufficient documentation of the medical appointment. The bill directs the Department of Human Resource Management to develop personnel policies providing for the use of such leave.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2776 Virginia Public Procurement Act; prohibition on boycotting Israel.**
Patron - Kilgore

F **SB766 Museum of the Virginia National Guard established.** Establishes the Museum of the Virginia National Guard as a state agency and educational institution for the dissemination of education concerning the history of the Virginia National Guard. The bill provides that the Museum is governed by a 15-member board of trustees and establishes the duties of such Board.
Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB833 Operation of the City of Hampton local health department.** Requires the City of Hampton to enter into a contract with the Department of Health for the local administration of local health services. Currently, the local department of health is operated as a joint venture between the state and local governments.

Patron - Locke

F **SB876 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; notice of public meetings; proposed agenda required.** Requires public bodies subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to include a proposed agenda and any subsequent revisions to be posted on the public body's official public government website, if any, and made available to the public prior to the meeting. The bill provides that any items added to the agenda after the meeting commences may be considered and discussed at the meeting, but final action shall not be taken on such an item unless the matter is time-sensitive.
Patron - Ebbin

F **SB1026 Authority of Attorney General; criminal cases; criminal sexual assault and commercial sex trafficking committed against children.** Authorizes the Attorney General to institute or conduct criminal prosecutions in cases involving a violation of criminal sexual assault or commercial sex trafficking when such crimes are committed against children.
Patron - Diggs

F **SB1029 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; procedure for responding to requests; charges; posting of notice of rights and responsibilities.** Limits the fees charged for producing public records to the median hourly rate of pay of employees of the public body or the actual hourly rate of pay of the person performing the work, whichever is less, and provides that a public body may petition a court for relief from this fee limit if there is no one who can process the request at the median hourly rate of pay or less. The bill makes corresponding amendments to the required statement on charges in the notice of rights and responsibilities that must be posted on a public body's website. The bill also amends existing law providing that a public body may petition a court for additional time to respond to a request for public records to allow such petitions to be heard in either general district or circuit court, to give such petitions priority on the court's docket, and to toll the response time while such a petition is pending before a court. The bill makes technical amendments, including moving provisions regarding charges for the production of public records into a separate section of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
Patron - Roem

F **SB1062 Department of Human Resource Management; State Government Internship Coordinator.** Requires the Department of Human Resource Management to establish and employ a State Government Internship Coordinator to attract high quality interns to the service of the Commonwealth with the goal of developing such interns to serve the Commonwealth as employees upon the conclusion of the internship and the intern's education. The bill also requires the Department to establish and administer a system to provide professional development opportunities for state agency interns, intern supervisors, and human resources staff.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1092 Department of Law; Address Confidentiality Program; removal of Program participant; penalty.** Permits the Office of the Attorney General to cancel a participant's certification in the Address Confidentiality Program if such Program participant has reached the age of 18, is not incapacitated, and did not submit recertification for participation in the Program within 60 days of his eighteenth birthday. The bill penalizes any individual who knowingly discloses or publishes a Program participant's confidential address or any other confidential information with intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass such Program participant or any other person.
Patron - Jordan

F **SB1139 Virginia Workforce Housing Assistance Program; report.** Establishes the Virginia Workforce Housing Assistance Program to provide grants to eligible employers, defined in the bill, that set up housing down payment assistance programs for employees in amounts equal to the lesser of 15 percent of housing down payment assistance expenses incurred by an eligible employer during the fiscal year or $50,000. The bill specifies that an eligible employer may only receive grants in the aggregate of up to $150,000 across all fiscal years or $250,000 for housing down payment assistance expenses incurred for employees in certain fiscally stressed localities. The bill provides that the Program be administered by the Department of Housing and

Community Development in coordination with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.
Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB1180 Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; powers and duties.** Requires the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to ensure that all workforce development programs and workforce education and training programs (i) address an industry need identified on a high-demand occupation or field list created by the Department and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development and Advancement and (ii) include a job placement component in their implementation and operating plans. Publicly funded workforce development and workforce education and training programs may apply for an exemption from such requirements, and the Commissioner shall approve or disapprove such application within 45 days of receipt.
Patron - Hackworth

F **SB1214 High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies; work group; report.** Creates requirements for the development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems, as defined in the bill, by state public bodies. The bill also directs the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth (CIO) to develop, publish, and maintain policies and procedures concerning the development, procurement, implementation, utilization, and ongoing assessment of systems that employ high-risk artificial intelligence systems that are consistent with such requirements created by the bill. The bill directs the CIO to convene a work group to examine the impact on and the ability of local governments to comply with the requirements of the bill. The substantive requirements of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.
Patron - Aird

F **SB1287 Virginia Gaming Commission; established.** Establishes the Virginia Gaming Commission as an independent agency of the Commonwealth, exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government, to oversee and regulate all forms of legal gambling in the Commonwealth except for the state lottery. The bill sets eligibility requirements for the appointment of a Commissioner and Virginia Gaming Commission Board members, provides powers and duties of such Commissioner and Board members, and provides for the transfer of current employees of relevant state agencies to the Commission. The bill contains numerous technical amendments.
Patron - Reeves

F **SB1349 State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; deadline for annual filing of disclosure statements; deadline for public disclosure.** Changes the filing deadline for statements of economic interests and financial disclosure statements from February 1 to December 15. The bill requires the forms to be made public within 30 days of the filing deadline; currently, this is required within six weeks of the filing deadline.
Patron - Srinivasan

F **SB1357 State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; definition of "personal interest in a transaction."** Provides that a personal interest in a transaction exists, for purposes of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act and the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act, when a subject of a transaction is the spouse of the officer, employee, or legislator, regardless of whether a financial benefit or liability is accrued by the spouse as the result of such transaction. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council.
Patron - Ebbin

F **SB1375 Study; Division of Purchases and Supply; development of dynamic stockpile strategy; report.** Directs the Division of Purchases and Supply, in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management, to study and recommend a dynamic stockpile strategy for use in times of emergencies. The bill directs the Division to complete its work and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Suetterlein

F **SB1387 Chief Information Officer and the Virginia Information Technologies Agency; development of an emergency resource management system for the Commonwealth.** Directs the Chief Information Officer and the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, in cooperation with the Department of Emergency Management, to develop an emergency resource management system for use by the Commonwealth during a declared state of emergency. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Favola

F **SB1399 Lobbyist registration; definition of "lobbyist"; representatives of public institutions of higher education.** Amends the definition of "lobbyist" to include individuals who represent public institutions of higher education for the purpose of lobbying.
Patron - Stanley

F **SB1427 Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education; members.** Expands from 31 to 32 the minimum number of members of the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education by adding one representative of the Department of Veterans Services to the nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission. This bill was incorporated into SB 1391.
Patron - Carroll Foy

F **SB1471 Department of Veterans Services; powers and duties of Commissioner; online portal.** Provides that the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services shall develop and maintain an online portal to connect veterans, members of the Virginia National Guard, Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves who qualify for veteran status, and their immediate family members to available resources, programs, and services in the Commonwealth and provide a means to submit electronic applications for such resources, programs, and services.
Patron - Deeds

F **SB1487 Governor; protecting the resiliency of the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure.** Directs the Governor to establish two committees, the Critical Infrastructure Committee and the Resilient Energy Committee, consisting of security professionals, energy experts, utility representatives, and scientists, for the purpose of assessing Virginia's critical infrastructure and making recommendations for the protection of such infrastructure from all hazards.
Patron - Cifers

Agriculture, Animal Care, and Food

Passed

P **HB1798** **Agricultural commodity boards; Agricultural Council; appointment and membership terms; production areas.** Amends various provisions relating to the appointment, terms, and quorums of agricultural commodity boards, including the Cotton Board, Egg Board, and Tobacco Board. The bill eliminates the Pork Industry Board and amends membership terms for the Agricultural Council so that (i) each term is for four years and (ii) no member other than an ex officio member is eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two additional consecutive terms after the term of such vacancy that such person was appointed to fill has expired. The bill also amends the production areas for the purposes of membership appointment procedures for the Cotton Board and the Tobacco Board. This bill is identical to SB 890.

Patron - Helmer

P **HB1837** **Dealers in agricultural produce.** Repeals provisions relating to the licensing requirements of any person who buys, sells, solicits for sale, processes for sale or resale, resells, exchanges, negotiates, purchases, or contracts for processing or transfers any fruits and vegetables of a producer of such produce in Virginia. The bill maintains the exclusion of such person under the commission merchant licensing requirements if such person holds a license under the federal Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. The bill also makes technical changes to references to agricultural produce as a result of the repeal.

Patron - Bloxom

P **HB1844** **Baby Food Protection Act; testing and labeling requirements for toxic heavy metals.** Prohibits a person from selling, distributing, or offering for sale a baby food product that contains certain toxic heavy metals that exceed the limits established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The bill requires a manufacturer of a baby food product to meet certain testing requirements and include certain information related to toxic heavy metals on the manufacturer's website and on the baby food product. The bill requires a consumer to report a baby food product to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services if the consumer reasonably believes that the baby food is being sold in the Commonwealth with toxic heavy metals that exceed the limits established by the FDA. The foregoing provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. The bill also directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to convene a work group to study and make recommendations on the current enforcement of laws related to the presence of toxic heavy metals in baby food products and any further action needed to address the issue of toxic heavy metals in baby food products. The bill requires the work group to report on its findings and recommendations by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Maldonado

P **HB1941** **Invasive plant species; retail sales.** Requires, for the retail sale of certain invasive plant species for outdoor use, a retail establishment to post in a conspicuous manner on the property located in proximity to each invasive plant signage identifying such plant as invasive, educating consumers regarding invasive plant species, and encouraging consumers to ask about alternatives. The bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to designate the format, size, and content of such signage no later than October 1, 2025, and requires the Commissioner to issue a stop sale order and mark or tag a plant in a conspicuous manner when an invasive plant is for sale at a retail establishment without appropriate signage. In such case, the bill requires the Commissioner to give written notice of a finding made to the owner, tenant, or person in charge of such retail establishment and requires the stop sale order issued to remain in effect until the required signage is posted. Certain provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027. This bill is identical to SB 1166.

Patron - Seibold

P **HB2303** **State Veterinarian; large animal veterinary grant program; report.** Directs the State Veterinarian to establish a large animal veterinary grant program no later than July 1, 2026, to provide grants to increase or stabilize the number of large animal veterinarians, as defined in the bill, practicing in areas of the Commonwealth that have been identified by the State Veterinarian as having a shortage of such veterinarians. The bill directs the State Veterinarian to annually select from a pool of applicants no more than four large animal veterinarians to participate in the program and to develop, in consultation with the Board of Veterinary Medicine and relevant stakeholders, selection criteria for applicants to participate in the program. The bill also requires the State Veterinarian to submit a report evaluating the extent to which the program has helped to address the shortage of large animal veterinarians in the Commonwealth to the Board and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources no later than July 1, 2030. This bill is identical to SB 921.

Patron - Lopez

P **HB2313** **Grooming and boarding establishments; inspections by animal control officers.** Allows an animal control officer to inspect a grooming or boarding establishment that is not regulated by the Board of Veterinary Medicine with the consent of the owner or person in charge or pursuant to a warrant upon a receipt of a complaint or twice annually upon their own motion to ensure compliance with state animal care laws and regulations. The bill requires an animal control officer, a law-enforcement officer, or the State Veterinarian to obtain the consent of the owner or person in charge of any business premises of any dealer, pet shop, groomer, or boarding establishment to investigate allegations of a complaint of a suspected violation of state or local animal care laws. Current law does not require such consent to investigate allegations of a complaint. The bill allows an animal control officer to search a building or place pursuant to a warrant after making a sworn statement regarding any potential violations of the cruelty to animals laws. Current law only allows a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or police officer to conduct such a search. The bill also directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, convene a work group to consider whether to propose a state license and other regulatory requirements for animal boarding establishments similar to the current licensing requirements for animal shelters and submit its report of such findings and recommendations by December 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 1051. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Lopez

P **SB890 Agricultural commodity boards; Agricultural Council; appointment and membership terms; production areas.** Amends various provisions relating to the appointment, terms, and quorums of agricultural commodity boards, including the Cotton Board, Egg Board, and Tobacco Board. The bill eliminates the Pork Industry Board and amends membership terms for the Agricultural Council so that (i) each term is for four years and (ii) no member other than an ex officio member is eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two additional consecutive terms after the term of such vacancy that such person was appointed to fill has expired. The bill also amends the production areas for the purposes of membership appointment procedures for the Cotton Board and the Tobacco Board. This bill is identical to HB 1798.
Patron - Perry

P **SB903 Sale and procurement of dogs by pet shops; pet shop regulations.** Requires a pet shop, upon taking custody of a dog, or any representative of a pet shop upon taking custody of a dog on behalf of the pet shop, to make a record of the matter containing certain information relating to the custody of the dog. The bill requires the pet shop to maintain such records for at least two years and make them available to the State Veterinarian at the time of inspection or upon request. The bill requires the pet shop make a summary of such records available to the State Veterinarian during inspection or upon request. The bill also directs the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to include in its regulations governing the keeping of dogs and cats by a pet shop a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 per violation for each finding in a given inspection of a pet shop upon communication to the pet shop, provided that the cumulative civil penalty does not exceed $5,000. The bill requires the civil penalty to be recovered in a civil action brought by the Attorney General in the name of the Commonwealth and paid into a special fund in the state treasury to the credit of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Stanley

P **SB907 Animal testing facility operated by a state agency; nonhuman primates.** Requires any animal testing facility operated by a state agency that no longer has need for a nonhuman primate, as defined in the bill, in its possession to consider options for and determine the appropriate care and treatment of such nonhuman primate in consultation with the facility's attending veterinarian, which options shall include offering for release such nonhuman primate to a certified sanctuary, defined in the bill. The bill allows an animal testing facility to enter into an agreement with the certified sanctuary to implement the release of such nonhuman primate.
Patron - Stanley

P **SB921 State Veterinarian; large animal veterinary grant program; report.** Directs the State Veterinarian to establish a large animal veterinary grant program no later than July 1, 2026, to provide grants to increase or stabilize the number of large animal veterinarians, as defined in the bill, practicing in areas of the Commonwealth that have been identified by the State Veterinarian as having a shortage of such veterinarians. The bill directs the State Veterinarian to annually select from a pool of applicants no more than four large animal veterinarians to participate in the program and to develop, in consultation with the Board of Veterinary Medicine and relevant stakeholders, selection criteria for applicants to participate in the program. The bill also requires the State Veterinarian to submit a report evaluating the extent to which the program has helped to address the shortage of large animal veterinarians in the Commonwealth to the Board and the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources no later than July 1, 2030. This bill is identical to HB 2303.
Patron - Hackworth

P **SB1000 Compensation for livestock and poultry killed by dogs.** Increases the fair market value compensation amounts for livestock and poultry killed or injured by dogs from $750 to $1,000 per animal and from $10 to $25 per fowl.
Patron - Stuart

P **SB1051 Grooming and boarding establishments; inspections by animal control officers.** Allows an animal control officer to inspect a grooming or boarding establishment that is not regulated by the Board of Veterinary Medicine with the consent of the owner or person in charge or pursuant to a warrant upon a receipt of a complaint or twice annually upon their own motion to ensure compliance with state animal care laws and regulations. The bill requires an animal control officer, a law-enforcement officer, or the State Veterinarian to obtain the consent of the owner or person in charge of any business premises of any dealer, pet shop, groomer, or boarding establishment to investigate allegations of a complaint of a suspected violation of state or local animal care laws. Current law does not require such consent to investigate allegations of a complaint. The bill allows an animal control officer to search a building or place pursuant to a warrant after making a sworn statement regarding any potential violations of the cruelty to animals laws. Current law only allows a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or police officer to conduct such a search. The bill also directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, convene a work group to consider whether to propose a state license and other regulatory requirements for animal boarding establishments similar to the current licensing requirements for animal shelters and submit its report of such findings and recommendations by December 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2313. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1127 Animal testing facilities; public notification.** Requires any animal testing facility to (i) within 30 days of receiving a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspection report, make such inspection report publicly available along with any other relevant USDA final incident reports and relevant documents generated during or as a result of internal or external reviews and (ii) within 30 days of receiving any USDA official warning notice of alleged violation, settlement agreement or stipulation, administrative complaint, decision or order, or any other enforcement record, make such documents publicly available. Current law requires any animal testing facility, within 30 days of receiving an inspection report, to make such inspection report publicly available along with any other relevant USDA incident reports and relevant documents generated from internal reviews. The bill also allows an animal testing facility to redact information contained within such documents in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1166 Invasive plant species; retail sales.** Requires, for the retail sale of certain invasive plant species for outdoor use, a retail establishment to post in a conspicuous

manner on the property located in proximity to each invasive plant signage identifying such plant as invasive, educating consumers regarding invasive plant species, and encouraging consumers to ask about alternatives. The bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to designate the format, size, and content of such signage no later than October 1, 2025, and requires the Commissioner to issue a stop sale order and mark or tag a plant in a conspicuous manner when an invasive plant is for sale at a retail establishment without appropriate signage. In such case, the bill requires the Commissioner to give written notice of a finding made to the owner, tenant, or person in charge of such retail establishment and requires the stop sale order issued to remain in effect until the required signage is posted. Certain provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027. This bill is identical to HB 1941.
Patron - Salim

Failed

F **HB1580** **Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund; Tobacco Region Revolving Fund; eligible localities; Planning District 4.** Adds Planning District 4 (New River Valley Region) to a group of localities that is eligible to receive funds from the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund and the Virginia Tobacco Region Revolving Fund.
Patron - Ballard

F **HB1768** **Possession, sale, transfer, or breeding of nonhuman primates prohibited; penalties.** Prohibits the possession, sale, transfer, or breeding of nonhuman primates and controls the ownership of such primates already in the Commonwealth. The bill exempts from the prohibition certain institutions, qualified transporters passing through the Commonwealth, those in possession of a state or federal exhibitor's license, and those in lawful possession of a nonhuman primate prior to July 1, 2026, subject to certain conditions. The bill also provides a procedure for the seizure of a primate in certain circumstances. Any violation of the provisions of the bill is a Class 1 misdemeanor or, for a willful act or omission in the care, control, or containment of a nonhuman primate, a Class 6 felony.
Patron - Martinez

F **HB1814** **Animal Cruelty Conviction List established.** Requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish no later than January 1, 2028, and to maintain an Animal Cruelty Conviction List (List) and to make the List publicly available on the Department of State Police's website. The bill specifies that the List include the names of persons convicted of certain felony animal cruelty offenses on or after July 1, 2025. The bill requires persons convicted of any such offense to pay a fee of $50 per conviction to fund the maintenance of the List. The bill also requires the Department to remove a person's name and information from the List 15 years after its listing if he has no additional felony conviction for any such offense.
Patron - Campbell

F **HB2379** **Dangerous dogs; criteria for adjudication.** Allows a court to find an animal is a dangerous dog if the threat, injury, or damage was sustained by a person who was willfully trespassing or if at the time of the acts complained of the animal was protecting its kennel, its offspring, or its owner's property. The bill retains the restriction on a court from finding an animal is dangerous if such animal was responding to pain or injury to itself, its owner, or another person but requires the other person to be in the animal's presence.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2409** **Right to farm; minimum area requirements; animal husbandry practices.** Changes the standards under the Right to Farm Act allowing a locality to adopt minimum area requirements for land on which any agriculture activity occurs by restricting a locality from adopting minimum area requirements for agricultural operations involving an animal inconsistent with and more restrictive than standard animal husbandry practices.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2512** **Department of Conservation and Recreation; Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; work group to examine use of Johnsongrass in the Commonwealth.** Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation (the Department), in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to convene a work group to examine measures to reduce, mitigate, and eliminate the continued sale and use of Johnsongrass in the Commonwealth. The bill requires such work group to (i) conduct a risk assessment on the use of such plant to evaluate its effect on crops, livestock, public health, and the environment; (ii) identify measures to support education and outreach to reduce the use of such plant and promote the use of noninvasive or native species as a substitute; and (iii) make recommendations regarding potential statutory and regulatory changes relating to the use of such plant, including the creation of guidance documents from relevant agencies. The bill requires the Department to report its findings and any recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by December 1, 2026.
Patron - Taylor

F **HB2622** **Notification by individuals finding companion animals; civil penalty.** Increases from $50 to $500 the civil penalty for violating provisions requiring an individual who finds a companion animal and (i) provides care or safekeeping or (ii) retains the companion animal in such a manner as to control its activities to notify the owner of such companion animal and a public animal shelter that serves the locality where such companion animal was found and provide adequate care of such companion animal.
Patron - Fowler

F **HB2633** **Misbranded food; manufactured-protein food products.** Provides that a food is misbranded if it purports to be or is represented as a meat food product and such food product (i) bears or contains a manufactured-protein food product, as defined in the bill; (ii) is offered for sale; and (iii) has a label that is part of or placed on the food product package or other container storing such product that identifies the food as a meat food product, unless such label bears a conspicuous and prominent qualifying term and is in close proximity to an identifying meat term, as such terms are defined in the bill. The bill exempts a meat food product that the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services determines contains a trace amount of a manufactured-protein food product.
Patron - Wilt

F **HB2710** **Uniform labeling requirements for certain food packaging.** Prohibits the use of a sell-by date on a label affixed to a food product that is manufactured on or after July 1, 2026. The bill instead requires a person selling or offering for sale such food product to use on the outside

packaging or container of such food product the phrase "Best if Used by," "Best if Used or Frozen by," "Use by," or "Use by or Freeze by" or its associated abbreviations, as provided in the bill. The bill exempts from its provisions infant formula, eggs, including pasteurized in-shell eggs, beer or other malt beverages, certain shellfish, and any food that is required by law or regulation to bear a label indicating a date or time such food must be consumed, sold, or discarded. The bill maintains a person's discretion to use a quality date or safety date that is not otherwise required by law; however, the bill requires use of the specified label if a person chooses to include such a label on the food product. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Lopez

F **HB2775** **Definition of hemp product; Revitalize Hemp Act.**
Patron - Convirs-Fowler

F **SB911** **Aerial pesticide application; Virginia Pollinator Protection Strategy; civil penalty.** Requires any commercial or private pesticide applicator performing an aerial pesticide application, as defined in the bill, to submit certain relevant information to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and to certain beekeepers located within a five-mile radius no less than five days prior to such application. The bill provides that any commercial applicator or private applicator who violates the provisions of the bill is subject to a civil penalty of $500 for a first offense and $2,500 for each additional offense. The bill requires the Department to post and maintain on its website certain information related to aerial pesticide applications and allows any aggrieved person to institute a proceeding for injunction or mandamus against any person or agency that has engaged, is engaged, or is about to engage in any acts or practices in violation of the provisions of the bill. The bill also requires the Virginia Pollinator Protection Strategy plan to support awareness among beekeepers and the general public of proposed aerial pesticide applications submitted to the Department and posted on its website.
Patron - Stanley

F **SB916** **Sale of dogs and cats by pet shops; consumer education; work group; report.** Directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (the Department) to convene a work group to analyze and evaluate currently collected data on the sale of dogs and cats by pet shops to identify what information a pet shop shall make available to a prospective dog or cat owner. The bill requires the work group to include representatives from animal welfare organizations, pet shops that sell dogs and cats, and any other relevant stakeholders the Department deems appropriate. The bill requires the Department to submit a report on the work group's findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources no later than November 1, 2025.
Patron - Salim

F **SB1151** **Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Insurance Premium Assistance Program and Fund established.** Directs the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish and administer the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Insurance Premium Assistance Program. The bill allows any person to participate in the Program if such person (i) owns livestock that graze in the Commonwealth, (ii) is enrolled in the federal Rainfall Index Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage insurance program (PRF insurance) and provided proof of payment of his annual premium, and (iii) certifies to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that, within the past three years and in accordance with the general sampling recommendations from Virginia Cooperative Extension for the land enrolled in PRF insurance, soil samples have been taken from the land enrolled in PRF insurance and analyzed. The bill allows the Commissioner to request documentation of such soil sampling from a Program participant who receives reimbursement through the Program and requires the person to repay such reimbursement to the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Insurance Premium Assistance Program Fund if the person fails to provide the requested documentation. The bill allows the Department to reimburse 50 percent, up to a maximum of $500, of the Program participant's annual premium payment. The bill specifies that such reimbursement shall be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and shall be subject to availability of funds. Finally, the bill creates the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Insurance Premium Assistance Program Fund to be used for carrying out the provisions of the bill. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2030.
Patron - French

F **SB1481** **Animal testing facilities operated by public institutions of higher education; report.** Requires each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth that operates an animal testing facility to publish an annual report that includes specific information about such institution's animal testing operations. The bill requires each such institution to submit the annual report to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, which shall make it publicly available on its website.
Patron - Stanley

F **SB1483** **Regulated hemp product retail facility registration; fee.** Changes the requirement that a regulated hemp product retail facility registration be required for each location that offers for sale or sells at retail regulated hemp products to instead require such registration for the primary location that offers for sale or sells such products. The bill also requires an applicant for a regulated hemp product retail facility registration to notify the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services no less than 14 days in advance of any additional temporary event locations, including fairs, festivals, or farmers markets, at which such facility intends to offer for sale or sell at retail (i) a regulated hemp product or (ii) a substance intended for human consumption, orally or by inhalation, that is advertised or labeled as containing an industrial hemp-derived cannabinoid. However, the bill provides that no such product or substance that contains tetrahydrocannabinol may be sold at any such temporary event location.
Patron - Boysko

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Control

Passed

P **HB1703** **Alcoholic beverage control; tied house exceptions.** Removes certain provisions of the exceptions to the tied house limitations that state a manufacturer, bottler, importer, broker, or wholesaler cannot require, by agreement or otherwise, a retailer to exclude from sale at his establishment alcoholic beverages of other manufacturers, bottlers, importers, brokers, or wholesalers in order for the exception to apply. However, the bill retains the

general prohibition that no manufacturer, bottler, importer, broker, or wholesaler of alcoholic beverages shall make an agreement, or attempt to make an agreement, with a retail licensee pursuant to which any products sold by a competitor are excluded in whole or in part from the premises on which the retail licensee's business is conducted. This bill is identical to SB 834.
Patron - Bulova

P **HB1989 Medical cannabis program; product labels; delivery.** Changes the requirements for what is included on medical cannabis product labels affixed by pharmaceutical processors to include (i) the total milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol included in the edible cannabis product or topical cannabis product, both defined in the bill; (ii) the number of milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol in each serving of the edible cannabis product or topical cannabis product; and (iii) the total percentage of tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol included in the inhalable cannabis product, defined in the bill. Under current law, the product label of any medical cannabis product is required to include the total percentage and milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol included in the product and the number of milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol in each serving.
The bill also allows a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility to dispense or deliver cannabis products in person to a patient or such patient's registered agent, parent, or legal guardian at any residence, including a temporary residence, or business. However, the bill prohibits dispensing or delivering cannabis products to (a) any military base, child day center, school, or correctional facility; (b) the State Capitol; or (c) any public gathering places, including sporting events, festivals, fairs, races, concerts, and terminals of public transportation companies. The bill also specifies that all transportation or delivery of usable cannabis, botanical cannabis, cannabis oil, or cannabis products, whether by an employee or delivery agent, shall comply with all relevant laws and regulations and provides that the Board of Directors of the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority may suspend or revoke the privileges of any employee or delivery agent to transport or deliver such products for failure to comply. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Askew

P **HB1994 Alcoholic beverage control; requirements for restaurant retail licensees; provision of free potable water.** Requires persons licensed to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for on-premises consumption to ensure that free potable water is available upon request to customers who have placed an order, with some exceptions specified in the bill. The bill provides that any person determined to have violated such provisions shall be subject to a (i) written warning for a first offense and (ii) civil penalty for any second or subsequent offense that occurs within three years of the first offense. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Bennett-Parker

P **HB2033 Department of Criminal Justice Services; alcoholic beverage control retail licensees and employees; training on human trafficking.** Directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to develop an online course for the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to offer to retail licensees and their employees to train such licensees and employees to recognize and report instances of suspected human trafficking. The bill also requires the certified alcohol server or seller training that a retail licensee may offer its employees that allows a reduction in the length of any suspension or the amount of any civil penalty imposed for a license violation to include a course developed or approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services on recognizing and reporting instances of suspected human trafficking.
Patron - Simonds

P **HB2058 Alcoholic beverage control; delivery of mixed beverages; repeal.** Clarifies that under current law, mixed beverage restaurant and limited mixed beverage restaurant licensees may sell for off-premises consumption or deliver up to two mixed beverages per meal served, but shall in no event sell for off-premises consumption or deliver more than four mixed beverages at any one time. The bill also provides clarification as to where delivery of such mixed beverages may be made. The bill maintains alcoholic beverage control third-party delivery licenses by eliminating the repeal of such licenses that is set to go into effect July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 811.
Patron - Krizek

P **HB2485 Cannabis control; retail market; penalties.** Establishes a framework for the creation of a retail marijuana market in the Commonwealth, to be administered by the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority. The bill allows the Authority to begin issuing all marijuana licenses on September 1, 2025, but provides that no retail sales may occur prior to May 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 970. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Krizek

P **HJ497 Joint commission to oversee transition of the Commonwealth into a retail cannabis market established; report.** Establishes a joint commission to oversee the transition of the Commonwealth into a retail cannabis market. The joint commission shall expire on July 1, 2028.
Patron - Krizek

P **SB811 Alcoholic beverage control; delivery of mixed beverages; repeal.** Clarifies that under current law, mixed beverage restaurant and limited mixed beverage restaurant licensees may sell for off-premises consumption or deliver up to two mixed beverages per meal served, but shall in no event sell for off-premises consumption or deliver more than four mixed beverages at any one time. The bill also provides clarification as to where delivery of such mixed beverages may be made. The bill maintains alcoholic beverage control third-party delivery licenses by eliminating the repeal of such licenses that is set to go into effect July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2058.
Patron - Rouse

P **SB834 Alcoholic beverage control; tied house exceptions.** Removes certain provisions of the exceptions to the tied house limitations that state a manufacturer, bottler, importer, broker, or wholesaler cannot require, by agreement or otherwise, a retailer to exclude from sale at his establishment alcoholic beverages of other manufacturers, bottlers, importers, brokers, or wholesalers in order for the exception to apply. However, the bill retains the general prohibition that no manufacturer, bottler, importer, broker, or wholesaler of alcoholic beverages shall make an agreement, or attempt to make an agreement, with a retail licensee pursuant to which any products sold by a competitor are excluded in whole or in part from the premises on which the retail licensee's business is conducted. This bill is identical to HB 1703.
Patron - Favola

P **SB868 Alcoholic beverage control; mixed beverage licensees; prohibition on delivery to consumer of original bottle of alcoholic beverage; exception.** Adds an exception to the prohibition on mixed beverage licensees or any agent or employee of such licensees delivering to a

consumer an original bottle of an alcoholic beverage purchased under such license by allowing the delivery of the entire contents of an original container of spirits for on-premises or off-premises consumption provided that the (i) container is 16 ounces or less and (ii) alcohol content is no greater than 15 percent by volume.
Patron - Reeves

P **SB970** **Cannabis control; retail market; penalties.** Establishes a framework for the creation of a retail marijuana market in the Commonwealth, to be administered by the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority. The bill allows the Authority to begin issuing all marijuana licenses on September 1, 2025, but provides that no retail sales may occur prior to May 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2485. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Rouse

Failed

F **HB1655** **Alcoholic beverage control; limitation on manufacturers, bottlers, and wholesalers; restrictions on employment; exemptions.** Allows a manufacturer, bottler, or wholesaler to employ any person employed by a retail licensee and a retail licensee to employ any person employed by a manufacturer, bottler, or wholesaler, provided that (i) no person employed by a manufacturer is employed as a designated manager of a retail licensee or similar position in a retail licensee establishment and (ii) no retail licensee is required by agreement or otherwise to exclude from sale at his establishment alcoholic beverages of other manufacturers, bottlers, or wholesalers.
Patron - Helmer

F **HB1925** **Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority; police power; primary law-enforcement agency for certain larceny-related offenses.** Provides that special agents of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall serve as the primary law-enforcement agency for enforcing and investigating certain larceny and fraud-related crimes that occur in government stores.
Patron - Ward

F **HB1981** **Alcoholic beverage control; illegal advertising; exceptions; charitable sales promotion.** Allows a licensed distillery, winery, or brewery to advertise in or send any advertising matter into the Commonwealth about or concerning alcoholic beverages for the purposes of a charitable sales promotion to benefit (i) a charitable or civic organization, (ii) an organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (iii) any public or private elementary or secondary school or institution of higher education, regardless of whether such charitable sales promotion advertises that a percentage of each sale or per product sold will benefit such organization, school, or institution.
Patron - Helmer

F **HB2342** **Alcoholic beverage control; confectionery mixed beverage retail license.** Creates a confectionery mixed beverage retail license that authorizes the licensee to prepare and sell on the licensed premises for on-and-off premises consumption confectionery that contains five percent or less alcohol by volume. The bill provides that any alcohol contained in such confectionery shall not be in liquid form at the time of sale, unless such confectionery is a frozen dessert, as defined in the bill. The bill also sets the state and local license fee for such confectionery license and repeals the provisions of alcoholic beverage control law that created an off-premises wine and beer confectionery license.
Patron - Batten

F **HB2366** **Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and Secretary of Health and Human Resources; combat the sale of illicit cannabis products; work group; report.** Directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group to analyze the current efforts in the Commonwealth to combat the sale of illicit cannabis products and develop recommendations to enhance such enforcement efforts with a focus on protecting consumers and children from harmful, untested, and unregulated products. The bill requires the work group to complete its work and submit a report regarding its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations, on General Laws, and for Courts of Justice and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations, on General Laws and Technology, on Rehabilitation and Social Services, and for Courts of Justice by October 1, 2025.
Patron - Coyner

F **HB2589** **Nonprofit organizations supplying human trafficking informational materials to state entities for distribution.** Allows a nonprofit organization that has been granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to supply to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (the Authority) and the Department of Transportation (the Department) copies of informational materials about human trafficking at no cost, which may take the form of adhesive stickers. If any such nonprofit organization supplies such materials to the Authority, the bill requires the Authority to include a copy of the materials with the issuance and renewal of every on-premises retail license. If any such nonprofit organization supplies the Department with such materials, the bill requires the Department to make such materials available at all rest areas along Interstate System highways in the Commonwealth in a place readily visible and accessible to the public.
Patron - Cordoza

F **SB909** **Advertising alcoholic beverages, liquid nicotine, and nicotine vapor products; motor sports facility.** Provides an exception to the prohibition on advertising about or concerning alcoholic beverages for advertisements of any alcoholic beverage within the confines of a motor sports facility. Similarly, the bill provides that the requirement that any advertising or marketing of liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products in broadcast, cable, radio, print, and digital communications or any event marketing or sponsorships shall be made only where at least 85 percent of the audience is reasonably expected to be at least 21 years of age, as determined by reliable, up-to-date audience composition data, shall not apply to advertisements or marketing for liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products within the confines of a motor sports facility.
Patron - Stanley

F **SB1054** **Virginia Cannabis Control Authority; draft regulations governing cannabis; report.** Directs the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority to draft regulations governing the indoor cultivation, processing, manufacturing, testing, packaging, labeling, distribution, sale, and delivery of marijuana to adults age 21 or older in the Commonwealth, which shall (i) include appropriate application and license fees; (ii) include transaction limits; and (iii) model, to the greatest extent practicable, the regulations promulgated by the Authority governing the Medical Cannabis Program.

The bill requires the Authority to report such draft regulations to the General Assembly by November 15, 2025, and indicate the date by which it would be able to implement and enforce such regulations, issue licenses, provide adequate enforcement, and implement a transitional sales program for pharmaceutical processors. The bill specifies that any regulations drafted by the Authority pursuant to the provisions of the bill shall not become effective until such regulations are approved by an act of the General Assembly.

Patron - Ebbin

F **SB1163** **Alcoholic beverage control; food-to-beverage ratio.** Reduces the current 45 percent food-to-beverage ratio for certain mixed beverage licensees. The bill requires a mixed beverage restaurant, caterer's, or limited caterer's licensee with monthly food sales of at least $4,000 to have a food-to-beverage ratio that meets or exceeds 30 percent. The bill also requires that restaurants have at least as many seats at tables as at counters and prohibits mixed beverage licensees from serving mixed beverages once food is no longer being sold for on-premises consumption. The bill sunsets on July 1, 2027, and requires the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to collect data regarding the compliance of mixed beverage licensees with the provisions of the bill and the impact of the change to the food-to-beverage ratio on the gross amount of food consumed on a licensee's premises. The bill requires the Authority to report such data to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by November 1, 2026.

Patron - McDougle

F **SB1297** **Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority; police power; primary law-enforcement agency for certain crimes against property and involving fraud.** Provides that special agents of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall serve as the primary law-enforcement agency for enforcing, reporting, and investigating certain crimes against property and crimes involving fraud that occur on property owned or leased by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.

Patron - Craig

Aviation

Passed

P **HB2022** **Registration of aircraft; fees.** Increases fees for registrations of aircraft and creates multiyear registrations for aircraft for a period not to exceed three years. This bill is identical to SB 948.

Patron - Anthony

P **SB741** **Definition of public aircraft; sunset.** Extends from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2030, the sunset of changes made to the definition of "public aircraft" by the 2018 Session of the General Assembly. The sunset was previously extended from September 1, 2023, to July 1, 2025, by the 2022 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Locke

P **SB948** **Registration of aircraft; fees.** Increases fees for registrations of aircraft and creates multiyear registrations for aircraft for a period not to exceed three years. This bill is identical to HB 2022.

Patron - DeSteph

Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Passed

P **HB1877** **Barrier crimes; peer recovery specialists; screening requirements.** Modifies the barrier crimes screening assessment requirements for peer recovery specialists applying for employment with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, an employer licensed by the Department, or a community services board to require that such specialists have completed all prison or jail terms, been free of parole or probation for at least five years, have no pending charges in any locality, and not be under probation or parole supervision in order to be eligible for a screening assessment. Under current law, an applicant must also have paid all fines, restitution, and court costs for any prior convictions.

Patron - Callsen

P **HB1895** **Involuntary temporary detention orders; definition of "psychiatric emergency department."** Amends the definition of "psychiatric emergency department" as it relates to involuntary temporary detention orders to remove the requirement that a psychiatric emergency department be located adjacent to a facility licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and to add requirements that a psychiatric emergency department (i) be licensed by either the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or the Department of Health and (ii) provide that at least one physician who is primarily responsible for the emergency department be on duty and physically present at all times that the hospital is operating as an emergency service. This bill applies to hospitals with a psychiatric emergency department located in the City of Hampton for the purpose of employing certain trained individuals to perform evaluations to determine whether a person meets the criteria for temporary detention for behavioral health treatment and has an expiration date of July 1, 2026, and is identical to SB 1094.

Patron - Willett

P **HB1937** **Acute psychiatric bed registry; Bed Registry Advisory Council established; patient privacy and data security; Virginia Freedom of Information Act exemption.** Requires the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to include provisions for the protection of patient privacy and data security pursuant to state and federal law and regulations in contracts with private entities for the administration of the acute psychiatric bed registry. The bill requires the Commissioner to create the Bed Registry Advisory Council to advise the Commissioner and any such private entity on the administration of such registry and to review and approve requests for access to data from the registry. The bill also creates a Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exemption for information submitted to such registry. This bill is identical to SB 1439.

Patron - Hope

P **SB819** **Referrals to community-based outpatient stabilization programs for voluntary treatment.** Requires health care professionals and evaluators to consider whether a referral to a community-based outpatient stabilization program for voluntary treatment is appropriate

prior to a patient's release from an emergency custody order or a temporary detention order.
Patron - Favola

P **SB838 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; recovery residences; certification required; penalty; work group.** Changes the existing civil penalty for a violation of law related to the operation of recovery residences to a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill allows the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to issue provisional certification to certain recovery residences. The bill also directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group to (i) make recommendations related to oversight and transparency for recovery residences and (ii) develop credentialing guidelines for recovery residences. The bill directs the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SB1094 Involuntary temporary detention orders; definition of "psychiatric emergency department."** Amends the definition of "psychiatric emergency department" as it relates to involuntary temporary detention orders to remove the requirement that a psychiatric emergency department be located adjacent to a facility licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and to add requirements that a psychiatric emergency department (i) be licensed by either the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or the Department of Health and (ii) provide that at least one physician who is primarily responsible for the emergency department be on duty and physically present at all times that the hospital is operating as an emergency service. This bill applies to hospitals with a psychiatric emergency department located in the City of Hampton for the purpose of employing certain trained individuals to perform evaluations to determine whether a person meets the criteria for temporary detention for behavioral health treatment and has an expiration date of July 1, 2026, and is identical to HB 1895.
Patron - Jordan

P **SB1439 Acute psychiatric bed registry; Bed Registry Advisory Council established; patient privacy and data security; Virginia Freedom of Information Act exemption.** Requires the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to include provisions for the protection of patient privacy and data security pursuant to state and federal law and regulations in contracts with private entities for the administration of the acute psychiatric bed registry. The bill requires the Commissioner to create the Bed Registry Advisory Council to advise the Commissioner and any such private entity on the administration of such registry and to review and approve requests for access to data from the registry. The bill also creates a Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exemption for information submitted to such registry. This bill is identical to HB 1937.
Patron - Durant

Failed

F **HB1931 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; community services boards; Regional Older Adults Facility Team; central and eastern Virginia.** Directs community services boards located in Central and Eastern Virginia to establish a Regional Older Adults Facility Team to provide services to older adults with mental illness and dementia in each region modeled after the Regional Older Adults Facility Team program conducted by the Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office.
Patron - LeVere Bolling

F **HB2228 Special conservators of the peace; emergency and involuntary civil admissions.** Clarifies that the term "law-enforcement officer" as used in relevant law relating to emergency and involuntary civil admissions includes a special conservator of the peace authorized by an order of appointment pursuant to relevant law that states he is a "law-enforcement officer" for the purposes of laws related to emergency custody and involuntary temporary detention.
Patron - Cherry

F **HB2230 Emergency custody and involuntary admissions; transfer of custody to facility.** Permits the law-enforcement agency or alternative transportation provider providing a person subject to an emergency custody order transportation to a facility or location for the required evaluation to transfer custody of such person to such facility or location if it (i) agrees to accept custody of the person; (ii) is actually capable of providing the level of security necessary to protect the person and others from harm, including having appropriate security personnel; and (iii) in cases in which transportation is provided by a law-enforcement agency, has entered into an agreement or memorandum of understanding with the law-enforcement agency setting forth the terms and conditions under which it will (a) accept a transfer of custody and (b) request that the law-enforcement agency will return to the facility or location upon request to protect the person and others should the security needs of such facility or location be exceeded, provided, however, that the facility or location may not require the law-enforcement agency to pay any fees or costs for the transfer of custody.
Current law permits such transfer of custody if the facility or location (1) is licensed to provide the level of security necessary to protect both the person and others from harm, (2) is actually capable of providing the level of security necessary to protect the person and others from harm, and (3) in cases in which transportation is provided by a law-enforcement agency, has entered into an agreement or memorandum of understanding with the law-enforcement agency setting forth the terms and conditions under which it will accept a transfer of custody, provided, however, that the facility or location may not require the law-enforcement agency to pay any fees or costs for the transfer of custody.
Patron - Cherry

F **HB2344 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities; program extension.** Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to take all steps necessary to implement the federal extension option for the federal Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities to allow children four years of age or younger to receive services through such program.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2569 Virginia State Crime Commission; Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; persons with mental illness; petty crimes; study; report.** Directs the Virginia State Crime Commission, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, to conduct a study on the petty crimes that are most frequently committed by persons with mental illness. The bill requires the Commission to submit a report on its findings to the Chairs of the House Committees for Courts of Justice and on Health and Human Services and

the Senate Committees for Courts of Justice and on Education and Health by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Leftwich

F **HB2714** **Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; Department of Medical Assistance Services; developmental disability waivers; reallocation of unassigned and unused waiver slots.** Grants the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department) the authority to reallocate developmental disability waiver slots if such waiver slot is unassigned and unused for a 30-day period. The bill directs the Department and the Department of Medical Assistance Services to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill becomes effective when the Department of Medical Assistance Services obtains the necessary approvals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Wilt

Civil Remedies and Procedure

Passed

P **HB1586** **Claims; Michael Haas; compensation for wrongful inclusion on sex offender registry.** Provides that any person receiving an award for wrongful incarceration for a felony conviction on and after January 1, 2023, shall receive, in addition to the compensation for the wrongful incarceration, not less than $30,000 for each year or fraction thereof (i) of imprisonment after being sentenced to death or (ii) that such person was required to register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry after release from incarceration. Current law allows such additional compensation only for persons receiving an award for wrongful incarceration for a felony conviction on and after January 1, 2024.
The bill also grants relief in an amount to be appropriated to Michael Haas, who was wrongly convicted of forcible sodomy and, as a result of such wrongful conviction, required to wrongfully register on the sex offender registry.
Patron - Ware

P **HB1629** **Health care records; fees; certain requests by a patient or his attorney.** Requires that a health care provider provide one free copy of a patient's medical records per calendar year if requested by a patient or his attorney for the purposes of supporting a claim or appeal under certain provisions of the Social Security Act or any federal or state financial needs-based benefit program. The bill provides that any additional request for medical records in the same calendar year is subject to a reasonable fee.
Patron - Thomas

P **HB1636** **Civil immunity; health care professionals; professional programs related to career fatigue and wellness.** Expands civil immunity for persons who participate in professional programs related to career fatigue and wellness for health care professionals to include those who participate in programs for (i) any health care professionals licensed, registered, or certified by the Department of Health Professions or (ii) students enrolled in programs that are prerequisites to licensure, registration, or certification by the Department of Health Professions. Under current law, civil immunity extends only to persons participating in programs for (a) professionals licensed, registered, or certified by the Boards of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, or Pharmacy or (b) students enrolled in a school of dentistry, dental hygiene, medicine, osteopathic medicine, nursing, or pharmacy.
Patron - Hope

P **HB1730** **Civil actions; liability of employer for personal injury or death by wrongful act.** Provides that in an action for personal injury or death by wrongful act brought by a vulnerable victim, defined in the bill, against an employee, a finding that the employee's employer is vicariously liable for such employee's conduct shall be based on several factors, including the likelihood of the employee coming into contact with such vulnerable victim and the employer's failure to exercise reasonable care over the employee. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Delaney

P **HB1846** **Application for change of name; person required to register on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry; victim notification.** Requires the attorney for the Commonwealth to make a reasonable effort to notify the victim of an offense for which a person is required to register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry or such victim's immediate family member if such victim has died when such registrant applies for a change of name with the court. This bill is identical to SB 1157.
Patron - Arnold

P **HB1888** **Immunity of persons for tort actions based on statements made in connection with any formal review or hearing.** Adds to the tort actions for which an individual shall be immune pursuant to applicable law any tort action based solely on a statement made at or in connection with any formal review or hearing authorized by law, including a written or oral statement made pursuant to a report or complaint, that is not one of the public hearings enumerated in current law. Current law provides that an individual shall be immune for any tort action based solely on statements made at a public hearing before, or otherwise communicated to, the governing body of any locality or other political subdivision, or the boards, commissions, agencies, and authorities thereof, and other governing bodies of any local governmental entity concerning matters properly before such body. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Simon

P **HB1914** **Compensation for wrongful incarceration; compensation for certain intentional acts.** Provides that the instrumentality, political subdivision, or employee responsible for employing the individual who committed an intentional act shall compensate the wrongfully incarcerated individual. Under current law, additional compensation for intentional acts shall not become effective unless and until the wrongfully incarcerated person enters into an agreement with the instrumentality or political subdivision that committed or employed the individual committing the intentional acts to provide such compensation. In the event that the instrumentality or subdivision fails to compensate the individual, the bill authorizes the Governor to issue an order to the Comptroller to withhold all payments of appropriated funds to the instrumentality or political subdivision until such compensation has been paid. The bill also provides that any compensation an individual receives for wrongful registration with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry only applies to the years that the individual was registered after release from incarceration.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB2124** **Synthetic digital content; penalty; work group.** Expands the applicability of provisions related to defamation, slander, and libel to include synthetic digital

content, defined in the bill. The bill makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to use any synthetic digital content for the purpose of committing any criminal offense involving fraud, constituting a separate and distinct offense with punishment separate and apart from any punishment received for the commission of the primary criminal offense. The bill also authorizes the individual depicted in the synthetic digital content to bring a civil action against the person who violates such prohibition to recover actual damages, reasonable attorney fees, and such other relief as the court determines to be appropriate. The bill directs the Attorney General to convene a work group to study and make recommendations on the current enforcement of laws related to the use of synthetic digital content, including deepfakes, and any further action needed to address the issue of such use in fraudulent acts. The substantive provisions of the bill do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly and the provisions directing the Attorney General to convene a work group become effective in due course. This bill is identical to SB 1053.
Patron - Maldonado

P **HB2351 Civil litigation; suspension bonds and irrevocable letters of credit upon appeal.** Increases the cap currently in place for suspension bonds and irrevocable letters of credit for appellants during the pendency of an appeal of a civil action from $25 million to $200 million. The bill also requires, beginning April 1, 2028, and at each three-year interval ending on April 1 thereafter, this monetary cap to be adjusted to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Hernandez

P **HB2362 Sale of real estate for delinquent taxes; procedure; enforcement of liens; orders of publication.** Amends certain procedures relating to the sale of real estate to recover delinquent real estate taxes, including the enforcement of liens for taxes assessed upon real estate. The bill clarifies that any party or entity with an interest in the subject real estate, including a lienor, a person with a claim of title, or the beneficiary and trustees under a deed of trust, shall be named as party defendants in a proceeding for the sale of such real estate. The bill also makes the process by which notice by publication is given for a proceeding to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes consistent with other actions where notice by publication is authorized. This bill is a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.
Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2387 Death by wrongful act; suspension of limitations.** Provides that the statute of limitations for an action for death by wrongful act shall be tolled during the pendency of any criminal prosecution that arises out of the same facts as such action. The bill's provisions apply only to causes of action accruing on or after July 1, 2025. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.
Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2476 Public officers; death, resignation, or ceasing to hold office; automatic substitution.** Provides that certain provisions providing for the dismissal of an action where a party fails to make a motion for substitution of parties when such motion is necessary do not apply in actions where a public officer is a party in an official capacity, provided that the only claim in such action was made against such public officer in his official capacity, and such officer dies, resigns, or otherwise ceases to hold office while an action is pending. In any such instance, such public officer's successor shall be automatically substituted as a party. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.
Patron - Henson

P **HB2536 Exemption from jury service; clerk of circuit court; circuit court clerk deputies.** Automatically exempts the elected clerk of any circuit court and such clerk's deputies from serving on juries in civil and criminal cases.
Patron - Callsen

P **HB2636 Assignment of causes of action.** Provides that the limitations on assignable causes of action shall not prohibit any injured party or his estate from making a voluntary assignment of the proceeds or anticipated proceeds into a self-settled trust for which the injured party is the beneficiary, including self-settled trusts for the charitable purpose of one or more charitable organizations.
Patron - Webert

P **HB2678 Title of purchase; judicial sale; application to divorce proceedings.** Provides that when the title of a purchaser at a confirmed sale of property is made under a divorce decree, such sale shall not be disturbed unless within 12 months from such confirmation the sale is appealed within the time allowed pursuant to relevant law and the court orders such sale to be set aside.
Patron - Singh

P **HB2691 Claims; Keshawn Clarence Duffy; compensation for wrongful incarceration.** Grants relief in an amount to be appropriated to Keshawn Clarence Duffy, who was wrongly convicted of and subsequently incarcerated for two counts of forcible sodomy.
Patron - Seibold

P **SB892 Medical malpractice; certification of expert witness; written opinion.** Provides that at the time of service of process of every complaint, counter claim, third party claim, or warrant in debt in a medical malpractice action or every complaint, counter claim, or third party claim in an action for wrongful death against a health care provider, the plaintiff shall be deemed to have obtained a written opinion signed by an expert witness stating that the defendant in the action deviated from the applicable standard of care and the deviation was a proximate cause of the injuries claimed. The bill provides that a plaintiff may have separate certifications for standard of care and causation. The bill also requires a plaintiff to certify to the defendant upon whom service of process has been requested to certify within 21 days of the defendant's answer being filed that such plaintiff obtained the necessary expert opinion at the time service was requested or affirming that such plaintiff did not need to obtain a certifying expert witness opinion in accordance with relevant law.
Patron - Sturtevant

P **SB894 Civil actions; liability of employer for personal injury or death by wrongful act.** Provides that in an action for personal injury or death by wrongful act brought by a vulnerable victim, defined in the bill, against an employee, a finding that the employee's employer is vicariously liable for such employee's conduct shall be based on several factors, including the likelihood of the employee coming into contact with such vulnerable victim and the employer's failure to exercise reasonable care over the employee. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Perry

P **SB1053 Synthetic digital content; penalty; work group.** Expands the applicability of provisions related to

defamation, slander, and libel to include synthetic digital content, defined in the bill. The bill makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to use any synthetic digital content for the purpose of committing any criminal offense involving fraud, constituting a separate and distinct offense with punishment separate and apart from any punishment received for the commission of the primary criminal offense. The bill also authorizes the individual depicted in the synthetic digital content to bring a civil action against the person who violates such prohibition to recover actual damages, reasonable attorney fees, and such other relief as the court determines to be appropriate. The bill directs the Attorney General to convene a work group to study and make recommendations on the current enforcement of laws related to the use of synthetic digital content, including deepfakes, and any further action needed to address the issue of such use in fraudulent acts. The substantive provisions of the bill do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly and the provisions directing the Attorney General to convene a work group become effective in due course. This bill is identical to HB 2124.

Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1157** **Application for change of name; person required to register on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry; victim notification.** Requires the attorney for the Commonwealth to make a reasonable effort to notify the victim of an offense for which a person is required to register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry or such victim's immediate family member if such victim has died when such registrant applies for a change of name with the court. This bill is identical to HB 1846.

Patron - Obenshain

P **SB1277** **Minor witnesses; appointment of guardian ad litem in circuit court.** Authorizes a circuit court to appoint a discreet and competent attorney-at-law as guardian ad litem for a minor witness called to testify in a matter before the circuit court involving certain sex offenses. Under current law, a general district court may appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor witness called to testify in any proceeding and the circuit court may continue the appointment or appoint a new guardian ad litem for such matter on appeal.

Patron - Perry

P **SB1291** **General district courts; jurisdictional limits.** Increases from $25,000 to $50,000 the maximum civil jurisdictional limit of general district courts for all civil actions. Under current law, only civil actions for personal injury or wrongful death have a maximum jurisdictional limit of $50,000. This bill is a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.

Patron - Peake

Failed

F **HB1584** **Unlawful detainer actions; no rental agreement between owner and occupant; immediate execution of writ of possession.** Provides that, at an emergency hearing on a summons for unlawful detainer filed by an owner of a residential single family dwelling unit where there is no rental agreement between an owner and occupant, if the court enters judgment in favor of such owner, and a writ of possession is issued, the owner may request that the 72-hour waiting period for execution of such writ be waived and that the sheriff immediately execute such writ.

Patron - Ballard

F **HB1650** **Virginia Antiterrorism Act established; civil penalties.** Establishes the Virginia Antiterrorism Act. The bill creates a cause of action against an individual or entity that commits, conspires, aides, or abets an act of terrorism, defined in the bill, or provides direct or indirect material support, defined in the bill, for the commission of an act of terrorism if such conduct results in an injury or death to any person. The bill authorizes the Attorney General to (i) issue a civil investigative demand when he has reasonable cause to believe that any person has engaged in, is engaging in, or is about to engage in such commission of an act of terrorism or provision of material support for an act of terrorism and (ii) on behalf of the Commonwealth, enforce and recover civil penalties for conduct that would give rise to such cause of action.

Patron - Ballard

F **HB1748** **Wrongful death action; who may bring.** Allows an immediate family member of a deceased person, as defined in the bill, to bring a wrongful death action on behalf of the deceased. Under current law, such action may only be brought by the deceased person's personal representative.

Patron - Ennis

F **HB1816** **Commercial entity offering social media accounts; restricted hours for minors; civil liability.** Provides that no commercial entity that offers social media accounts, as defined in the bill, shall knowingly or intentionally allow a minor to access his social media account during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. unless the minor's parent, guardian, or legal custodian has provided permission for the minor to use such social media account during these hours. The bill provides that any commercial entity that violates these provisions shall be subject to civil liability for damages resulting from the interference with a minor's sleep cycle or mental health by allowing such minor to access to his social media account during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. and reasonable attorney fees and costs.

Patron - Campbell

F **HB2146** **Actions for medical malpractice; minors; gender transition procedures.** Provides a 20-year statute of limitations for any cause of action for personal injury or wrongful death accruing on or after July 1, 2025, on behalf of a person who was a minor at the time the cause of action accrued against a health care provider for medical malpractice wherein the act or omission giving rise to such cause of action occurred during a gender transition procedure, as defined in the bill, on such minor.

Patron - Zehr

F **HB2259** **Personal injury action against health care provider; certain defenses prohibited.** Prohibits a defendant health care provider from asserting a defense of medical malpractice in a civil action for personal injury arising out of such health care provider's act of criminal sexual assault.

Patron - Delaney

F **HB2385** **Motor vehicle accidents; actions brought by uninsured motorists; limited damages.** Places limits on the amount of recoverable damages in a motor vehicle accident resulting in personal injury or property damage when the person injured or whose property was damaged is an uninsured motorist. The bill provides that the limits do not apply if (i) the tortfeasor was driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, (ii) the tortfeasor failed to stop and report the injury of damage after such accident, or (iii) the injury or damage was a result of an intentional act taken by the

tortfeasor to injure the person or damage such person's property.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2462 Unauthorized use of name, portrait, voice, likeness, or picture of any person; digital replica; civil liability; statute of limitations.** Expands the existing ability for any person to maintain a suit in equity, including the accompanying remedies available, for the unauthorized use of his name, portrait, or picture for advertising purposes or for the purposes of trade to include the unauthorized use of his voice or likeness. The bill also creates civil liability for a person who produces, distributes, or makes available the digital replica, defined in the bill, of a person's voice or likeness in an expressive audiovisual work or sound recording without prior written consent, with exceptions enumerated in the bill. The bill also extends the current statute of limitations for such civil suits from 20 years to 100 years after the death of such person.
Patron - Glass

F **HB2492 Motor vehicle accidents; actions brought by uninsured motorists; limited damages.** Places limits on the amount of recoverable damages in a motor vehicle accident resulting in personal injury or property damage when the person injured or whose property was damaged is an uninsured motorist. The bill provides that the limits do not apply if (i) the tortfeasor was driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, (ii) the tortfeasor failed to stop and report the injury or damage after such accident, or (iii) the injury or damage was a result of an intentional act taken by the tortfeasor to injure the person or damage such person's property.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2566 Secretary of the Commonwealth; wage garnishment process; work group; report.** Directs the Secretary of the Commonwealth to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to review the current wage garnishment process and assess whether the garnishment of wages, salaries, commissions, or other earnings should be an enforcement mechanism utilized only for the collection of specific types of debts owed by a judgment debtor. The bill directs the work group to report its findings to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Leftwich

F **HB2568 Prohibited applications and websites; private civil action.** Prohibits TikTok, Inc. and ByteDance Ltd. from providing access to TikTok to any child within the Commonwealth and allows a child or the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian to bring an action against TikTok, Inc. or ByteDance Ltd. for providing such access. The bill provides that if a plaintiff prevails in such action, he may recover (i) damages of $75,000 for each discrete violation, (ii) other damages, and (iii) reasonable costs and attorney fees. The bill also allows a plaintiff to recover punitive damages if the defendant knowingly provided the child access. The bill provides that it shall be an affirmative defense that TikTok, Inc. or ByteDance Ltd. did not reasonably know or have reason to know of the provision of such access of TikTok to a child in the Commonwealth. The bill also specifies that such civil action shall not be brought by the Commonwealth, its agencies, its political subdivisions, an attorney for the Commonwealth, a city or county attorney, nor any officer or employee of the Commonwealth, its agencies, or its political subdivisions acting in his official capacity.
Patron - Leftwich

F **HB2623 Failure of Commonwealth or locality to communicate or cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; waiver of sovereign immunity.** Provides that when (i) the Commonwealth adopts any rule, regulation, or policy or passes any law or (ii) any locality adopts any ordinance, resolution, or motion that impedes the ability of law-enforcement officers, corrections officers, or jail officers to communicate or cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement about a person in the United States illegally, the Commonwealth or such locality waives sovereign immunity as it relates to any injuries or damages sustained by victims of crimes committed by such person.
Patron - Fowler

F **HB2632 Jurors; failure to return jury questionnaire.** Provides that the court may order any juror who has been issued a jury questionnaire and fails to return such questionnaire without good cause to appear in the office of the clerk to complete the questionnaire in a manner determined by such clerk.
Patron - Wilt

F **SB904 Medical malpractice; limitation on recovery; certain actions.** Eliminates the cap on the recovery in actions against health care providers for medical malpractice where the act or acts of malpractice occurred on or after July 1, 2025, and occurred against a patient age 10 or younger.
Patron - Stanley

F **SB1012 Motor vehicle collisions; collection of certain mobile telephone data; collision reports.** Requires that a law-enforcement officer include on any collision report the mobile telephone number, mobile telephone provider, and International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number for any driver involved in a motor vehicle collision. The bill allows an attorney who has certified that he represents a person injured in a motor vehicle collision to request in writing that the mobile telephone provider of the alleged tortfeasor preserve for a period of four years from the date of such collision certain information related to the mobile telephone of such alleged tortfeasor. The bill also allows such attorney to request in writing that the alleged tortfeasor preserve certain mobile telephone information for a period of three years from the date of such collision for the purpose of anticipated litigation. The bill also creates a rebuttable presumption of spoliation of evidence where an alleged tortfeasor fails to preserve mobile telephone records or provide the required information for a collision report. Finally, the bill requires, upon request from such attorney, the alleged tortfeasor's auto insurance company utilizing a telematics application to advise such attorney of the existence of such telematics application data and to preserve and provide such data upon such attorney's request.
Patron - Surovell

F **SB1145 Action for civil trespass; GPS; private road or driveway.** Provides that a person operating a motor vehicle is liable for trespass if such person enters a private road or driveway along which the owner of such private road or driveway has posted signs that may be reasonably seen that such road is a private driveway. The bill also provides that when such defendant relied upon a global positioning system (GPS) and such reliance resulted in the trespass, any corporation, company, or other entity responsible for the mapping function of the GPS may be added as a party to such action. The bill allows such corporation, company, or entity to provide in writing in advance of any proceeding in the action that such private road or driveway has been removed from the GPS and requires the court, upon receiving such evidence, to dismiss the action against such corporation, company, or entity.
Patron - French

F **SB1345** **Commercial entity offering social media accounts; restricted hours for minors; civil liability.** Provides that no commercial entity that offers social media accounts, as defined in the bill, shall knowingly or intentionally allow a minor to access his social media account during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. unless the minor's parent, guardian, or legal custodian has provided permission for the minor to use such social media account during these hours. The bill provides that any commercial entity that violates these provisions shall be subject to civil liability for damages resulting from the interference with a minor's sleep cycle or mental health by allowing such minor to access to his social media account during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. and reasonable attorney fees and costs.

Patron - Jordan

F **SB1421** **Unauthorized use of voice or likeness; punitive damages; statute of limitations.** Expands the existing ability for any person to maintain a suit in equity, including the accompanying remedies available and statute of limitations, for the unauthorized use of his name, portrait, or picture for advertising purposes or for the purposes of trade to include the unauthorized use of his voice or likeness.

Patron - Reeves

Commonwealth Public Safety

Passed

P **HB1734** **Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator; name change.** Renames the Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator as the Human Trafficking Response Coordinator within the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The bill also changes related references from "sex trafficking" to "human trafficking."

Patron - Delaney

P **HB1736** **Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention; creation.** Creates the Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention within the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The bill states that the Center will serve as the primary resource for research, best practices, and strategies for the implementation of firearm violence intervention, community-based intervention, and group violence intervention programs designed to reduce violence in communities. The bill also requires that the Center evaluate state and community based violence intervention programs and policies that receive funding through the Center, apply for and accept federal grants, and provide technical assistance. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Price

P **HB1815** **Line of Duty Act; campus police officers; private police officers.** Provides employees of contributing nonprofit private institutions of higher education and contributing private police departments, as those terms are defined in the bill, with the benefits granted to employees of participating employers under the Line of Duty Act. The bill clarifies that the Line of Duty Act shall not apply to any (i) private institution of higher education that is not a contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education or (ii) private police department that is not a contributing private police department. The bill requires each contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education and contributing private police department to pay its pro rata share of the initial costs to implement the bill, as determined by the Virginia Retirement System. This bill is identical to SB 1142.

Patron - Campbell

P **HB1820** **Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security; Secretary of Finance; evaluate public safety communications infrastructure updates and hardware replacements; report.** Directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Secretary of Finance, to evaluate the need for public safety communications infrastructure updates and hardware replacements, and the cost of meeting such need. The Secretaries shall report any findings and recommendations, including possible funding options, to the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than December 1, 2025.

Patron - Reid

P **HB2039** **Department of Criminal Justice Services; Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council; Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee; encrypted telecommunications.** Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to, in consultation with the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council and the Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, establish a model policy on the use of encrypted telecommunications by law-enforcement agencies. The bill requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish and publish such model policy by January 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Simon

P **HB2088** **Virginia Forensic Nursing Advisory Council established; sexual assault forensic examiners; physical evidence recovery kits; report.** Establishes the Virginia Forensic Nursing Advisory Council (the Council), which consists of five members appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall have expertise in forensic examination of sexual assault victims and shall currently reside and practice in the Commonwealth. The Council shall review and make recommendations as necessary to the Board of Health with support from the Coordinator of the Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Coordination Program concerning (i) criteria to become a sexual assault forensic examiner, (ii) the process for certification as a sexual assault forensic examiner, (iii) the curriculum and training program of an entity seeking approval to train sexual assault forensic examiners, (iv) qualifications of prospective sexual assault forensic examiners, and (v) strategies for expanding access to sexual assault forensic examiners. The bill requires the Council to report, at least annually, to the General Assembly regarding the status of sexual assault forensics in the Commonwealth, including any recommendations to improve the quality of such services. The bill also amends provisions of law related to physical evidence recovery kits. This bill is identical to SB 1041.

Patron - Shin

P **HB2594** **Department of Criminal Justice Services; standards and training for security at nonprofit institutions.** Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish statewide best practices, including training, for any law-enforcement officer, unarmed security officer, or armed security officer providing security services at nonprofit institutions that serve individuals and communities at risk of hate crimes within the Commonwealth. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Singh

P **HB2725** **Surveillance technology reporting by state and local law-enforcement agencies and sheriff's departments.** Adds any third-party service or third-party subscription that allows access to any form of surveillance technology or the data therefrom to the list of what is included in the definition of surveillance technology used in the provisions requiring all state and local law-enforcement agencies and sheriff's departments to annually provide to the Department of Criminal Justice Services a list of all surveillance technologies used, accessed, or procured by such agencies and departments. The bill specifies that such list of surveillance technologies shall include (i) all surveillance technologies used, accessed, or procured where the agency or department is the owner, user, or licensee and (ii) all surveillance technologies used or accessed where the owner or licensee is a separate law-enforcement agency, sheriff's department, government agency or department, or private business, entity, or individual. The bill also clarifies that the Department shall provide such information to the Virginia State Crime Commission and the Joint Commission on Technology and Science by December 1 of each year. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.
Patron - Rasoul

P **SB844** **Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry; registration intervals for Tier I and Tier II offenses.** Requires any person who is required to register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry and who is convicted of a Tier I or Tier II offense to register yearly. The bill also requires any person convicted of providing false information or failing to provide registration information where such person was included on the Registry for a Tier I or Tier II offense to register twice a year.
Patron - Craig

P **SB1041** **Virginia Forensic Nursing Advisory Council established; sexual assault forensic examiners; physical evidence recovery kits; report.** Establishes the Virginia Forensic Nursing Advisory Council (the Council), which consists of five members appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall have expertise in forensic examination of sexual assault victims and shall currently reside and practice in the Commonwealth. The Council shall review and make recommendations as necessary to the Board of Health with support from the Coordinator of the Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Coordination Program concerning (i) criteria to become a sexual assault forensic examiner, (ii) the process for certification as a sexual assault forensic examiner, (iii) the curriculum and training program of an entity seeking approval to train sexual assault forensic examiners, (iv) qualifications of prospective sexual assault forensic examiners, and (v) strategies for expanding access to sexual assault forensic examiners. The bill requires the Council to report, at least annually, to the General Assembly regarding the status of sexual assault forensics in the Commonwealth, including any recommendations to improve the quality of such services. The bill also amends provisions of law related to physical evidence recovery kits. This bill is identical to HB 2088.
Patron - Perry

P **SB1142** **Line of Duty Act; campus police officers; private police officers.** Provides employees of contributing nonprofit private institutions of higher education and contributing private police departments, as those terms are defined in the bill, with the benefits granted to employees of participating employers under the Line of Duty Act. The bill clarifies that the Line of Duty Act shall not apply to any (i) private institution of higher education that is not a contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education or (ii) private police department that is not a contributing private police department. The bill requires each contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education and contributing private police department to pay its pro rata share of the initial costs to implement the bill, as determined by the Virginia Retirement System. This bill is identical to HB 1815.
Patron - Obenshain

P **SB1194** **Department of Criminal Justice Services; training on certain arrests.** Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish a training course for law-enforcement agencies and officers on the discretion such officers can exercise regarding certain arrests. The bill requires that such training include (i) instruction on the scope and nature of law-enforcement officer discretion in arrest decisions, with particular emphasis on encounters with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, including individuals currently subject to an emergency custody order, a temporary detention order, or an involuntary admission order, and (ii) instruction on the immediate and long-term effects of arrests on individuals in need of mental health services due to a mental health crisis, including impacts on treatment outcomes as identified in substantially accepted peer-reviewed research literature by July 1, 2026. The bill requires any person employed as a law-enforcement officer prior to July 1, 2026, to complete such in-person or virtual training by January 1, 2027, and biennially thereafter, and any person employed as a law-enforcement officer after July 1, 2026, to complete the training within one year of his date of hire and biennially thereafter.
Lastly, the bill directs the Criminal Justice Services Board to promulgate regulations pursuant to relevant law requiring in-person or virtual training to special conservators of the peace on the provisions of the bill and other existing statutes related to the arrest and prosecution of persons with mental or behavioral health disorders by July 1, 2026. The bill requires any person appointed as a special conservator of the peace prior to July 1, 2026, to complete the training by January 1, 2027, and biennially thereafter, and any person appointed as a special conservator of the peace after July 1, 2026, to complete the training within one year of his appointment and biennially thereafter.
As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Behavioral Health Commission. This bill is identical to HB 1712. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Deeds

P **SB1278** **Task Force on Fentanyl and Heroin Enforcement; quarterly meetings.** Requires the Task Force on Fentanyl and Heroin Enforcement to meet quarterly beginning in July 2025 until the 2025 annual report is provided to the Governor and the General Assembly.
Patron - DeSteph

Failed

F **HB1711** **Mass Violence Care Fund established.** Creates within the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund the Mass Violence Care Fund as a subfund for the purpose of reimbursing victims or claimants of mass violence, defined in the bill, for unreimbursed medical expenses related to a mass violence event, defined in the bill. The bill directs the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission to promulgate guidelines and criteria for the payment of claims from the Fund within one year of the effective date of the bill.
Patron - Bulova

F **HB1746** **Public safety officer; definition.** Adds dispatchers and animal control officers to the definition of a public safety officer for purposes of possible selection by the

Governor for the Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor, presented for performance above and beyond the call of duty involving extraordinary valor in the face of grave danger, at great personal risk. However, the bill specifies that dispatchers and animal control officers are not included in the definition of public safety officer for the purpose of an injury where weather constitutes a particular risk of a public safety officer's employment to be compensable under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act.
Patron - Ennis

F **HB1991** **Domestic and Sexual Assault Conviction Database**. Requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish a Domestic and Sexual Assault Conviction Database that would include information on persons who were convicted of certain offenses against a family or household member, defined in the bill. The Database will be available to the public on the Department of State Police website. Persons whose information is on the Database may petition for removal of their information from the Database if certain requirements are met, and the State Police shall include such petition information on the Database website. Under the bill, the Superintendent of State Police is required to complete the Database by July 1, 2026.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2014** **Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry; registration intervals for Tier I and Tier II offenses.** Requires any person who is required to register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry and who is convicted of a Tier I or Tier II offense to register yearly. The bill also requires any person convicted of providing false information or failing to provide registration information where such person was included on the Registry for a Tier II offense to register twice a year.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2204** **Line of Duty Act; payments to beneficiaries.** Provides that if a deceased person, as that term is defined in the Line of Duty Act, died as a result of certain cancers within 10 years from his date of retirement, his beneficiary shall be entitled to the payment of certain benefits. Under current law, such beneficiary shall be entitled to such payment if the deceased person's death (i) arose out of and in the course of his employment or (ii) was within five years from his date of retirement.
Patron - McQuinn

F **HB2224** **Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry; offenses requiring registration; purchase or sale of minors; penalty.** Adds the crime of purchasing or selling of minors to the list of offenses requiring registration in the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry.
Patron - Cherry

F **HB2433** **Law-enforcement agencies; use of certain technologies and interrogation practices; forensic laboratory accreditation.** Directs the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish a comprehensive framework for the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning systems, audiovisual surveillance technologies, and custodial and noncustodial interrogations of adults and juveniles by law-enforcement agencies, which shall include (i) developing policies and procedures and publishing model policies for the use of generative AI, machine learning systems, and audiovisual surveillance technologies and interrogation practices and (ii) establishing compulsory minimum training standards for basic training and recertification of law-enforcement officers on the use of generative AI, machine learning systems, audiovisual surveillance technologies, and conducting interrogations. The bill provides that the Department shall establish and publish such model policies by January 1, 2026, and that all law-enforcement agencies shall adopt policies consistent with such model policies by July 1, 2026. The bill requires any person employed as a law-enforcement officer prior to July 1, 2025, to complete the training required by the bill by January 1, 2029.
The bill also provides that no local law-enforcement agency or campus police department shall operate a forensic laboratory, defined in the bill, unless such forensic laboratory is accredited by an accrediting body that requires conformance to forensic-specific requirements and that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement with a scope of accreditation that covers the testing being performed. The bill also prohibits local law-enforcement agencies and campus police departments from purchasing any equipment or instrument that is intended to be used in forensic laboratory analysis or any breath test device, presumptive chemical test, or presumptive mobile instrument unless such equipment, instrument, device, or test has been approved by the Department of Forensic Science or the Forensic Science Board. Such provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2029.
Patron - Glass

F **HB2447** **Line of Duty Act; Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; enhanced benefits for certain fire personnel.** Adds the State Fire Marshal and personnel of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs who, as a regular component of their official duties, are exposed to hazards or threats to their life and health to the lists of those eligible for benefits under the Line of Duty Act and for membership in the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System.
Patron - O'Quinn

F **HB2474** **School resource officers and school security officers; crisis intervention training.** Requires compulsory minimum training standards for school resource officers and school security officers to include crisis intervention training.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2494** **Emergency Response Exposure Grant Fund and Program.** Creates the Emergency Response Exposure Grant Fund and Program to award grants to localities to support certain emergency responders who were exposed to a qualifying emergency, defined in the bill. The bill requires funding to be used for annual cancer screenings and health care expenses incurred by eligible emergency responders, defined in the bill, in the event such emergency responders are diagnosed with cancer from toxic material exposure. The bill permits funding to be used for out-of-pocket medical expenses not otherwise covered by insurance, workers' compensation, or other available funding. The Department of Fire Programs shall administer the Fund and Program.

Patron - Askew

F **HB2504** **Emergency Vehicles and Housing for Emergency Services Volunteers Grant Programs established; reports.** Establishes the Emergency Vehicles Grant Program (the EV Program) and the Housing for Emergency Services Volunteers Grant Program (the ESV Program).
The EV Program authorizes the Department of Fire Programs to provide grants to assist eligible localities in acquiring emergency vehicles to be used in the performance of volunteer emergency services, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly in amounts of up to $10,000 per eligible locality, on a first-come, first-served basis.

The ESV Program authorizes the Department to provide grants to assist eligible localities in providing emergency services volunteers who are currently enrolled in an eligible educational institution with living quarters at no charge to such volunteers, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

Grant recipients of the EV Program and the ESV Program are required to submit a report to the Department no later than October 1 of any year in which the recipient receives available funds. The Department is directed to submit a summarized report of the information received from grant recipients to the House Committee on General Laws, the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations.

Patron - Runion

F **SB809 Fire Programs Fund; aid to localities; requirement for emergency incidents reporting.** Requires that, in order to remain eligible for funding from the Fire Programs Fund, a locality must report all emergency incidents through the National Fire Response Information System while sharing such emergency incident data with the Department of Fire Programs. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Patron - Craig

F **SB972 Emergency Response Exposure Grant Fund and Program.** Creates the Emergency Response Exposure Grant Fund and Program to award grants to localities to support certain emergency responders who were exposed to a qualifying emergency, defined in the bill. The bill requires funding to be used for annual cancer screenings and health care expenses incurred by eligible emergency responders, defined in the bill, in the event such emergency responders are diagnosed with cancer from toxic material exposure. The bill permits funding to be used for out-of-pocket medical expenses not otherwise covered by insurance, workers' compensation, or other available funding. The Department of Fire Programs shall administer the Fund and Program.

Patron - Rouse

F **SB984 Virginia Fire Personnel and Equipment Grant Program established.** Establishes the Virginia Fire Personnel and Equipment Grant Program for the purpose of providing grants to localities to hire additional firefighters and to improve their firefighting and emergency medical services. The bill specifies that the Department of Fire Programs shall administer the Program and two types of grants shall be made from the Program. The first shall provide grants to localities to increase the number of firefighters. Such grants shall be made for up to three years and shall be used by localities for programs to (i) hire new, additional full-time firefighters; (ii) convert part-time or volunteer firefighters to full-time firefighters; or (iii) recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. The second shall provide grants to localities for improving firefighting and emergency medical services, including by acquiring firefighting and emergency medical services vehicles and equipment and modifying facilities. For both grants, the bill provides that funds shall not be used to supplant any funds currently provided by the Commonwealth or by the locality and shall be used to increase the total amount of funds available for the provision of firefighting or emergency medical services.

The bill requires the Department to report annually, beginning November 1, 2026, to the Governor and the General Assembly information regarding a list of grants, the amount of each approved grant, information on the performance assessment system that the bill directs the Department to create, an evaluation of each grant based on such system, and any other criteria deemed relevant by the Department.

Patron - Mulchi

F **SB1195 Line of Duty Act; payments to beneficiaries.** Provides that if a deceased person, as that term is defined in the Line of Duty Act, died as a result of certain cancers within 10 years from his date of retirement, his beneficiary shall be entitled to the payment of certain benefits. Under current law, such beneficiary shall be entitled to such payment if the deceased person's death (i) arose out of and in the course of his employment or (ii) was within five years from his date of retirement.

Patron - Deeds

F **SB1286 Line of Duty Act; auxiliary police officers and volunteer deputy sheriffs.** Adds auxiliary police officers and volunteer deputy sheriffs to the list of individuals eligible for benefits under the Line of Duty Act.

Patron - Durant

F **SB1296 Virginia Public-Private Safety Communications Infrastructure Fund; established.** Establishes the Virginia Public-Private Safety Communications Infrastructure Fund (the Fund), to be managed by the Virginia Resources Authority, for the purpose of making loans and awarding grants to local governments for the purpose of assisting with improvement projects relating to public safety radio and communications infrastructure.

Patron - Obenshain

F **SB1374 Study; Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security; feasibility of establishing a centralized Continuity of Operations framework across all state agencies; work group; report.** Directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to convene a work group to study the feasibility of establishing a centralized Continuity of Operations framework across all state agencies mandating the creation and regular updating of agency-specific continuity plans. In conducting its study, the work group shall include consideration of standardized guidelines for digital infrastructure upgrades, remote work capabilities, and staff training on emergency procedures. The bill directs the work group to complete its work and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Suetterlein

F **SB1442 Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and Secretary of Health and Human Resources; combat the sale of illicit cannabis products; work group; report.**

Patron - Marsden

Conservation

Passed

P **HB2000 Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance; Dam Safety Act; powers and duties of the Department of Conservation and Recreation; rights and requirements of dam owners; civil penalty.** Amends various provisions of the Dam Safety Act to streamline the Department of Conservation and Recreation's enforcement powers for impounding structures under the Act and clarifies

the Department's powers and duties during an active dam failure. The bill also makes changes to a dam owner's responsibilities under the Act, including adding requirements to obtain a general permit for a low hazard impounding structure, making a dam owner responsible for ensuring that his impounding structure that presents an imminent danger has a safety inspection performed as provided in the bill, and allowing a dam owner to identify the dam break inundation zone of his impounding structure by providing the limits of the dam break inundation zone in lieu of filing a map. The bill also changes certain criteria for applicants to receive funds from the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund, including the project match requirements for grants or loans. Finally, the bill repeals the provisions providing civil penalties for violating the provisions of the Act and makes technical amendments related to such repeal. This bill is identical to SB 857.
Patron - Laufer

P **HB2061** **Department of Forestry; Cumberland State Forest; boundary line agreement and quitclaim of interest; acceptance of conveyance of easement.** Authorizes the Department of Forestry to enter into a boundary line agreement and quitclaim of interest in and to private property located adjacent to Cumberland State Forest. The bill also authorizes the acceptance of a conveyance of a perpetual access easement by the Department from Stella Watson Chambliss and Rick Matthew Chambliss, Weyerhaeuser Company, and Wayne Rosson. The easement, which will follow an existing road across a portion of Cumberland State Forest, will allow ingress and egress access from State Route 612 and a portion of Cumberland State Forest where no express right-of-way exists.
Patron - Garrett

P **HB2077** **Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund; loan and grant program; eligible recipients; federally recognized tribes; Virginia recognized tribes.** Expands the type of eligible recipients for loans and grants from the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund to include federally recognized tribes and Virginia recognized tribes. Under current law, only localities are eligible to receive loans or grants from the Fund. This bill is identical to SB 1335.
Patron - Krizek

P **HB2321** **Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority; authority to dissolve.** Provides that the board of directors of the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority may by resolution divest itself of property owned by the Authority and may transfer all such property to a locality. The bill provides that whenever the board of the Authority determines by resolution that the purposes for which the Authority was formed have been substantially complied with and all property of the Authority has been transferred and all bonds therefor issued and all obligations incurred by the Authority have been fully paid or adequate provisions have been made for the payment, the board may dissolve itself upon a majority vote of the board. The bill also provides that if the Authority ceases to operate or is dissolved, the title to its real property will transfer to the locality in which the majority of such property is located. Under current law, the property would transfer to the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to SB 796.
Patron - Davis

P **HB2426** **Small renewable energy projects; permit by rule.** Amends the definition of "small renewable energy project" for the purposes of obtaining a permit by rule from the Department of Environmental Quality to include interconnection facilities, as defined in the bill. The bill requires that the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Corporation Commission enter into a memorandum of understanding to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Callsen

P **SB796** **Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority; authority to dissolve.** Provides that the board of directors of the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority may by resolution divest itself of property owned by the Authority and may transfer all such property to a locality. The bill provides that whenever the board of the Authority determines by resolution that the purposes for which the Authority was formed have been substantially complied with and all property of the Authority has been transferred and all bonds therefor issued and all obligations incurred by the Authority have been fully paid or adequate provisions have been made for the payment, the board may dissolve itself upon a majority vote of the board. The bill also provides that if the Authority ceases to operate or is dissolved, the title to its real property will transfer to the locality in which the majority of such property is located. Under current law, the property would transfer to the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to HB 2321.
Patron - Head

P **SB857** **Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance; Dam Safety Act; powers and duties of the Department of Conservation and Recreation; rights and requirements of dam owners; civil penalty.** Amends various provisions of the Dam Safety Act to streamline the Department of Conservation and Recreation's enforcement powers for impounding structures under the Act and clarifies the Department's powers and duties during an active dam failure. The bill also makes changes to a dam owner's responsibilities under the Act, including adding requirements to obtain a general permit for a low hazard impounding structure, making a dam owner responsible for ensuring that his impounding structure that presents an imminent danger has a safety inspection performed as provided in the bill, and allowing a dam owner to identify the dam break inundation zone of his impounding structure by providing the limits of the dam break inundation zone in lieu of filing a map. The bill also changes certain criteria for applicants to receive funds from the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund, including the project match requirements for grants or loans. Finally, the bill repeals the provisions providing civil penalties for violating the provisions of the Act and makes technical amendments related to such repeal. This bill is identical to HB 2000.
Patron - French

P **SB1335** **Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund; loan and grant program; eligible recipients; federally recognized tribes; Virginia recognized tribes.** Expands the type of eligible recipients for loans and grants from the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund to include federally recognized tribes and Virginia recognized tribes. Under current law, only localities are eligible to receive loans or grants from the Fund. This bill is identical to HB 2077.
Patron - Marsden

P **SB1407** **Department of Environmental Quality; administrative regulations; mission-critical affected emergency generators; emergency.** Specifies that the State Air Pollution Control Board's administrative regulations shall allow any affected emergency generator, defined in the bill, to operate up to 50 hours per year for nonemergency purposes, including planned outages and switch gear and related electrical system testing, so as to be consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regulations

for such generators. The bill directs the Department of Environmental Quality to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the bill without further action by the State Air Pollution Control Board. The bill contains an emergency clause.
Patron - Reeves

P **SB1495 State Air Pollution Control Board; permit exemptions; poultry or swine incinerators; bovine incinerators; emergency.** Directs the State Air Pollution Control Board to amend its regulations relating to permit exemptions for poultry or swine incinerators to include bovine incinerators. The bill contains an emergency clause.
Patron - Reeves

Failed

F **HB1662 Sale and distribution of plastic carryout bags by grocery stores prohibited; civil penalty.** Prohibits any grocery store, as defined in the bill, from selling or distributing any plastic carryout bag, as defined in the bill, to its customers on or after January 1, 2027, unless such bag qualifies as an exempt bag, as defined in the bill. The bill provides that any grocery store that violates this provision shall be issued by the Department of Environmental Quality a written warning for the first violation and shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for a second and each subsequent violation as determined by the Director of the Department. The bill also requires any grocery store, no later than January 1, 2027, to develop, implement, and maintain a program to encourage its customers to utilize reusable bags, as defined in the bill.
Patron - Jones

F **HB1916 Waste tire disposal by producers and haulers; fee; requirements.** Requires a hauler, as defined in the bill, to (i) register and submit a quarterly report with the Department of Environmental Quality, (ii) provide financial assurance in the form of a bond, and (iii) transfer all waste tires and speculatively accumulated waste tires to a transfer station, material recovery facility, landfill with a solid waste permit as required by law, waste tire end user, or waste tire processing facility. The bill requires a waste tire processing facility, as defined in the bill, to also submit a quarterly report to the Department and carry financial assurance in the form of a bond. The bill expands the purpose of the Waste Tire Trust Fund to include paying the costs of implementing the waste tire disposal requirements of haulers, paying the costs of removing waste tires during a locality-led amnesty day, and funding research, studies, and demonstration projects that stimulate the growth of existing and emerging markets for waste tires. Finally, the bill increases the tire recycling fee from $0.50 to $2 beginning July 1, 2026, and directs the Waste Management Board to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Laufer

F **HB1949 Coastal storm risk management; Office of Commonwealth Resilience to study costs of feasibility studies; report.** Directs the Office of Commonwealth Resilience to conduct a study to (i) examine the methodologies and criteria, if any, that other states in the United States use to apportion responsibility between the state and the participating localities for that portion of the cost of coastal storm risk management (CSRM) feasibility studies and plan implementation for which the nonfederal sponsor is responsible and (ii) develop a recommended methodology and associated criteria for apportioning responsibility of the same for CSRM feasibility studies and plan implementation in Virginia. The bill directs the Office of Commonwealth Resilience to complete its work no later than November 30, 2026, and the Chief Resilience Officer of the Commonwealth to submit a report of the findings and recommendations of the study to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2026.
Patron - Hernandez

F **HB1974 Mattress Stewardship Program established; report; civil penalties.** Establishes the Mattress Stewardship Program that allows certain industry associations to administer the Program as a mattress recycling organization with approval and certification from the Department of Environmental Quality. The bill requires certain producers, retailers, and renovators of mattresses to register with a certified mattress recycling organization and requires a producer to identify each mattress brand it sells or offers for sale in the Commonwealth on or before June 1, 2027. Prior to the Program going into effect, the bill requires a mattress recycling organization to submit a plan with certain criteria relating to the collection and recycling of mattresses and the implementation of the Program. The bill establishes annual reporting requirements for the mattress recycling organization and establishes a Mattress Stewardship Program Advisory Board to provide advice on the proper implementation and sustainability of the Program. Finally, the bill establishes the powers and duties of the Department as they relate to the bill and civil penalties for violations of the Program by the producers, the retailers, or the mattress recycling organization.
Patron - Laufer

F **HB2030 Environmental Justice Task Force; report.** Establishes the Environmental Justice Task Force, for the purpose of furthering environmental justice in the Commonwealth, consisting of appointees from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Energy, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Health, Department of Transportation, State Corporation Commission, and Virginia Economic Development Partnership. The bill requires the Task Force to advise the Governor and state agencies of the Commonwealth and establish certain policies to be used by such state agencies on environmental justice issues, particularly issues related to historically economically disadvantaged communities. The bill directs the Task Force to report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, regarding its activities.
Patron - Anthony

F **HB2035 High-energy facilities; water and energy usage information reports; statewide clearinghouse established.** Requires any owner or operator of a high-energy facility, as defined in the bill, to submit to the Department of Environmental Quality no later than May 1, 2026, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, a report that contains certain information relating to water and energy usage for each such facility. The bill requires the Department, no later than July 1, 2026, to design, implement, and maintain a publicly accessible website to serve as a statewide clearinghouse for information relating to water and energy usage of all high-energy facilities operating in the Commonwealth. The bill provides that, in order to fully cover the costs of designing, implementing, and maintaining the statewide clearinghouse, the Department shall assess an initial fee to each owner or operator of a high-energy facility and may assess an annual fee thereafter for each year that such high-energy facility is in active use. The bill requires any owner or operator of a high-energy facility to notify the Department of any substantial change in operations or technologies that would require an update to the information

required by the bill at least 60 days prior to making such change. The bill also requires the Department to convene a work group of stakeholders for the purpose of identifying additional information required to be published to the statewide clearinghouse. Such work group is required to convene at least three times by July 1, 2026, in a manner that is open to the public, and each such meeting is required to include a public comment period of no less than 60 days following such meeting.
Patron - Simonds

F **HB2059 Virginia's Great Outdoors Act; land preservation distributions and appropriations.** Provides that beginning July 1, 2026, (i) after required distributions for transportation and localities under current law, no less than $200 million of the remaining recordation tax revenues shall be distributed for specified land protection and preservation purposes and (ii) no less than $30 million of the proceeds of bonds issued by the Virginia Public Building Authority shall be made available for infrastructure improvements and other capital projects for state parks each year The bill also repeals provisions requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill or in his amendments to the general appropriation act a recommended appropriation from the general fund, up to $20 million, for land preservation as follows: (i) 80 percent of the unissued credits to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund, of which at least 50 percent must be used for acquisitions with public access; (ii) 10 percent to the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund; and (iii) 10 percent to the Virginia Farmland Preservation Fund.
Patron - Krizek

F **HB2170 Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund; reallocation of certain funds for conservation practices.** Allows until July 1, 2027, in any fiscal year, any funds previously distributed to the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program for the purpose of grants for agricultural best management practices that cannot be obligated by a soil and water conservation district by June 15 during the fiscal year to be reallocated by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board to any soil and water conservation district for conservation practices. The bill also allows the Board to reallocate the remaining previously distributed funds that cannot be obligated by June 15 to the soil and water conservation districts within the same watershed. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to include in its annual reports to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations relating to the clean-up plan for the Chesapeake Bay and Virginia waters the amounts of funds reappropriated between watersheds as provided in the bill.
Patron - Bloxom

F **HB2181 Commonwealth of Virginia State Parks Bond Act of 2025.** Authorizes the issuance of Commonwealth of Virginia state parks and recreational facilities bonds pursuant to Article X, Section 9 (b) of the Constitution of Virginia in an amount not exceeding $80,960,000, subject to approval by a majority of the qualified voters of the Commonwealth voting thereon at the November 4, 2025, general election. The purpose of the bonds is to provide funds for deferred maintenance projects at state parks and recreational facilities. The full faith and credit of the Commonwealth is pledged for the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds and any bond anticipation notes or refunding bonds. The bill authorizes the Treasury Board, by and with the consent of the Governor, to fix the details of such bonds, to borrow money in anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, and to issue refunding bonds. The bill shall not become effective, and no bonds shall be issued, unless and until voter approval is obtained.
Patron - Orrock

F **HB2233 Extreme Weather Relief Act established.** Establishes the Extreme Weather Relief Program, administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, for the purpose of holding parties responsible for covered greenhouse gas emissions between the covered period of January 1, 1995, and December 31, 2024, for the parties' share of the Commonwealth's costs due to climate change. The bill defines responsible parties as fossil fuel extractors or crude oil refiners causing emissions of one billion metric tons or more of covered greenhouse gases during the covered period. Under the bill, responsible parties are strictly liable for cost recovery payments to the Commonwealth. The bill requires the State Treasurer to conduct an assessment of the costs to the Commonwealth and its residents of the emissions of covered greenhouse gases during the covered period. The bill establishes the Extreme Weather Relief Fund into which the cost recovery payments from responsible entities are deposited and used to pay for extreme weather relief projects, as defined in the bill.
Patron - Cousins

F **HB2247 Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund; Director of Department of Environmental Quality; point source pollution grant agreements.** Clarifies that the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality is only required to enter into water quality improvement grant agreements with all facilities designated as significant dischargers or eligible nonsignificant dischargers that apply for such grants if sufficient and unobligated funds are available in the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund at the time the Director enters into such grant agreements.
Patron - Runion

F **HB2267 Air quality monitoring program for certain communities; Virginia Council on Environmental Justice; report.** Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to establish an ongoing air quality monitoring program for fenceline communities, as defined in the bill, disproportionately impacted by toxic metals, coal dust pollution, and other inhalable particulate matter that can cause adverse health effects, including PM2.5 and PM10, in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Virginia Council on Environmental Justice by October 1, 2026, and annually thereafter. The bill requires such report to include data analysis on current pollution levels, health risks associated with the identified pollution levels, and any recommendations for regulatory or legislative actions to address any identified risks, and when thresholds established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for particulate matter are exceeded, such report shall also include recommended actions to mitigate such risks. The bill directs the General Assembly to annually review the findings and recommendations from the report to determine whether any legislation is necessary and requires the Virginia Council on Environmental Justice to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor and his cabinet on such findings and recommendations from the report.
Patron - Anthony

F **HB2306 Department of Conservation and Recreation; acceptance of property to establish a state park; Loudoun County.** Authorizes the Department of Conservation and Recreation to accept or acquire from The Conservation Fund approximately 1,240 acres of real property and any buildings or structures thereon between Little River

Turnpike, James Monroe Highway, and Tail Race Road, known as Oak Hill Farm, in Loudoun County for the purpose of establishing and operating a state park that provides outdoor recreation and historical interpretation opportunities and supports agricultural uses on such property.
Patron - Lopez

F **HB2450 Research university collaborative; Virginia Institute of Marine Science; reassigning coastal resource management duties.** Makes the Commonwealth's research university collaborative the scientific advisor to the Commonwealth on matters of coastal resilience. The bill shifts the duties of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science relating to coastal resource management, including the duty of developing comprehensive coastal resource management guidance for local governments, to the collaborative. The bill requires certain localities to incorporate such guidance developed by the collaborative into the next scheduled review of its comprehensive plan beginning in 2026.
Patron - Hodges

F **HB2656 Temporary funding of federal park operations.** 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. Such authority shall be contingent on the U.S. Department of the Interior executing an agreement which authorizes the Commonwealth to operate such property. The bill states that 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. However, the bill clarifies that no funds originally allocated from the general fund shall be used to operate a federal park for more than 21 days without the approval of the General Assembly.
Patron - Laufer

F **HB2697 Electrical facilities that generate electricity from wind; requirements for permitting; impact on U.S. military and national security.** Requires, for the issuance of a permit by rule by the Department of Environmental Quality for a small renewable energy project that generates electricity solely from wind, that either (i) the U.S. Secretary of Defense has determined that the project does not have an adverse impact on military operations and readiness or pose an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or (ii) the applicant has agreed to take measures acceptable to the U.S. Department of Defense to sufficiently mitigate any adverse impact on military operations and readiness or unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States.
The bill also provides that, for the purposes of the State Corporation Commission permitting the construction and operation of electrical generating facilities, an electrical facility that generates electricity from wind is considered contrary to the public interest unless (a) the U.S. Secretary of Defense has determined that the facility does not have an adverse impact on military operations and readiness or pose an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or (b) the utility has agreed to take measures acceptable to the U.S. Department of Defense to sufficiently mitigate any adverse impact on military operations and readiness or unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States.
Patron - Martinez

F **HB2709 Designating or nominating historic landmarks; notice requirements.** Removes the requirements for the Department of Historic Resources to provide written notice to an owner or his agent of property abutting or immediately across the street or road of property proposed to be designated or nominated as a historic landmark. The bill directs the Department to schedule a public hearing at the seat of government of the locality in which the property proposed to be designated or nominated as a historic landmark is located at a time and place that will allow for the attendance of the affected general public. Current law applies such time and place requirements only for affected property owners. Finally, the bill changes the time in which the Department must specify the time and place of the public notice published in the newspaper having general circulation in the locality from not less than six days nor more than 21 days after the second publication of the notice to not more than 30 days and not less than seven days before the public hearing.
Patron - Singh

F **SB794 Tire stewardship program established; report.** Requires producers of tires sold in the Commonwealth to join a tire stewardship organization, which must submit a plan to the Department of Environmental Quality for the establishment of an approved tire stewardship program, on or before January 1, 2027. Such tire stewardship program shall establish a statewide collection system for discarded tires to facilitate higher rates of recycling and resale for such tires. The bill establishes reporting requirements for tire stewardship organizations and provides that the Office of the Attorney General may, at the request of the Department, enforce the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Head

F **SB806 State Air Pollution Control Board; regulations; low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle standards.** Repeals the State Air Pollution Control Board's authority to implement low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle standards that apply to vehicles with a model year of 2025 and later.
Patron - Stuart

F **SB958 Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund; Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund.** Directs the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to establish a reserve fund within the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund (the Fund) to be used when annual general fund revenue collections do not exceed the official revenue estimates contained in the general appropriation act and requires 15 percent of any amounts appropriated to the Fund due to annual general fund revenue collections in excess of the official estimates contained in the general appropriation act to be withheld from appropriation and held in the reserve fund unless otherwise specified. The bill also changes the formula for allocating moneys in the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund and provides that, in any fiscal year, any funds distributed to the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program for the purpose of matching grants for agricultural best management practices on lands in the Commonwealth that cannot be obligated or are not used due to a cancelled contract by a grant recipient during such fiscal year, regardless of whether such lands are within or outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, may be reappropriated by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board to any soil and water conservation district with pending documented requests.
Patron - Stuart

F **SB990 Mattress Stewardship Program established; report; civil penalties.** Establishes the Mattress Stewardship Program that allows certain industry associations to administer the Program as a mattress recycling organization with approval and certification from the Department of Environmental Quality. The bill requires certain producers,

retailers, and renovators of mattresses to register with a certified mattress recycling organization and requires a producer to identify each mattress brand it sells or offers for sale in the Commonwealth on or before June 1, 2027. Prior to the Program going into effect, the bill requires a mattress recycling organization to submit a plan with certain criteria relating to the collection and recycling of mattresses and the implementation of the Program. The bill establishes annual reporting requirements for the mattress recycling organization and establishes a Mattress Stewardship Program Advisory Board to provide advice on the proper implementation and sustainability of the Program. Finally, the bill establishes the powers and duties of the Department as they relate to the bill and civil penalties for violations of the Program by the producers, the retailers, or the mattress recycling organization.
Patron - Williams Graves

F **SB1123** **Extreme Weather Relief Act established.** Establishes the Extreme Weather Relief Program, administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, for the purpose of holding parties responsible for covered greenhouse gas emissions between the covered period of January 1, 1995, and December 31, 2024, for the parties' share of the Commonwealth's costs due to climate change. The bill defines responsible parties as fossil fuel extractors or crude oil refiners causing emissions of one billion metric tons or more of covered greenhouse gases during the covered period. Under the bill, responsible parties are strictly liable for cost recovery payments to the Commonwealth. The bill requires the State Treasurer to conduct an assessment of the costs to the Commonwealth and its residents of the emissions of covered greenhouse gases during the covered period. The bill establishes the Extreme Weather Relief Fund into which the cost recovery payments from responsible entities are deposited and used to pay for extreme weather relief projects, as defined in the bill.
Patron - Boysko

F **SB1198** **Department of Conservation and Recreation; Virginia Land Conservation Fund; land conservation goals and needs assessment.** Establishes as a goal of the Commonwealth the achievement of permanent conservation of 20 percent of the land area of Virginia by 2035 and requires the Department of Conservation and Recreation to monitor progress toward such goal and, every five years beginning in 2030, establish additional goals for 2040, 2045, and 2050. The bill requires the Department of Conservation and Recreation to consult with relevant state agencies in establishing such goals and to submit an annual land conservation goals and needs assessment report including certain enumerated information no later than November 1 of each year to relevant committees of the General Assembly. The bill also removes the requirement (i) that the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation develop a needs assessment for future expenditures from the Virginia Land Conservation Fund and maintain such assessment on an annual basis and (ii) that the Virginia Land Conservation Board of Trustees report with an estimate of the funds needed to achieve certain goals established by the Board.
Patron - Deeds

F **SB1337** **Coastal storm risk management; Office of Commonwealth Resilience to study costs of feasibility studies; report.** Directs the Office of Commonwealth Resilience to conduct a study to (i) examine the methodologies and criteria, if any, that other states in the United States use to apportion responsibility between the state and the participating localities for that portion of the cost of coastal storm risk management (CSRM) feasibility studies and plan implementation for which the nonfederal sponsor is responsible and (ii) develop a recommended methodology and associated criteria for apportioning responsibility of the same for CSRM feasibility studies and plan implementation in Virginia. The bill directs the Office of Commonwealth Resilience to complete its work no later than November 30, 2026, and the Chief Resilience Officer of the Commonwealth to submit a report of the findings and recommendations of the study to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2026.

Patron - Marsden

F **SB1353** **High-energy facilities; water and energy usage information reports; statewide clearinghouse established.** Requires any owner or operator of a high-energy facility, as defined in the bill, to submit to the Department of Environmental Quality no later than May 1, 2026, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, a report that contains certain information relating to water and energy usage for each such facility. The bill requires the Department, no later than July 1, 2026, to design, implement, and maintain a publicly accessible website to serve as a statewide clearinghouse for information relating to water and energy usage of all high-energy facilities operating in the Commonwealth. The bill provides that, in order to fully cover the costs of designing, implementing, and maintaining the statewide clearinghouse, the Department shall assess an initial fee on each owner or operator of a high-energy facility and may assess an annual fee thereafter for each year that such high-energy facility is in active use. The bill requires any owner or operator of a high-energy facility to notify the Department of any substantial change in operations or technologies that would require an update to the information required by the bill at least 60 days prior to making such change. The bill also requires the Department to convene a work group of stakeholders for the purpose of identifying additional information required to be published to the statewide clearinghouse. Such work group is required to convene at least three times by July 1, 2026, in a manner that is open to the public, and each such meeting is required to include a public comment period of no less than 60 days following such meeting.
Patron - Srinivasan

F **SB1448** **Permitting requirements for resource intensive facilities, Resource Intensive Facility Fee Fund established; report.** Directs the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) to develop a required permitting process for the construction and operation of resource intensive facilities (RIF), as defined in the bill, to protect the Commonwealth's natural resources environment and the public health. The bill requires the Department to consult with certain state agencies and relevant stakeholders to assist in the development of any conditions and standards for such permit and establishes the Resource Intensive Facility Fee Fund sourced by fees collected by the owner or operator of an RIF to help with the cost to the Department of administering the permit. The bill requires the Department to prepare an annual report explaining the permit status of each RIF and make such report publicly available on its website by October 1 of each year. Prior to the effective date of the required permitting process, the bill requires the Department to establish an advisory panel consisting of representatives of the Department of Forestry, the State Corporation Commission, the Department of Energy, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, and other relevant stakeholders to assist in developing the initial criteria for the permit and to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and Labor and Commerce and the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Conservation and

Natural Resources and Commerce and Labor no later than December 1, 2025. The required permitting portion of the bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.
Patron - Stuart

Corporations

Passed

P **HB1796 Corporations; decentralized autonomous organizations.** Creates a regulatory framework for decentralized autonomous organizations, defined in the bill as a distinct legal entity that operates through blockchain-based governance frameworks, incorporating self-executing smart contracts and decentralized decision-making mechanisms. The bill provides that an entity seeking to become a decentralized autonomous organization must file its articles of organization with the State Corporation Commission in order to seek a certificate of organization and requires such articles of organization to designate an operator of record. The bill permits a limited liability company to elect to become a decentralized autonomous organization with management vested in its members or smart contracts and contains requirements for its articles of organization and operating agreements. The bill also contains provisions governing the relationships and rights of members of a decentralized autonomous organization and for the dissolution of a decentralized autonomous organization. The provisions of the bill do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Helmer

Failed

F **SB798 Retail franchise agreements; governing law; competition restrictions.** Provides that retail franchise agreements shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth and prohibits any person from offering or entering into a franchise agreement that includes competition restrictions that extend beyond termination or expiration of the franchise agreement unless such settlement is approved by a court of competent jurisdiction.
Patron - Head

Counties, Cities and Towns

Passed

P **HB1601 Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility.** Provides that prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception application, or special use permit for the siting of a new high energy use facility (HEUF), as defined in the bill, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine the sound profile of the HEUF on residential units and schools located within 500 feet of the HEUF property boundary. The bill also allows a locality to require that a site assessment examine the effect of the proposed facility on (i) ground and surface water resources, (ii) agricultural resources, (iii) parks, (iv) registered historic sites, and (v) forestland on the HEUF site or immediately contiguous land. The provisions of the bill shall not apply to a site with an existing legislative or administrative approval where an applicant is seeking an expansion or modification of an already existing or approved facility and such expansion does not exceed an additional 100 megawatts or more of electrical power. Finally, the bill provides that its provisions shall not be construed to prohibit, limit, or otherwise supersede existing local zoning authority. This bill is identical to SB 1449. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Thomas

P **HB1659 Local Foundation and Soil Management Fund.** Authorizes a locality by ordinance to create a local Foundation and Soil Management Fund consisting of appropriated local moneys for the purpose of granting funds to an owner of private property or a common interest community for foundation management and soil settlement repairs and prevention on previously developed lands.
Patron - Henson

P **HB1756 Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; directors.** Provides that the board of directors of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority may hire directors, rather than an executive director, to carry out various duties of the Authority.
Patron - Morefield

P **HB1819 C-PACE financing programs.** Makes several changes to the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing program, including adding a definition of property owner to include a lessee and providing that the lessee may also be eligible for a C-PACE loan by complying with certain conditions, including consent of the fee simple property owner. The bill also (i) changes from two years to three years from a locality's issuance of a certificate of occupancy the time period within which a local C-PACE ordinance may allow submittal of a loan application and (ii) provides that a locality agrees to execute a locality agreement within 30 days of the adoption of the ordinance that opts them into the statewide C-PACE loan program.
Patron - Reid

P **HB1827 Comprehensive plan; social determinants of health.** Encourages localities to utilize relevant and available data and research related to social determinants of health to consider how a locality's adopted comprehensive plan will impact the locality's overall public health and access to health care services. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Simonds

P **HB1990 Election of certain governing bodies; conversion to single-member districts.** Allows the governing body of a locality that has been subject to a court order imposing a remedial election system under voting rights laws to adopt an ordinance to convert one or more at-large members of such body to single-member districts. The bill provides that members of such governing body in office on the effective date of such ordinance shall complete their terms of office. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Askew

P **HB1996 Planning and zoning; public notice.** Requires the second public hearing notice that a planning commission publishes for certain planning and zoning actions to be published no less than five days before the date of the meeting. Current law requires such notice to be published no less than seven days before the date of the meeting.
Patron - Bennett-Parker

P **HB2037** **Land development; solar canopies in parking areas.** Provides that any locality may include in its land development ordinances a provision that requires that an applicant must install a solar canopy over designated surface parking areas. Such provisions shall apply only to nonresidential parking areas with 100 parking spaces or more and may require coverage of up to 50 percent of the surface parking area. The bill provides that localities shall allow for deviations, in whole or in part, from the requirements of the ordinance when its strict application would prevent the development of uses and densities otherwise allowed by the locality's zoning or development ordinance. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Bulova

P **HB2054** **Affordable housing; assisted living facilities.** Allows localities that have adopted an affordable housing program to negotiate that in an application for a special exception or special use permit affordable rental units be included for any proposed development of an assisted living facility. Such ordinance shall apply to applications approved on or after January 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Reaser

P **HB2128** **Derelict buildings; civil penalties.** Expands the authority of localities to impose civil penalties not exceeding $500 per month on the owners of certain derelict buildings to include non-residential property. Current law limits such civil penalties to residential property.
Patron - Walker

P **HB2137** **Affordable dwelling unit program; City of Falls Church.** Adds the City of Falls Church to the list of localities with authority to provide for an affordable dwelling unit program. This bill is identical to SB 1011.
Patron - Simon

P **HB2153** **Affordable housing; comprehensive plan; development by nonprofit organizations; Department of Housing and Community Development.** Grants authority to localities to adopt a variety of strategies intended to encourage and facilitate the development of affordable housing on property owned by property tax-exempt nonprofit organizations. To stimulate development of such property, the bill allows localities to provide by ordinance the alteration or waiver of requirements for certain zoning permits and the creation of site plan application incentives. If a locality adopts such an ordinance, the bill requires that such ordinance shall ensure that the organization agrees to preserve the property as affordable housing for at least 40 years. The bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to publish a document describing the strategies a locality may consider on the Department's website no later than December 1, 2025. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Carr

P **HB2330** **Notice of certain land use actions.** Provides that one notice sent by first-class mail to the last known address of certain property owners impacted by a proposed change in the zoning map classification of 25 or fewer parcels of land shall be deemed adequate notice, provided that a representative of the local planning commission shall make affidavit that such mailings have been made and file such affidavit with the papers in the case. Current law also allows such notice to be given by registered or certified mail. The bill also makes technical amendments.
Patron - Hodges

P **HB2396** **Virginia Housing Development Authority; technical advisory group; report.** Directs the Virginia Housing Development Authority to convene a technical advisory group to (i) evaluate the prevalence of deed fraud, including notary fraud, seller impersonation, owner impersonation, and fraudulent lien filing; (ii) develop recommendations for the prevention of deed fraud; and (iii) develop measures to enhance protections for property owners from such crimes. The bill also requires the technical advisory group to give consideration to certain policy proposals stated in the bill. The bill requires the technical advisory group to submit its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology no later than November 1, 2025. This bill is identical to SB 1270.
Patron - Simon

P **HB2533** **Local comprehensive plan; tiny homes; accessory dwelling units.** Clarifies that the comprehensive plan prepared by a local planning commission and adopted by a local governing body may include the use of tiny homes and accessory dwelling units, defined in the bill, as part of any residential development and use designated within such plan. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill incorporates HB 1832.
Patron - Sewell

P **HB2559** **Authority of local governments; service employees.** Permits any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth to provide for certain requirements concerning incumbent and successor service employers, defined in the bill, by local ordinance or resolution. For example, such local ordinance or resolution may require that successor service employers retain incumbent service employees during a transition period of 90 days. Under the bill, service employees are those who perform work in connection with the care or maintenance of property, services at an airport, or food preparation services at schools. The provisions of the bill do not include any building owned by the Commonwealth or any institution of higher education. The bill provides that an employer that violates the provisions of a local ordinance or resolution enacted pursuant to the bill may be subject to a civil action and monetary damages. This bill is identical to SB 1489. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Lopez

P **HB2628** **Local officers; oath of office.** Provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of any local government charter, or any other provision of law, every elected county, city, town and district officer, on or before the day on which his term of office begins, shall qualify by taking the oath prescribed by general law. Current law allows a local government charter to prescribe a different procedure for taking the oath. This bill is identical to SB 997.
Patron - Glass

P **HB2630** **Replacement of trees during development process in localities; tree canopy fund.** Allows localities by ordinance to establish a tree canopy fund to collect, maintain, and distribute fees collected from developers that cannot provide for full tree canopy requirements where the development project is situated. The bill requires the ordinance to establish cost units that are based on average costs of two-inch caliper nursery stock trees. The bill allows a locality to use moneys from the fund to (i) plant and maintain trees on public or private property or (ii) make disbursements to a community-based organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is operated for tree planting, stewardship, or community-

beautification missions that benefit the community at large. The bill requires any funds collected by localities to be spent within five years of the collection date.
Patron - Willett

P **HB2638 Conservation and replacement of trees during development process.** Expands certain existing local government authority to conserve or replace trees during the development process by expanding such authority statewide. The bill allows localities to establish higher tree canopy replacement percentages based on density per acre. The bill also alters the current process for granting exceptions to a local ordinance by altering a provision that requires the granting of an exception when strict application of the ordinance would result in unnecessary or unreasonable hardship to the developer and requiring that the locality concur with such alteration. The bill permits localities to monitor and assess the condition and coverage of tree canopies at development sites during the time period up to 20 years' maturity of the planted trees. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Hope

P **HB2658 Bond requirements for local treasurers.** Increases the maximum amount of the surety bond that may be required for local treasurers based on the population of the county or city.
Patron - Knight

P **HB2660 Subdivision ordinance; local approvals; report.** Shortens the timeframes for various local government approvals of subdivision plats and site plans. Additionally, the bill calls on the Virginia Code Commission to convene a work group consisting of various stakeholders to review existing provisions related to the submission, review, and approval of subdivision plats and site plans. The work group shall develop recommendations to (i) organize procedural steps in a clear, logical, and sequential order to enhance ease of reference; (ii) clarify the processes, requirements, and timelines applicable to each type of plat or plan; (iii) standardize terminology to ensure consistency, reduce ambiguity, and minimize misinterpretation; and (iv) identify and eliminate redundant or duplicative provisions to streamline the Code and improve its usability and shall submit a report to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Simon

P **HB2664 City of Lexington Industrial Development Authority; appointments.** Allows the City of Lexington to appoint from five to seven members to serve on the board of the industrial development authority, with terms staggered as agreed upon by the city council.
Patron - Austin

P **HB2768 County manager plan of government; county board; powers.** Broadens several powers related to the county board size and manner of election for counties that have adopted the county manager plan of government by giving such counties the option of following general law, after voter approval by referendum, rather than the provisions specified in this optional form of county government. Currently, only Arlington County has adopted the county manager plan of government. The provisions of the bill do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Hope

P **HB2781 Affordable housing; county executive form of government.** Adds counties with the county executive form of government to the list of localities with authority to provide for an affordable dwelling unit program. Albemarle County, which is already granted such authority under current law, and Prince William County are the only counties that have adopted such form of government. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Henson

P **SB974 Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent.** Removes planning commission and governing body approval authority for the administrative review process for plats and plans and assigns such authority solely to a designated agent, defined in the bill. However, the bill provides that the local planning commission may serve as the designated agent of any locality with a population of 5,000 or less. The bill also expedites the review process by shortening the timeframe for forwarding plats and plans to state agencies for review.
Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SB992 Civil penalties for certain repeat zoning violations in Planning District 23; appeals.** Provides an enhanced level of civil penalties in Planning District 23 (Hampton Roads) for repeat violations involving nonpermitted commercial uses, defined in the bill. The bill also clarifies (i) that when a board of zoning appeals hears appeals from the decision of an administrative officer and alters the statutorily required order of evidence, it is a reversible error if the appellant lodges an objection and the board subsequently refuses to reorder the hearing and (ii) that the required statement of a right to appeal an administrative officer's decision must be sent to the aggrieved person by certified mail with proof of delivery.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB997 Local officers; oath of office.** Provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of any local government charter, or any other provision of law, every elected county, city, town and district officer, on or before the day on which his term of office begins, shall qualify by taking the oath prescribed by general law. Current law allows a local government charter to prescribe a different procedure for taking the oath. This bill is identical to HB 2628.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB1011 Affordable dwelling unit program; City of Falls Church.** Adds the City of Falls Church to the list of localities with authority to provide for an affordable dwelling unit program. This bill is identical to HB 2137.
Patron - Salim

P **SB1118 Registration by localities of cemeteries on private property; Planning District 8.** Requires localities in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia) to adopt an ordinance setting forth a register of identified cemeteries, graveyards, or other places of burial located on private property not belonging to any memorial or monumental association. Under current law, all localities are permitted but not required to pass such an ordinance. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Roem

P **SB1254 Comprehensive plan; environmental justice strategy.** Requires cities with populations greater than 20,000 and counties with populations greater than 100,000 to consider, at the next and all subsequent reviews of the comprehensive plan, adopting an environmental justice strategy. The bill provides that the locality's strategy shall be to identify environmental justice and fenceline communities within the jurisdiction of the local planning commission and

identify objectives and policies to reduce health risks, to promote civic engagement, and to prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of environmental justice and fenceline communities, as those terms are defined by the bill. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Bagby

P **SB1263 Water and sewer connection fees; new residential development.** Allows a locality to provide for the full or partial reimbursement of water and sewer connection fees, capital recovery charges, and availability fees remitted by an applicant in connection with any new residential development.
Patron - Bagby

P **SB1267 Zoning; enhanced civil penalties; certain residential violations.** Allows enhanced civil penalties for zoning violations involving property that is zoned or used for multifamily residential purposes. The bill also requires that for any violation involving property that is zoned or used for multifamily residential purposes, a person who admits liability shall be required to abate or remedy the violation within a period of time specified by the locality that is no less than 30 days but no more than 24 months from the date of admission of liability.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1270 Virginia Housing Development Authority; technical advisory group; report.** Directs the Virginia Housing Development Authority to convene a technical advisory group to (i) evaluate the prevalence of deed fraud, including notary fraud, seller impersonation, owner impersonation, and fraudulent lien filing; (ii) develop recommendations for the prevention of deed fraud; and (iii) develop measures to enhance protections for property owners from such crimes. The bill also requires the technical advisory group to give consideration to certain policy proposals stated in the bill. The bill requires the technical advisory group to submit its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology no later than November 1, 2025. This bill is identical to HB 2396.
Patron - Hackworth

P **SB1313 Affordable housing; local zoning ordinance authority; comprehensive plan.** Authorizes any locality in the Commonwealth to provide for an affordable housing dwelling unit program by amending the zoning ordinance of such locality. Current law restricts such authorization to counties with an urban county executive form of government or county manager plan of government and certain other localities. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1422 Zoning violations; appeals; fines.** Provides that a zoning ordinance may prescribe an appeal period of less than 30 days but not less than 10 days for a notice of violation involving the storage or disposal of nonagricultural excavation material, waste, and debris. The bill also provides for enhanced fines for any conviction resulting from a violation of provisions regulating the storage or disposal of nonagricultural excavation material, waste, and debris.
Patron - Reeves

P **SB1449 Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility.** Provides that prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception application, or special use permit for the siting of a new high energy use facility (HEUF), as defined in the bill, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine the sound profile of the HEUF on residential units and schools located within 500 feet of the HEUF property boundary. The bill also allows a locality to require that a site assessment examine the effect of the proposed facility on (i) ground and surface water resources, (ii) agricultural resources, (iii) parks, (iv) registered historic sites, and (v) forestland on the HEUF site or immediately contiguous land. The provisions of the bill shall not apply to a site with an existing legislative or administrative approval where an applicant is seeking an expansion or modification of an already existing or approved facility and such expansion does not exceed an additional 100 megawatts or more of electrical power. Finally, the bill provides that its provisions shall not be construed to prohibit, limit, or otherwise supersede existing local zoning authority. This bill is identical to HB 1601. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1476 Sale of certain vacant and blighted or derelict property.** Allows a locality where certain vacant and blighted or derelict property is located to petition the circuit court to appoint a special commissioner to execute the necessary deed or deeds to convey the real estate, in lieu of a sale at public auction, to the locality, to the locality's land bank entity, or to an existing nonprofit entity designated by the locality to carry out the functions of a land bank. The bill provides that the locality shall require any purchaser by covenants in the deed or other security instrument to (i) begin repair or renovation of the property within six months of purchase and (ii) complete all repairs or renovations necessary to bring the property into compliance with the local building code within a period not to exceed two years of the purchase.
Patron - Pillion

P **SB1489 Authority of local governments; service employees.** Permits any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth to provide for certain requirements concerning incumbent and successor service employers, defined in the bill, by local ordinance or resolution. For example, such local ordinance or resolution may require that successor service employers retain incumbent service employees during a transition period of 90 days. Under the bill, service employees are those who perform work in connection with the care or maintenance of property, services at an airport, or food preparation services at schools. The provisions of the bill do not include any building owned by the Commonwealth or any institution of higher education. The bill provides that an employer that violates the provisions of a local ordinance or resolution enacted pursuant to the bill may be subject to a civil action and monetary damages. This bill is identical to HB 2559. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Bagby

Failed

F **HB1554 Funding for deputy sheriffs.** Provides that the minimum number of deputies funded by the Compensation Board shall be one deputy per 1,500 persons or one deputy for every 25 square miles, whichever is greater. Under current law, the funding is fixed at one deputy per 1,500 persons only. The provisions of the bill apply to counties and cities without a police force.
Patron - Williams

F **HB1577 Centralized local government reporting system; unfunded mandates on localities.** Requires the Department of Planning and Budget to establish a

centralized electronic reporting system for all locality reporting requirements, including those required by state agencies. The bill also creates the Unfunded Mandate Review Task Force (the Task Force) consisting of four members of the General Assembly and five members appointed by the Governor. The bill states that localities may submit proposals to the Task Force for alternative approaches to implementing any unfunded mandate, defined in the bill, and provides that the Task Force shall: (i) meet quarterly to review proposals from localities regarding alternative approaches to implementing unfunded mandates; (ii) establish criteria for evaluating local proposals, including cost-effectiveness, achievement of mandate objectives, impact on public health and safety, and administrative feasibility; (iii) approve or deny local proposals within 90 days of submission; (iv) monitor implementation of approved alternatives; (v) maintain records of all decisions and the rationale behind such decisions; and (vi) submit annual reports to the General Assembly by November 1 of each year detailing its activities, decisions, and recommendations.
The bill further provides that any bill that includes an unfunded mandate approved by the General Assembly shall have an implementation delay beginning at the end of the session in which the mandate was passed and ending at the adjournment of the following session; however, a bill containing an unfunded mandate that includes an emergency declaration shall not be subject to these requirements and shall be implemented immediately or on the date of implementation described in the bill containing the emergency mandate.
Patron - Williams

F **HB1688** **Short-term rentals; compliance; civil penalty.** Authorizes localities to notify an accommodations intermediary that a short-term rental on its platform is not lawfully authorized to be offered on its platform. The accommodations intermediary shall remove any such listing from its platform within seven days of receiving notice and shall provide a refund to any customer reserving such listing. Under the bill, any accommodations intermediary who does not remove such a listing from its platform shall be subject to a civil penalty of $1,000, to be paid into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. Any such listing required to be removed shall remain unlisted until the accommodations intermediary has been notified by the locality that the short-term rental has been brought into compliance. Once the locality determines that a delisted short-term rental has been brought into compliance, the locality shall have seven days to notify the accommodations intermediary of the change in status.
Patron - Convirs-Fowler

F **HB1702** **Urban Public-Private Partnership Redevelopment Fund; funding requirements; report.** Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop criteria and guidelines for the use of funds from the Urban Public-Private Partnership Redevelopment Fund, including prioritizing grants to localities experiencing an above average or high level of fiscal stress as designated by the Commission on Local Government and localities experiencing a significant decrease in commercial real estate assessments. Under current law, the Board of Housing and Community Development is directed to develop guidelines for administration of the Fund. The bill expands the qualifying private entities available for partnership with a local government for the redevelopment of a local site, removes the existing $500,000 grant cap for such local government, and eliminates the requirement that each grant be conditioned upon a 100 percent match of funds by the local government. In addition, the bill requires the Department, on or before December 1 of each year, to submit a report to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Governor, and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, including the number of projects funded and the costs of the Fund.
Further, the bill repeals the Housing Revitalization Zone Act.
As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.
Patron - Bulova

F **HB1774** **Provision of county services within towns.** Requires counties to provide their standard county services to towns located within county boundaries at the same level such services are provided in the unincorporated areas of the county.
Patron - Martinez

F **HB1790** **Zoning ordinances; residential district classifications; affordable housing.** Authorizes a locality, within the residential district classifications of its zoning ordinance, to include districts specifically designated for affordable housing.
Patron - Orrock

F **HB1795** **Board of zoning appeals; petition for appeal; emergency.** Clarifies the procedure by which a person aggrieved by a decision of the board of zoning appeals may appeal the decision to the circuit court by changing the manner in which a petition is styled. The bill also (i) changes instances of "board" to "board of zoning appeals" to clarify that "board" does not refer to a county's board of supervisors, (ii) provides that service of process is to be obtained as in other actions at law, and (iii) contains a retroactive savings clause that is intended to prevent dismissal of certain appeals that have not yet been finally adjudicated. The bill contains an emergency clause.
Patron - Wright

F **HB1826** **Vacant building registration; civil penalty.** Increases from $100 to $500 the maximum annual registration fee a locality may charge the owners of certain vacant buildings to defray the cost of processing such registration. The civil penalty for failure to register such vacant building is increased from $200 to $750, and the maximum civil penalty for failure to register in certain conservation and rehabilitation districts or in other areas designated as blighted is increased from $400 to $1,000.
Patron - Simonds

F **HB1832** **Zoning; development and use of accessory dwelling units.** Requires a locality to include in its zoning ordinances for single-family residential zoning districts accessory dwelling units, or ADUs, as defined in the bill, as a permitted accessory use. The bill requires a person to seek a permit for an ADU from the locality, requires the locality to issue such permit if the person meets certain requirements enumerated in the bill, and restricts the fee for such permit to $500 or less. The bill prohibits the locality from requiring (i) dedicated parking for the ADU except in densely developed neighborhoods; (ii) setbacks for the ADU greater than that of the primary dwelling; and (iii) consanguinity or affinity between the occupants of the ADU and the primary dwelling. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was incorporated into HB 2533.
Patron - Simonds

F **HB1842** **Industrial development authorities; Town of Front Royal.** Extends from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2030, the period of time during which the industrial development authority created by the Town of Front Royal may include Warren County in any of its economic development projects.
Patron - Oates

F **HB1884 Protection of memorials for war veterans.** Provides that it is unlawful for localities or individuals to disturb or interfere with certain monuments, markers, and memorials for war veterans or to prevent citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of the monuments, markers, or memorials. The bill describes "disturb or interfere with" to include removing, damaging, or defacing monuments, markers, or memorials or, in the case of the Civil War, placing Union markings or monuments on previously designated Confederate memorials or placing Confederate markings or monuments on previously designated Union memorials. The bill also deletes current provisions that allow localities to remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover such monuments or memorials. The bill changes an existing advisory referendum provision by limiting its applicability to those monuments, markers, and memorials that were erected at least 40 years ago and by requiring a two-thirds majority vote, both by voters and by the governing body, before any monument can be removed, relocated, or covered. The bill also establishes a process whereby any person with an interest can initiate an action against a person or locality that damages or defaces a publicly owned monument if a locality or its officers have failed to take such action within 60 days of the damage or defacement.
Patron - Williams

F **HB1926 Traffic control device and traffic light signal violation monitoring systems; issuance of summons.** Increases from 10 business days to 30 business days the deadline for a locality to execute a summons for a traffic control device or traffic light signal violation enforced by a violation monitoring system.
Patron - Ward

F **HB1944 Advertisement of legal notices; website.** Allows a locality to advertise legal notices on its website rather than in a newspaper having a general circulation in the locality.
Patron - Seibold

F **HB1966 Commercial use of public places; civil penalty.** Allows cities and towns by ordinance to establish a uniform schedule of civil penalties for commercial use of a street, avenue, park, bridge, or any other public place or public property or any public easement of a city or town, in a manner not permitted to the general public, without having first legally obtained the consent of the city or town. The bill provides that the schedule of civil penalties shall be uniform for each type of specified violation, and the penalty for any one violation, unless elsewhere authorized, shall not exceed (i) $500 for the initial violation, (ii) $1,000 for the second violation, or (iii) $1,500 for the third or subsequent violation.
Patron - Tata

F **HB1984 Siting of data centers; parks, schools, and residential areas.** Requires that any local government land use application required for the siting of a data center, as defined in the bill, be approved only for areas that are one-quarter mile or more from federal, state, or local parks, schools, and property zoned or used for residential use.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB1987 Disclosures in land use proceedings; statewide application.** Alters certain land use disclosure requirements applicable to officials in any county with the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) by replacing "relationship of employee-employer, agent-principal, or attorney-client" with the broader phrase of "business or financial relationship." The bill makes the same change to existing provisions that currently apply only to Loudoun County and applies the change statewide.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2026 Data centers; industrial zoning.** Requires a locality to review and amend its zoning ordinance to (i) designate data centers as industrial uses for zoning purposes; (ii) review the locations of zones allowing data centers by right, and adjust the zoning map, if needed, considering proximity to residential areas; (iii) review the minimum requirements in the zoning ordinance, such as setbacks and building heights, for the purpose of mitigating negative impacts on residential or other sensitive areas and consider adding requirements specific to data centers as needed; (iv) identify optimal areas for data center development in the locality, including locations that are suitable from the locality's perspective as well as the industry's perspective; (v) consider zoning ordinance changes to reduce the likelihood of noisy data centers, including through limiting allowable locations and requiring sound modeling, and prohibit the constant low-frequency noise of data centers from reaching residential areas; and (vi) require commitments from data centers making zoning requests to sufficiently mitigate negative impacts on any nearby residential areas. The provisions of the bill shall only apply to localities where data centers are already addressed in the locality's zoning ordinance and where a locality is revising its zoning ordinance to include data centers.
Patron - Thomas

F **HB2068 Local land use decision authority.** Provides that the authority for a locality's planning and land use decisions belong solely to the locality and shall not be ceded to any state agency or state-sanctioned body.
Patron - Garrett

F **HB2127 Telework by local government employees.** Establishes a framework for localities to establish and implement a telework policy for local government employees. The bill specifies that such policy shall require all employees applying for telework to submit a standard telework agreement as provided by the locality and shall include provisions requiring (i) department head approval for any telework agreement where one telework day per week is requested, (ii) chief administrative officer approval for any telework agreement where two telework days per week are requested, and (iii) local governing body approval for any telework agreement where more than two telework days per week are requested. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Milde

F **HB2129 Exchange of items on roadways; ability of localities to prohibit.** Authorizes localities to prohibit by ordinance the exchange or attempted exchange of any item between a pedestrian and the occupant of a motor vehicle located on a roadway in such locality, subject to certain exceptions. The bill provides that a violation of any such ordinance may be made punishable by a fine of not more than $50.
Patron - Milde

F **HB2142 Refund by localities of certain land use application fees.** Provides a method whereby an applicant who fails to receive approval of a land use application due to failure to meet a statutory deadline for a completed application may seek an application fee refund from a locality that is at least partially responsible for the delay that caused the applicant to miss the deadline.
Patron - Milde

HB2148 Proposed plat, site plan, or plan of development or preliminary subdivision plat; time period for action by local planning commission. Reduces from 45 days to 30 days the period of time that a local planning commission or other agent has to act on any proposed plat, site plan, or plan of development that it has previously disapproved after the first time such plat or plan has been modified, corrected, and resubmitted for approval, and provides that such planning commission or other agent has within 15 days after the second or any subsequent time such plat or plan has been resubmitted for approval to act on such plat or plan. The bill makes similar changes to the review timelines for state agencies that review such plats. The bill also provides that, in any instance in which an initial review by a locality determines that the resubmitted application contains solely technical changes requiring less than 60 minutes of review, a locality's approved agent shall approve such application within five business days. The bill further provides that if a local planning commission has the responsibility of review of preliminary subdivision plats and conducts a public hearing, it shall act on the proposed preliminary subdivision plat within 35 days, rather than the current 45 days, after receiving approval from all state agencies.

Patron - Milde

HB2172 Local fiscal distress; Planning District 19. Narrows the potential application of certain provisions related to appointment of an emergency fiscal manager for certain fiscally distressed localities in Planning District 19 (Crater Planning District) by limiting the provisions to cities with a population greater than 20,000.

Patron - Wachsmann

HB2175 Local anti-rent gouging authority; civil penalty. Provides that any locality may by ordinance adopt anti-rent gouging provisions. The bill provides for notice and a public hearing prior to the adoption of such ordinance and specifies that all landlords who are under the ordinance may be required to give at least two months' written notice of a rent increase and cannot increase the rent by more than the locality's calculated allowance, described in the bill as the maximum amount a landlord can increase a tenant's rent during any 12-month period, in effect at the time of the increase. The bill sets such allowance as equal to the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index or seven percent, whichever is less, states that such allowance is effective for a 12-month period beginning July 1 each year, and requires the locality to publish such allowance on its website by June 1 of each year. Certain facilities, as outlined in the bill, are exempt from such ordinance. The bill also requires a locality to establish an anti-rent gouging board that will develop and implement rules and procedures by which landlords may apply for and be granted exemptions from the rent increase limits set by the ordinance. Finally, the bill provides that a locality shall establish a civil penalty for failure to comply with the requirements set out in its ordinance.

Patron - Clark

HB2184 Cash proffers; land transfer; extinguishing development rights. Provides that (i) cash payments proffered pursuant to relevant zoning law and (ii) the transfer of land may be used by an applicant for the purpose of extinguishing development rights elsewhere in the locality if the development rights to be extinguished are greater than the development rights being granted and the extinguishing of those development rights results in a perpetual conservation easement. The bill also provides that cash payments proffered may be used to seek matching funds from the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation and the Virginia Farmland and Forestland Preservation Fund.

Patron - Milde

HB2238 Preservation of existing trees during development; certain localities. Allows a locality with a population of at least 75 people per square mile or a locality located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, when assessing the adequacy of existing trees identified by the developer during the development process to be preserved or in assessing the overall impact of the development on existing trees, to require, by ordinance, the developer to (i) submit a survey or map detailing the location of critical root zones on the subject property, including any roots from mature trees that have grown over the subject property line to the abutting property or property adjacent to the subject property, or (ii) provide other information reasonably calculated to assist the locality to determine if such trees are sufficient to meet all or part of the tree canopy requirements.

Patron - Martinez

HB2289 Zoning; recovery residences. Provides that zoning ordinances for all purposes shall consider a certified recovery residence in which no more than eight individuals with substance use disorder reside, either with or without one or more resident or nonresident staff persons, as residential occupancy by a single family and that no conditions more restrictive than those imposed on residences occupied by persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption shall be imposed on such certified recovery residence. The bill provides that no clinical treatment shall take place in such recovery residence and that the recovery residence shall submit the individual name and contact information for the person responsible for the residence to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Patron - Coyner

HB2293 Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent. Removes planning commission and governing body approval authority for the administrative review process for plats and plans and assigns such authority solely to a designated agent, defined in the bill. The bill also expedites the review process by shortening the timeframe for forwarding plats and plans to state agencies for review.

Patron - Coyner

HB2349 Release of developer performance guarantees. Clarifies that existing provisions related to the periodic partial and final release of developer performance guarantees also applies to performance guarantees for erosion and sediment control measures, stormwater management facilities, and fill and borrow areas.

Patron - Owen

HB2377 Comprehensive plan; data centers; water usage. Requires every locality to incorporate into its comprehensive plan provisions that prioritize and evaluate alternative methods of cooling, such as air cooling, geothermal cooling, or other innovative technologies that minimize water usage, particularly in the context of approving or siting data centers or similar land uses. The bill provides that the comprehensive plan shall include methods of assessing the environmental impact of water-based cooling methods and requires that alternative methods to minimize water usage are thoroughly considered before local approval of data centers or similar land uses that are reliant on significant water resources for cooling purposes.

Patron - Hodges

F **HB2438 Local regulation of solar facilities; special exceptions.** Provides that a ground-mounted solar energy generation facility to be located on property zoned agricultural, commercial, industrial, or institutional shall be permitted pursuant to various criteria to be included in a local ordinance, such as specifications for setbacks, fencing, solar panel height, visual impacts, and grading, and a decommissioning plan for solar energy equipment and facilities, unless otherwise permitted by right.
Patron - Mundon King

F **HB2480 Zoning; traffic studies.** Provides that no locality shall require a traffic study as a condition for approval of a rezoning application that involves either a single-family or multifamily residential use of fewer than 50 residential units. The bill further provides that in any instance in which a locality requires a rezoning applicant to submit a traffic study as part of the application, the applicant shall be reimbursed by the locality for the costs of the traffic study if the locality does not accept the results of the traffic study or if the locality requires the applicant to make additional traffic-related improvements that are not required by the traffic study.
Patron - Owen

F **HB2499 Comprehensive plan; subdivision ordinance; local approvals; work group.** Provides that a locality's comprehensive plan shall not constitute the basis, in whole or in part, whether directly or through incorporation into any zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, or other ordinance or manual, for the disapproval of a site plan, subdivision plat, or other administrative approval that is otherwise in conformity with duly adopted standards, ordinances, and statutes. The bill also shortens the timeframes for various local government approvals of subdivision plats and site plans. Additionally, the bill calls on the Virginia Code Commission to convene a work group consisting of various stakeholders to review existing provisions related to the submission, review, and approval of subdivision plats and site plans. The work group shall develop recommendations to (i) organize procedural steps in a clear, logical, and sequential order to enhance ease of reference; (ii) clarify the processes, requirements, and timelines applicable to each type of plat or plan; (iii) standardize terminology to ensure consistency, reduce ambiguity, and minimize misinterpretation; and (iv) identify and eliminate redundant or duplicative provisions to streamline the Code and improve its usability and shall submit a report by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Owen

F **HB2585 Benefits consortium for localities.** Authorizes the governing bodies of three or more cities, counties, or school boards to form a benefits consortium for the purpose of establishing a self-funded employee welfare benefit plan. Under current law, such governing bodies or school boards are authorized to form such a benefits consortium if they comprised the membership of a multiple employer welfare arrangement as of December 31, 2014. Such a benefits consortium is required to be a nonstock corporation established to operate a benefits plan. Each member of the benefits consortium is contractually liable for its allocated share of the consortium's liabilities, and the benefits consortium is exempt from taxation and from insurance regulations.
Patron - Cordoza

F **HB2602 Persons seeking temporary shelter; provision of temporary shelter by locality.** Prohibits a locality from adopting or enforcing any ordinance that creates criminal penalties for sleeping or seeking temporary shelter in a legally parked vehicle and provides that no person who is sleeping or seeking temporary shelter in a legally parked car shall be detained solely for such reason. The bill prohibits a locality from detaining any person who is public camping, as defined in the bill, solely for such reason unless the locality is able to immediately provide other temporary shelter to such person or the person is deemed to pose an immediate threat to the public. The bill also requires a locality to make a reasonable effort to provide temporary shelter for individuals without housing and gives authority to use government-owned property for such purpose.
Patron - Cole

F **HB2603 Affordable housing; county executive form of government.** Adds counties with the county executive form of government to the list of localities with authority to provide for an affordable dwelling unit program. Albemarle County, which is already granted such authority under current law, and Prince William County are the only counties that have adopted such form of government.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2625 Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; powers.** Provides for the board of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority to adopt policies for the procurement of goods and services and requires such policies to incorporate certain provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. In addition, the bill authorizes the Director of the Department of General Services to lease vehicles and construction and forestry equipment to the Authority.
Patron - Morefield

F **HB2641 Statewide housing targets for localities.** Requires localities to increase their total housing stock by at least 7.5 percent over the five-year period beginning January 1, 2027. The bill provides that in order to meet the 7.5 percent growth target, a locality shall develop a housing growth plan that best meets the needs of the locality and may include any of various listed housing growth strategies. The bill further provides that after January 1, 2032, an applicant who seeks local government approval for a residential development that will have the effect of increasing the supply of housing in a locality and has that application rejected may, in addition to other remedies, appeal such decision to the Housing Approval Board, which shall be established by the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. The bill authorizes the Housing Approval Board to overturn local decisions and approve applications under certain circumstances. However, if the Housing Approval Board determines that a locality has in good faith implemented at least three of the housing growth strategies listed in the bill and has not rejected more than 25 percent of new housing development proposals over the previous five years, the Housing Approval Board shall allow the local decision to stand. Finally, the bill provides that the Housing Approval Board shall give extra weight for increases in affordable housing and for the rehabilitation of current, underutilized housing stock. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Helmer

F **HB2683 Road impact fees.** Lowers one of the local government population requirements for eligibility to adopt a road impact fee ordinance from a population of at least 20,000 and a population growth rate of at least five percent to a population of at least 15,000 with no growth rate requirement.
Patron - Oates

F **HB2690 Publication of legal notices; website.** Allows a locality to publish legal notices on the locality's

website instead of, or in addition to, publishing such notices in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality.
Patron - Green

F **HB2712 Siting of data centers; local authority.** Provides that a locality, in considering any land use application required for the siting of a data center, may (i) require and consider water use estimates for proposed data center developments; (ii) require sound modeling studies for proposed data center developments; (iii) establish and enforce maximum allowable sound levels for operational data center facilities, including the use of alternative low-frequency metrics, and include such requirements in zoning ordinances; and (iv) require and consider power load demand estimates for a proposed data center development.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2745 Sale of certain vacant and blighted or derelict property.** Allows a locality where certain vacant and blighted or derelict property is located to petition the circuit court to appoint a special commissioner to execute the necessary deed or deeds to convey the real estate, in lieu of a sale at public auction, to the locality, to the locality's land bank entity, or to an existing nonprofit entity designated by the locality to carry out the functions of a land bank. The bill provides that the locality shall require any purchaser by covenants in the deed or other security instrument to (i) begin repair or renovation of the property within six months of purchase and (ii) complete all repairs or renovations necessary to bring the property into compliance with the local building code within a period not to exceed two years of the purchase. The provisions of the bill apply only to property that is owned by a person that is not a United States citizen or United States entity or an entity that is owned or controlled by a person who is not a United States citizen.
Patron - O'Quinn

F **SB762 Salaries of boards of supervisors for certain counties.** Increases the statutory salary caps for boards of supervisors of counties that have adopted salary limits consistent with provisions in the Code of Virginia relating to alternative procedures for establishing salaries of boards of supervisors.
Patron - Mulchi

F **SB839 Zoning; by-right multifamily development in areas zoned for commercial use.** Requires a locality to provide in its zoning ordinance provisions allowing for the by-right development and construction of multifamily residential uses on all land contained in commercial or business zoning district classifications. The bill provides that the review and approval of such development shall be done administratively by the locality's staff and that any residential development that dedicates a minimum of 10 percent of the total number of housing units to households with a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income shall be granted an accelerated plan review and permit approval process by the locality's staff.
Patron - VanValkenburg

F **SB899 Zoning; data centers; water use.** Authorizes a locality to include in its zoning ordinance provisions for (i) requiring proposed data center developments to submit water use estimates and (ii) considering water use when making rezoning and special use permit decisions related to data center development.
Patron - Stuart

F **SB932 Local comprehensive plan; tiny homes; accessory dwelling units.** Clarifies that the comprehensive plan prepared by a local planning commission and adopted by a local governing body may include the use of tiny homes and accessory dwelling units, defined in the bill, as part of any residential development and use designated within such plan. The bill contains technical amendments.
Patron - Salim

F **SB975 Statewide housing targets for localities.** Requires localities to increase their total housing stock by at least 7.5 percent over the five-year period beginning January 1, 2026. The bill provides that in order to meet the 7.5 percent growth target, a locality shall develop a housing growth plan that best meets the needs of the locality and may include any of various listed housing growth strategies. The bill further provides that after January 1, 2031, an applicant who seeks local government approval for a residential development that will have the effect of increasing the supply of housing in a locality and has that application rejected may, in addition to other remedies, appeal such decision to the Housing Approval Board, which shall be established by the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. The bill authorizes the Housing Approval Board to overturn local decisions and approve applications under certain circumstances. However, if the Housing Approval Board determines that a locality has in good faith implemented at least three of the housing growth strategies listed in the bill and has not rejected more than 25 percent of new housing development proposals over the previous five years, the Housing Approval Board shall allow the local decision to stand. Finally, the bill provides that the Housing Approval Board shall give extra weight for increases in affordable housing and for the rehabilitation of current, underutilized housing stock.
Patron - VanValkenburg

F **SB1045 Siting of data centers; property classified for industrial use.** Requires that any local government land use application for the siting of a data center shall only be approved if such application is for a data center located on property classified by local ordinance for industrial use. The bill applies only to such applications submitted on or after July 1, 2025.
Patron - Roem

F **SB1046 Data centers; noise abatement.** Provides that any local government land use application required for the siting of a data center shall be approved only in accordance with certain notice and noise abatement requirements. The bill provides that residents within a half-mile radius of the parcel shall receive notice of the proposed data center and that the data center operator shall hold two neighborhood meetings. The bill requires a data center operator to design and build the data center to incorporate sound mitigation methods sufficient to prevent the sound levels emanating from the data center from exceeding the ambient noise levels that were observed in a baseline study, as determined by a third-party acoustic engineer. The bill also provides that upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy, and for five years thereafter, the data center operator shall conduct a noise study performed by a third-party acoustical engineer to document noise levels emanating from the data center measured at the property line of the nearest property to the data center property that is planned or zoned for residential land uses, or other noise-sensitive use as reasonably determined by the locality, during peak operation of the data center mechanical equipment. The bill also provides that if the data center operator intends to use backup power generators on the parcel, the operator shall maintain a public website announcing the times when the generators will be in operation. Finally, the bill provides that any noise ordinance adopted by a locality

shall set maximum allowable sound levels for data centers, including by (i) using alternative low frequency noise metrics and (ii) setting noise rules and enforcement mechanisms in its zoning ordinance, separate from existing noise ordinances.
Patron - Roem

F **SB1087 Maintenance of vegetative growth on certain property.** Authorizes a locality to require an owner of property that (i) was formerly used as a golf course but where such use has been discontinued and (ii) abuts an area zoned for residential purposes to cut or maintain the vegetative growth in a manner that (a) is consistent with the character of the former golf course property and compatible with the surrounding residential area and (b) prevents such property from becoming a detriment to the health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the abutting residential area. The bill allows the locality to have its agents or employees cut or maintain the vegetative growth on such property, as the locality deems necessary, at the owner's expense after providing reasonable notice to the owner of record of such property. The costs for cutting or maintaining the vegetative growth on such property may be collected by the locality as taxes are collected. The bill states that its provisions are declarative of existing law.
Patron - Craig

F **SB1114 Local regulation of solar facilities; special exceptions.** Provides that a ground-mounted solar energy generation facility to be located on property zoned agricultural, commercial, industrial, or institutional shall be permitted pursuant to various criteria to be included in a local ordinance, such as specifications for setbacks, fencing, solar panel height, visual impacts, and grading, and a decommissioning plan for solar energy equipment and facilities.
Patron - VanValkenburg

F **SB1136 Local anti-rent gouging authority; civil penalty.** Provides that any locality may by ordinance adopt anti-rent gouging provisions. The bill provides for notice and a public hearing prior to the adoption of such ordinance and specifies that all landlords who are under the ordinance may be required to give at least two months' written notice of a rent increase and cannot increase the rent by more than the locality's calculated allowance, not to exceed three percent, and states that such allowance is effective for a 12-month period beginning July 1 each year. The bill requires the locality to publish such allowance on its website by June 1 of each year. Certain facilities, as outlined in the bill, are exempt from such ordinance. The bill also requires a locality to establish an anti-rent gouging board to establish rules and procedures by which landlords may apply for and be granted exemptions from the rent increase limits set by the ordinance or delegate such duties and functions to an existing local board, department, or agency. Finally, the bill provides that a locality shall establish a civil penalty for failure to comply with the requirements set out in its ordinance.
Patron - Boysko

F **SB1171 Local prohibition or regulation of gas-powered leaf blowers; civil penalty.** Provides that any locality may by ordinance prohibit or regulate the use of gas-powered leaf blowers. The bill provides that the ordinance may include provisions for a civil penalty and that the funds from such civil penalties may be used by the locality to assist with the purchase of nonprohibited leaf blowers by residents and local businesses.
Patron - Salim

F **SB1178 Faith and housing; comprehensive plan; zoning; Department of Housing and Community Development.** Grants authority to localities to adopt a variety of strategies intended to encourage and facilitate the development of affordable housing on property owned by religious organizations or tax-exempt nonprofit organizations. The bill allows localities to request administrative support from the Department of Housing and Community Development in preparation of a faith and housing ordinance.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1190 Virginia Energy Facility Review Board established; localities; comprehensive plan and local ordinances related to siting of critical interconnection projects; planning district commissions; regional energy plans; Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center established.** Establishes the Virginia Energy Facility Review Board as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth for the purposes of conducting critical interconnection reviews, conduct analysis and study policy options, review regional energy plans, local comprehensive plans, and local solar and storage ordinances and to facilitate the responsible siting of critical interconnection projects in the Commonwealth.
The bill also establishes the Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center, consisting of public institutions of higher education, to serve as an interdisciplinary study, research, and information resource and to provide technical assistance to state agencies, planning district commissions, localities, the Review Board, other public bodies, and private entities in matters related to critical interconnection projects. The bill requires the Center to collaborate with the Review Board to issue the regional energy report and to establish the model local ordinance.
The bill requires the Review Board to issue a regional energy report that models each planning district's meaningful annual contribution to clean energy generation, energy efficiency measures, and energy storage. Each planning district commission is required to adopt a regional energy plan to address energy generation, storage, and use that demonstrates a meaningful contribution to the Commonwealth's energy goals as determined by the regional energy report issued by the Review Board and to submit the plan to the Review Board. The Review Board is required to determine if a regional energy plan is in compliance with certain provisions within 60 days of receipt of such plan. If the Review Board determines that the regional energy plan is not in compliance, the relevant planning district commission has 60 days to adopt a compliant regional energy plan. If the relevant planning district commission fails to adopt a compliant energy plan within the 60 days, the Review Board, within 90 days of such failure, is required to issue an alternative regional energy plan that is in effect for such region.
The bill requires the Review Board to establish a model local ordinance for siting, permitting, and zoning of critical interconnection projects and all other ground-mounted front-of-meter solar energy and energy storage projects. The bill requires each locality to adopt an ordinance for the permitting of solar energy facilities and energy storage facilities that is consistent with the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy and the model ordinance and submit it to the Review Board. Under the bill, the Review Board is required to determine if the local ordinance is compliant with certain requirements. If the Review Board determines that the local ordinance is not in compliance, the locality has 60 days to adopt a compliant local ordinance. If the locality fails to adopt a compliant local ordinance within the 60 days, the bill provides that the model local ordinance established is in effect for such locality. The bill provides a procedure for a planning district commission or a locality to appeal a Review Board determination regarding a regional energy plan or a local ordinance.
Under the bill, any developer planning to construct a critical interconnection project is required to submit an application to

the Review Board. The Review Board is required to determine if the critical interconnection project (i) qualifies as a project of statewide significance, defined in the bill, and (ii) complies with the ordinance in each locality in which the proposed critical interconnection project would be located. In making its determination, the Review Board is required to consider the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy, certain regulations adopted by the State Air Pollution Control Board, certain renewable portfolio requirements, and any other information it deems relevant. The bill provides that the Review Board has the discretion to disregard any unreasonable restriction, defined in the bill, in the local ordinance on the installation of the critical interconnection projects or the building of structures that facilitate the installation of critical interconnection projects. In addition, the Review Board may consider any regional energy plan developed by the relevant planning district commission. The Review Board is required to issue its opinion on the critical interconnection project within 90 days of receiving an application.

The bill requires a locality to issue its final decision regarding any zoning change, variance, or the issuance of a special exemption, special use permit, or conditional use permit related to a critical interconnection project no later than 180 days after receiving a critical interconnection opinion issued by the Review Board. If the locality's final decision diverges from the Review Board's opinion, the locality is required to include a written determination setting forth all facts and conclusions reached by the locality that support its final decision. Under the bill, a locality's failure to make a final decision within the 180-day period constitutes a granting of the zoning change, variance, special exemption, special use permit, or conditional use permit related to a critical interconnection project.

The bill requires that any appeal of a locality's decision related to a critical interconnection project will be filed in the circuit court of such locality. The bill provides that such appeal can be brought only by the aggrieved applicant or the owner of the property subject to a special exception and no other person has standing to file such appeal or seek judicial review. Under the bill, in any such appeal, there is a rebuttable presumption that the opinion of the Review Board is correct. Such presumption may be overcome by a preponderance of the evidence that the locality's decision to grant or deny a project or to include the challenged conditions was consistent with provisions in the locality's ordinance that are not unreasonable restrictions.

This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation.

Patron - Deeds

F **SB1256** **Counties, cities, and towns; comprehensive plan; accessory dwelling units.** Clarifies that the comprehensive plan prepared by a local planning commission and adopted by a local governing body may include the use of accessory dwelling units, defined in the bill, as part of any residential development and use designated within such plan. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Stanley

F **SB1351** **Affordable housing; religious organizations and other tax-exempt properties.** Provides that no local ordinance shall require a special exception, special use permit, conditional use permit, or additional fee to be obtained for the development and construction of affordable housing on real property owned by a religious organization or certain nonprofit organizations that is connected to a public sewage system. The bill requires that at least 60 percent of the housing development's total units be for affordable housing and that the housing development remain affordable for at least 50 years.

Patron - Srinivasan

F **SB1429** **Protection of memorials for war veterans.** Provides that it is unlawful for localities or individuals to disturb or interfere with certain monuments, markers, and memorials for war veterans or to prevent citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of the monuments, markers, or memorials. The bill describes "disturb or interfere with" to include removing, damaging, or defacing monuments, markers, or memorials or, in the case of the Civil War, placing Union markings or monuments on previously designated Confederate memorials or placing Confederate markings or monuments on previously designated Union memorials. The bill also deletes current provisions that allow localities to remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover such monuments or memorials. The bill changes an existing advisory referendum provision by limiting its applicability to those monuments, markers, and memorials that were erected at least 40 years ago and by requiring a two-thirds majority vote, both by voters and by the governing body, before any monument can be removed, relocated, or covered. The bill also establishes a process whereby any person with an interest can initiate an action against a person or locality that damages or defaces a publicly owned monument if a locality or its officers have failed to take such action within 60 days of the damage or defacement.

Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB1479** **Certification of law-enforcement officers; out-of-state certifications recognized; requirements.** Provides that the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall recognize the out-of-state law-enforcement certification of an individual seeking employment as a law-enforcement officer in the Commonwealth subject to certain conditions.

Patron - Suetterlein

Courts Not of Record

Passed

P **HB1733** **Petitions for relief of care and custody of a child; investigation by local department of social services; Office of the Children's Ombudsman work group; report.** Requires a local department of social services, as a part of its investigation after the referral of a request for a petition for relief of the care and custody of a child, to (i) refer the parent to the local family assessment and planning team and (ii) create a written report. The bill directs the Department of Social Services, in coordination with the Virginia League of Social Services Executives, to create a template for and provide guidance on what should be included in such written report.

The bill also directs the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to convene a work group composed of relevant stakeholders to (a) determine the factors a court should consider when determining whether there is good cause shown for a petitioner's desire to be relieved of the care and custody of a child and (b) explore the potential benefits and considerations of raising the standard of evidence for granting temporary relief of custody from the current standard of preponderance of the evidence to clear and convincing evidence. The bill directs the work group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice and the Virginia Commission on Youth by November 1, 2025. Certain provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. As

introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Commission on Youth. This bill is identical to SB 1372.
Patron - Cole

P **HB1781 Foreign protective orders in cases of family abuse; enforcement.** Clarifies that the same criminal penalty applies for any person who violates the provisions of a foreign protective order in a case of family abuse that is accorded full faith and credit and is enforceable in the Commonwealth as if it were an order of the Commonwealth. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia and is identical to SB 1095.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB1854 Party with legitimate interest; parent whose rights have previously been terminated.** Allows a parent whose rights previously have been terminated to be considered a party with a legitimate interest for the purposes of filing a custody or visitation petition, provided that the child whose custody or visitation is at issue (i) is at least 14 years of age, (ii) has had a permanency goal previously achieved by adoption, (iii) has had his adoptive parents die or each of such child's adoptive parents has permanently been relieved of custody of such child and each adoptive parent has had his parental rights terminated, and (iv) is in the custody of a local board of social services, and provided that the parent whose rights had previously been terminated has (a) complied with the terms of any written post-adoption contact and communication agreement entered into and (b) maintained a positive, continuous relationship with the child since termination. Under current law, a party with a legitimate interest does not include any person whose parental rights have been terminated by court order, either voluntarily or involuntarily.
Patron - Arnold

P **HB1882 Protective orders; Military Protective Orders.** Permits a court to issue a preliminary protective order upon evidence of a Military Protective Order issued by a commanding officer in the Armed Forces of the United States, the Virginia National Guard, or the National Guard of any other state in favor of the petitioner or the petitioner's family or household members. The bill provides that a Military Protective Order issued between the parties shall only be admissible or considered as evidence in accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Rules of Evidence of the Supreme Court of Virginia, or other relevant Virginia case law. The bill requires a law-enforcement agency, upon a defendant's violation of a protective order, if such Military Protective Order was issued against the same defendant as a protective order in a Virginia court and registered with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), to inform the military law-enforcement officer or agency that issued and entered the Military Protective Order into NCIC of such violation. This bill is identical to SB 957.
Patron - Sewell

P **HB2115 Summonses of a juvenile; custody, visitation, and support proceedings.** Provides that the court may direct the issuance of a summons to a juvenile on its own motion or upon request of a party to a custody or visitation petition. The bill further provides that the court may direct the issuance of a summons to a juvenile on its own motion or for good cause shown by a party to a support proceeding requesting the issuance of such a summons. The bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

P **HB2130 Juvenile respondent in protective order proceeding; certain orders.** Provides that a court may, upon its own motion or the motion of an attorney or guardian ad litem representing a juvenile respondent in a protective order proceeding, enter an order that requires the local board of social services to provide services to the child and family.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

P **HB2162 Per diem compensation of a substitute judge of a district court.** Increases from $200 to $350 the per diem compensation of each substitute judge of a district court. The bill also increases the per diem compensation for such judge from $100 to $175 if the substitute judge sits less than four hours or presides over less than a full docket. The bill reflects language in subsection S of Item 31 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I.
Patron - Carr

P **HB2222 Use of restraints on juveniles in court prohibited; exceptions.** Prohibits the use of instruments of restraint, as defined in the bill, on a juvenile appearing before the juvenile and domestic relations district court unless, upon motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth or on the court's own motion sua sponte, the court makes a finding that (i) the use of such restraints is necessary (a) to prevent physical harm to such juvenile or another person, (b) because such juvenile has a history of disruptive courtroom behavior that has placed others in potentially harmful situations or presents a substantial threat of serious harm to himself or others as evidenced by recent behavior, or (c) because such juvenile presents a substantial risk of flight from the courtroom and (ii) there are no less restrictive alternatives to such restraints that will prevent flight of or harm to such juvenile or another person, including court personnel or law-enforcement officers. The bill provides that the juvenile shall be entitled to an attorney prior to a hearing on the use of instruments of restraint. The bill also requires the court to provide the juvenile's attorney an opportunity to be heard before the court orders the use of instruments of restraint, and the juvenile's attorney may waive the juvenile's appearance at such hearing. Lastly, the bill requires the court, if such restraints are ordered, to communicate to the parties the basis of the decision either orally or in writing. This bill is identical to SB 1255.
Patron - Cousins

P **HB2260 Child in need of services; definition.** Expands the definition of a "child in need of services" for purposes of juvenile and domestic relations district courts to include a child who remains away from, deserts, or abandons his family or lawful custodian during one occasion and is demonstratively at risk of coercion, exploitation, abuse, or manipulation or has been lured from his parent or lawful custodian by means of trickery or misrepresentation or under false pretenses.
Patron - Delaney

P **HB2472 Fingerprints, palm prints, and photographs of juveniles.** Requires law-enforcement officers to obtain, electronically when possible, fingerprints, palm prints with accompanying distal prints, if available, and photographs of any juvenile taken into custody and charged with a delinquent act. The bill also requires such fingerprints, palm prints, or photographs to be both filed with the Central Criminal Records Exchange and submitted electronically, when possible, to the State Police to be maintained in a confidential and secure area within the system in which the record is maintained that is inaccessible during routine use of such system. The bill further requires any electronic record of such fingerprints, palm prints, or photographs to be destroyed as soon as possible after the State Police have been notified that a petition or warrant has not been filed against the

juvenile. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 1261.
Patron - Batten

P **HB2565 Subpoenas duces tecum; financial records of nonparty; report.** Authorizes a nonparty to a civil proceeding to file a motion to quash or modify a subpoena duces tecum issued by a party to such proceeding for the production of (i) financial records of a nonparty account holder or (ii) if such nonparty is an attorney, such attorney's records subject to attorney-client privilege. The bill also prohibits certain financial entities from conditioning the compliance with a subpoena for production of financial records upon the payment of fees for producing such records. The bill directs the Supreme Court of Virginia to amend its rules as necessary to be consistent with the provisions of the bill. Finally, the bill directs the Boyd-Graves Conference to study whether the Code of Virginia should be amended further to grant standing to other nonparties to file a motion to quash or modify a subpoena duces tecum for other types of records requested by a party in a civil proceeding and to submit the findings of such study to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees for Courts of Justice by November 1, 2025. This bill is identical to SB 1010.
Patron - Leftwich

P **HB2596 Office of the Executive Secretary; notification to guardian ad litems representing juveniles; child in need of services or supervision.** Directs the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to send notification to attorneys qualified for appointment as guardians ad litem that, if appointed to represent a child who is alleged to be a child in need of services or supervision, such attorney should have familiarity with the statutes providing the dispositional alternatives available when a juvenile and domestic relations district court finds that a child is in need of services or supervision.
Patron - Rasoul

P **HB2599 Chief judges; designation of cases to be heard in the Twelfth Judicial District.** Allows the chief judges of the Twelfth Judicial District General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court to designate by order cases to be heard in courtrooms in the Colonial Heights General District Court or Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court whose proper, preferred, or permissible venue is laid in Chesterfield County. The bill provides that such designations made by order shall not be subject to objection. Additionally, the bill provides that its provisions shall supersede all other provisions outside the bill related to the venue of cases to be heard in general district court or juvenile and domestic relations district court. The bill also prohibits such use of the City of Colonial Heights courtrooms until the city manager of Colonial Heights and the county supervisor of Chesterfield County have executed a memorandum of understanding detailing the terms and conditions of the use of such courtrooms. The provisions of this bill shall expire at such time that the Twelfth Judicial District General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court courthouse buildings located in Chesterfield County are expanded or otherwise redesigned to suitably accommodate the office and courtroom space for an additional judge and additional administrative staff.
Patron - Cherry

P **HB2652 Bail and recognizance; appeal of conviction.** Provides that the court shall not require any new bond for the release of a person who has been convicted of an offense in a district court and has noted an appeal.
Patron - Davis

P **HB2692 Custodial interrogations; false statements to a child prohibited; inauthentic replica documents.** Prohibits law-enforcement officers from knowingly and intentionally making false statements about any material fact, including by use of inauthentic replica documents, prior to or during a custodial interrogation of a child to secure the cooperation, confession, or conviction of such child. The bill defines "inauthentic replica documents" as any documents, including computer-generated documents, created by any means, including artificial intelligence, by a law-enforcement officer or his agent that (i) contain a false statement, signature, seal, letterhead, or contact information or (ii) materially misrepresent any fact. The bill provides that if a law-enforcement officer knowingly violates such prohibition, any statements made by such child shall be inadmissible in any delinquency proceeding or criminal proceeding against such child. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Glass

P **HB2729 Maximum number of judges in each judicial district.** Increases by one the maximum number of general district court judges in the Ninth and Thirty-first Judicial Districts. The bill also increases by one the maximum number of juvenile and domestic relations district court judges in the Second Judicial District. This bill incorporates HB 2249 and HB 2361 and is identical to SB 1327.
Patron - Hope

P **HB2754 Behavioral health services; exchange of medical and mental health information and records; correctional facilities.** Permits the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Social Services, and any local department of social services to access medical and mental health information and records for persons committed to any correctional facility for the purposes of providing pre-release services, reentry planning, and post-incarceration placement and services. The bill also authorizes the Department of Medical Assistance Services to access a juvenile's social, medical, psychiatric, and psychological reports and records during pre-release and for up to 30 days following such juvenile's release from commitment for the purposes of providing pre-release services, reentry planning, and post-incarceration placement and services. This bill incorporates HB 2290, HB 2655, and HB 2752 and is identical to SB 870.
Patron - Singh

P **SB761 Civil actions brought by warrant or motion for judgment.** Extends the date range during which a person against whom a civil claim is asserted is required to appear in court to answer the complaint from not more than 60 to not more than 90 days from the date the warrant is served on such person. The bill also extends the date range on which a plaintiff bringing an action by motion for judgment is required to make such motion from not more than 60 to not more than 90 days from the date the motion is served.
Patron - Sturtevant

P **SB778 Juveniles; adjudication of delinquency; penalty.** Specifies that a delinquent child is a child 11 years of age or older who has committed a delinquent act. Currently, there is no minimum age for a child to be adjudicated delinquent. The bill provides that if a juvenile younger than 11 years of age is found to have committed an act that would be delinquent if committed by a child 11 years of age or older, the juvenile shall not be proceeded upon as delinquent; however, the court may make any orders of disposition authorized for a child in need of services or a child in need of supervision. The bill also provides that any funding that is available to provide

services to a child 11 years of age or older who is proceeded upon as delinquent shall also be made available to a child younger than 11 years of age who is found to have committed an act that would be delinquent if committed by a child 11 years of age or older in order to provide such child the same services. The bill includes in the definition of "child in need of services" a child younger than 11 years of age who has committed an act that would be delinquent if committed by a child 11 years of age or older.

The bill adds that a child may be taken into immediate custody when such child is alleged to be in need of services or supervision and there is a clear and substantial danger to the child's life or health or the safety of the child's family or the public. Finally, the bill includes in the offense of causing or encouraging acts rendering children delinquent, abused, etc., any person 18 years of age or older, including the parent of any child, who willfully contributes to, encourages, or causes any act, omission, or condition that (i) causes a child younger than 11 years of age to commit an act that would be delinquent if committed by a child 11 years of age or older or (ii) causes any child to participate in or become a member of a criminal street gang in violation of existing law. Under the bill, any person who commits such offense is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Locke

P **SB870** **Behavioral health services; exchange of medical and mental health information and records; correctional facilities.** Permits the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Social Services, and any local department of social services to access medical and mental health information and records for persons committed to any correctional facility for the purposes of providing pre-release services, reentry planning, and post-incarceration placement and services. The bill also authorizes the Department of Medical Assistance Services to access a juvenile's social, medical, psychiatric, and psychological reports and records during pre-release and up to 30 days following such juvenile's release from commitment for the purposes of providing pre-release services, reentry planning, and post-incarceration placement and services. This bill is identical to HB 2754.

Patron - Favola

P **SB957** **Protective orders; Military Protective Orders.** Permits a court to issue a preliminary protective order upon evidence of a Military Protective Order issued by a commanding officer in the Armed Forces of the United States, the Virginia National Guard, or the National Guard of any other state in favor of the petitioner or the petitioner's family or household members. The bill provides that a Military Protective Order issued between the parties shall only be admissible or considered as evidence in accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Rules of Evidence of the Supreme Court of Virginia, or other relevant Virginia case law. The bill requires a law-enforcement agency, upon a defendant's violation of a protective order, if such Military Protective Order was issued against the same defendant as a protective order in a Virginia court and registered with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), to inform the military law-enforcement officer or agency that issued and entered the Military Protective Order into NCIC of such violation. This bill incorporates SB 751 and is identical to HB 1882.

Patron - Perry

P **SB965** **Recording of proceedings in district courts.** Allows an audio recording of proceedings in a district court, which includes both general district court and juvenile and domestic relations district court, to be made by a party or his counsel. Under current law, such recordings are only allowed in a general district court.

Additionally, the bill (i) allows the judge of a juvenile and domestic relations district court to impose any restriction as necessary to comply with the confidentiality requirements applicable to such district court and (ii) prohibits the judge of a district court from (a) ordering or requiring a party or his counsel to submit a copy of such audio recording or transcript of such recording to the clerk of a district court to be maintained in such party's individual case file or (b) prohibiting a party or his counsel from providing such copy or transcript to the opposing party or his counsel.

Patron - Carroll Foy

P **SB1010** **Subpoenas duces tecum; financial records of nonparty; report.** Authorizes a nonparty to a civil proceeding to file a motion to quash or modify a subpoena duces tecum issued by a party to such proceeding for the production of (i) financial records of a nonparty account holder or (ii) if such nonparty is an attorney, such attorney's records subject to attorney-client privilege. The bill also prohibits certain financial entities from conditioning the compliance with a subpoena for production of financial records upon the payment of fees for producing such records. The bill directs the Supreme Court of Virginia to amend its rules as necessary to be consistent with the provisions of the bill. Finally, the bill directs the Boyd-Graves Conference to study whether the Code of Virginia should be amended further to grant standing to other nonparties to file a motion to quash or modify a subpoena duces tecum for other types of records requested by a party in a civil proceeding and to submit the findings of such study to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees for Courts of Justice by November 1, 2025. This bill is identical to HB 2565.

Patron - Surovell

P **SB1095** **Foreign protective orders in cases of family abuse; enforcement.** Clarifies that the same criminal penalty applies for any person who violates the provisions of a foreign protective order in a case of family abuse that is accorded full faith and credit and is enforceable in the Commonwealth as if it were an order of the Commonwealth. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia and is identical to HB 1781.

Patron - Jordan

P **SB1255** **Use of restraints on juveniles in court prohibited; exceptions.** Prohibits the use of instruments of restraint, as defined in the bill, on a juvenile appearing before the juvenile and domestic relations district court unless, upon motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth or on the court's own motion sua sponte, the court makes a finding that (i) the use of such restraints is necessary (a) to prevent physical harm to such juvenile or another person, (b) because such juvenile has a history of disruptive courtroom behavior that has placed others in potentially harmful situations or presents a substantial threat of serious harm to himself or others as evidenced by recent behavior, or (c) because such juvenile presents a substantial risk of flight from the courtroom and (ii) there are no less restrictive alternatives to such restraints that will prevent flight of or harm to such juvenile or another person, including court personnel or law-enforcement officers. The bill provides that the juvenile shall be entitled to an attorney prior to a hearing on the use of instruments of restraint. The bill also requires the court to provide the juvenile's attorney an opportunity to be heard before the court orders the use of instruments of restraint, and the juvenile's attorney may waive the juvenile's appearance at such hearing. Lastly, the bill requires the court, if such restraints are ordered, to

communicate to the parties the basis of the decision either orally or in writing. This bill is identical to HB 2222.
Patron - Bagby

P **SB1261 Fingerprints, palm prints, and photographs of juveniles.** Requires law-enforcement officers to obtain, electronically when possible, fingerprints, palm prints with accompanying distal prints, if available, and photographs of any juvenile taken into custody and charged with a delinquent act. The bill also requires such fingerprints, palm prints, or photographs to be both filed with the Central Criminal Records Exchange and submitted electronically, when possible, to the State Police to be maintained in a confidential and secure area within the system in which the record is maintained that is inaccessible during routine use of such system. The bill further requires any electronic record of such fingerprints, palm prints, or photographs to be destroyed as soon as possible after the State Police have been notified that a petition or warrant has not been filed against the juvenile. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2472.
Patron - Bagby

P **SB1327 Maximum number of judges in each judicial district.** Increases by one the maximum number of general district court judges in the Ninth and Thirty-first Judicial Districts. The bill also increases by one the maximum number of juvenile and domestic relations district court judges in the Second Judicial District. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts. This bill is identical to HB 2729.
Patron - Diggs

P **SB1372 Petitions for relief of care and custody of a child; investigation by local department of social services; Office of the Children's Ombudsman work group; report.** Requires a local department of social services, as a part of its investigation after the referral of a request for a petition for relief of the care and custody of a child, to (i) refer the parent to the local family assessment and planning team and (ii) create a written report. The bill directs the Department of Social Services, in coordination with the Virginia League of Social Services Executives, to create a template for and provide guidance on what should be included in such written report.
The bill also directs the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to convene a work group composed of relevant stakeholders to (a) determine the factors a court should consider when determining whether there is good cause shown for a petitioner's desire to be relieved of the care and custody of a child and (b) explore the potential benefits and considerations of raising the standard of evidence for granting temporary relief of custody from the current standard of preponderance of the evidence to clear and convincing evidence. The bill directs the work group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice and the Virginia Commission on Youth by November 1, 2025. Certain provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Commission on Youth. This bill is identical to HB 1733.
Patron - Suetterlein

Failed

F **HB1852 Definition of "family or household member."** Clarifies that, for the purposes of the definition of "family or household member," an individual does not have to currently be or previously have been in a romantic, dating, or sexual relationship with another person for such individual to be considered a family or household member of such other person if such individual cohabits or, within the previous 12 months, cohabited with such other person and any children of either of them then residing in the same home with such other person.
Patron - Arnold

F **HB1885 Department of Juvenile Justice; inquiry and report of immigration status; juvenile or adult adjudicated delinquent or convicted of violent juvenile felony.** Requires the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice or other person in charge of a secure facility where a juvenile or adult has been committed upon an adjudication of delinquency or a finding of guilt for a violent juvenile felony to ascertain whether such juvenile or adult is in the United States illegally and, if such juvenile or adult is found to be in the United States illegally, to communicate such information to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Under current law, such immigration inquiries are required of jail officers or correctional officers in charge of state, local, or regional correctional facilities.
Patron - Williams

F **HB2249 Maximum number of judges in each judicial district.** Increases from three to four the maximum number of authorized general district court judges in the Ninth Judicial District. This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.
Patron - Green

F **HB2263 Violations of protective orders; preliminary child protective order; penalties.** Changes the punishment and sentencing requirements for a violation of a preliminary child protective order to the same penalties as violations of preliminary, emergency, and permanent family abuse protective orders, including enhanced penalties for certain violations.
Under current law, (i) the maximum penalty for violations of child protective orders constitutes contempt of court; however, if the violation involves an act or acts of commission or omission that endanger the child's life or health, or results in bodily injury to the child, it is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor and (ii) the court is not required to enter a permanent family abuse protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) upon a conviction of a violation of a preliminary child protective order.
Patron - Kent

F **HB2270 Commitment of serious juvenile offenders.** Allows a juvenile and domestic relations district court to qualify a transferred juvenile as a serious offender and commit him to the Department of Juvenile Justice regardless of whether he meets existing criteria regarding criminal background if, upon the court's review of the juvenile's entire criminal history, such qualification is otherwise justified. Under current law, only a circuit court is allowed to make such qualification and commitment. The bill requires the committing juvenile and domestic relations district court or circuit court to document its reasoning for such commitment in writing.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2316 Protective orders; dissolution of existing order.** Provides that, upon the issuance of a new protective order involving a petitioner and respondent, the court shall dissolve any existing order issued by such court involving the same petitioner and respondent.
Patron - Davis

F **HB2361** **Maximum number of judges in each judicial district.** Increases from five to six the maximum number of authorized general district court judges in the Thirty-first Judicial District. This bill is a recommendation of the Committee on District Courts.
Patron - Torian

F **HB2505** **Termination of parental rights; abused, neglected, or abandoned children or children without parental care; appeals.** Provides that final orders involving (i) the abuse, neglect, or abandonment of children or children who are without parental care; (ii) the termination of parental rights; or (iii) the approval of permanency plans with the goal of adoption entered by the juvenile and domestic relations district court shall be appealed directly to the Court of Appeals and specifies that any such appeal shall take precedence on the docket of the Court of Appeals. The bill further establishes that the juvenile court functions as a court of record in such cases.
Patron - Runion

F **HB2530** **Use of restraints on juveniles in court prohibited; exceptions.** Prohibits the use of instruments of restraint, as defined in the bill, on a juvenile appearing before the juvenile and domestic relations district court unless the court makes a finding that (i) the use of such restraints is necessary (a) to prevent physical harm to such juvenile or another person, (b) because such juvenile has a history of disruptive courtroom behavior that has placed others in potentially harmful situations or presents a substantial threat of serious harm to himself or others as evidenced by recent behavior, or (c) because such juvenile presents a substantial risk of flight from the courtroom and (ii) there are no less restrictive alternatives to such restraints that will prevent flight of or harm to such juvenile or another person, including court personnel or law-enforcement officers. The bill requires the court to provide the juvenile's attorney an opportunity to be heard before the court orders the use of instruments of restraint, and if such restraints are ordered, requires the court to make written findings of fact in support of the order.
Patron - Sewell

F **HB2574** **Juvenile and domestic relations district court; juvenile intake; school notification.** Expands the offenses for which a juvenile and domestic relations district court intake officer, upon the filing of a petition alleging an offense was committed, is required to notify the superintendent of the school division in which the child who is the subject of the petition is enrolled or was enrolled at the time of the offense. The bill adds carjacking and sexual extortion to the list of offenses.
Patron - Leftwich

F **HB2655** **Behavioral health services; exchange of medical and mental health information and records; correctional facilities.**
Patron - Williams

F **HB2705** **Child custody orders; transfer of custody to person with legitimate interest.** Provides that when a juvenile and domestic relations district court has entered an order transferring custody of a child to a person with a legitimate interest, the court shall provide notice to such person with a legitimate interest of any motion to terminate or amend such order. The bill also provides that such person with a legitimate interest shall have the opportunity to be heard on such motion to terminate or amend.
Patron - Leftwich

F **HB2752** **Behavioral health services; exchange of medical and mental health information and records; correctional facilities.**
Patron - Gardner

F **HB2766** **Violations of protective orders; child protective order; penalties.** Changes the punishment and sentencing requirements for a violation of a preliminary child protective order and a protective order entered in a dispositional order related to abused, neglected, or abandoned children or children without parental care to the same penalties as violations of preliminary, emergency, and permanent family abuse protective orders, including enhanced penalties for certain violations.
Under current law, (i) the maximum penalty for violations of child protective orders constitutes contempt of court; however, if the violation involves an act or acts of commission or omission that endanger the child's life or health, or results in bodily injury to the child, it is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor and (ii) the court is not required to enter a permanent family abuse protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) upon a conviction of a violation of a preliminary child protective order.
Patron - Obenshain

F **SB747** **Juvenile and domestic relations district courts; mental health and social assessments.** Provides that if a juvenile is found to be delinquent, that a juvenile and domestic relations district court may, before final disposition of the case, direct the appropriate public agency to evaluate such juvenile's service needs using an interdisciplinary approach. The bill permits the juvenile and domestic relations district court, in the alternative, to consider an existing report from an interdisciplinary team if such interdisciplinary team met not more than 90 days prior to the finding that the juvenile is delinquent.
Patron - Favola

F **SB751** **Protective orders; military protective orders.** Permits a court to find good cause to issue a preliminary protective order when a petitioner has a Military Protective Order. The bill directs a law-enforcement officer to notify the agency that entered the Military Protective Order into the National Crime Information Center Systems that the law-enforcement officer has probable cause to believe the person violated the Military Protective Order if such person violated provisions of a state-issued protective order.
Patron - Diggs

F **SB1268** **Department of Juvenile Justice; inquiry and report of immigration status; juvenile or adult adjudicated delinquent or convicted of violent juvenile felony.** Requires the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice or other person in charge of a secure facility where a juvenile or adult has been committed upon an adjudication of delinquency or a finding of guilt for a violent juvenile felony to ascertain whether such juvenile or adult is in the United States illegally and, if such juvenile or adult is found to be in the United States illegally, to communicate such information to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Under current law, such immigration inquiries are required of jail officers or correctional officers in charge of state, local, or regional correctional facilities.
Patron - Durant

F **SB1295** **Preliminary protective orders; hearings.** Requires a court to schedule the dispositional hearings for preliminary protective orders on the same hearing

or trial date as a related criminal offense until such related proceeding is resolved. The bill contains technical amendments.
Patron - Obenshain

F **SB1331 Juvenile and domestic relations district court; juvenile intake; school notification.** Expands the offenses for which a juvenile and domestic relations district court intake officer, upon the filing of a petition alleging an offense was committed, is required to notify the superintendent of the school division in which the child who is the subject of the petition is enrolled or was enrolled at the time of the offense. The bill adds carjacking and sexual extortion to the list of offenses.
Patron - Marsden

F **SB1333 Commitment of serious juvenile offenders.** Allows a juvenile and domestic relations district court to qualify a transferred juvenile as a serious offender and commit him to the Department of Juvenile Justice regardless of whether he meets existing criteria regarding criminal background if, upon the court's review of the juvenile's entire criminal history, such qualification is otherwise justified. Under current law, only a circuit court is allowed to make such qualification and commitment. The bill requires the committing juvenile and domestic relations district court or circuit court to document its reasoning for such commitment in writing.
Patron - Marsden

F **SB1334 Juvenile and domestic relations district court; preliminary hearing; violent juvenile felony.** Requires a juvenile and domestic relations district court to conduct a preliminary hearing whenever a juvenile 16 years of age or older is charged with entering an occupied dwelling house, etc., with intent to commit murder, rape, or robbery or to commit arson, whether or not the dwelling house, etc., is occupied.
Patron - Marsden

F **SB1432 Juvenile secure detention facilities; closure or consolidation; funding contributions; education programs.** Provides that upon the closure or consolidation of a juvenile secure detention facility, any locality or commission operating a juvenile secure detention facility in which juveniles will be placed who previously would have been placed in the closed or consolidated juvenile secure detention facility shall negotiate in good faith with the locality from which a juvenile may be placed to arrive at mutually agreeable funding contributions for the operation of such receiving juvenile secure detention facility. The bill requires such agreements to include certain provisions related to equal access to post-dispositional programming and medical and hospitalization costs and provides that such agreements may include provisions related to transportation of juveniles and transportation options for parents or guardians.
The bill further states that if the localities or commissions are unable to reach such an agreement, then the Department of Juvenile Justice shall determine the funding contributions and that failure of any locality or commission to comply with such determination may result in the loss or reduction of state funding. Under the bill, any locality or commission operating a juvenile secure detention facility that refuses to accept placement of juveniles who previously would have been placed in a closed or consolidated juvenile secure detention facility shall not be eligible for state funding.
The bill changes the required staffing ratio for education programs in regional and local detention homes to one full-time equivalent program employee for every six students based on a rolling average daily population at the facility as calculated by the Department of Education from the previous three fiscal years. Under current law, the ratio for such programs is one teacher for every 12 beds based on the capacity of the facility. The bill also provides that the Board of Education shall require all such education programs to have either a principal or a lead teacher on site and requires contracts for the hiring and supervision of teachers to allow a teacher employed by a local school board to continue teaching in his local school division and be hired as a part-time teacher for such an education program. The bill requires that each part-time teacher for an education program be provided an annual $3,000 bonus.
Lastly, the bill directs the closure of seven juvenile secure detention facilities across the Commonwealth and specifies the facilities to be closed and the facilities into which they may be consolidated. The bill requires the facilities to be closed and consolidated by January 1, 2026, and states that any such facility that fails to comply with the requirements for closure and consolidation, in addition to any other remedy available at law, shall not be eligible for state funding.
Patron - Marsden

Courts of Record

Passed

P **HB1553 Court of Appeals; procedure on appeal; criminal cases.** Removes the requirement that a copy of a notice of appeal to the Court of Appeals in a criminal case be mailed or delivered to the Attorney General. This bill is identical to SB 896.
Patron - Williams

P **HB2111 Membership of Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.** Adds the executive director of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission or his designee to the membership of the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. This bill is identical to SB 966.
Patron - Herring

P **SB896 Court of Appeals; procedure on appeal; criminal cases.** Removes the requirement that a copy of a notice of appeal to the Court of Appeals in a criminal case be mailed or delivered to the Attorney General. This bill is identical to HB 1553.
Patron - Stuart

P **SB966 Membership of Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.** Adds the executive director of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission or his designee to the membership of the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. This bill is identical to HB 2111.
Patron - Carroll Foy

P **SB999 Appeals; security for appeal and fees; procedure on appeal.** Changes the amount of the suspending bond required during the pendency of all appeals of any judgment granting legal, equitable, or any other form of relief from one year's interest calculated from the date of the notice of appeal to the value of the judgment plus two and one-half years' interest calculated from the date of the notice of appeal. The bill also provides an appellate court with discretion in assessing attorney fees, costs, and necessary expenses against an indigent defendant when the conviction of the defendant is upheld on appeal. Under current law, the appellate court must

assess such fees, costs, and expenses against an indigent defendant when the conviction of the defendant is upheld on appeal.

Finally, the bill also provides that a panel of the Court of Appeals may dispense with oral argument if such panel unanimously decides that such oral argument is unnecessary because the facts and legal arguments are adequately presented in the briefs and the record such that the decisional process would not be significantly aided by oral argument and provides that this provision shall expire on June 30, 2027, unless reenacted by the 2027 Session of the General Assembly. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Surovell

P **SB1069** **Retired justices and judges; per diem payments for attendance at mandatory judicial conferences.** Provides that justices and judges who are retired under the Judicial Retirement System and are eligible for recall shall receive a per diem payment for attendance at any mandatory judicial conference at a rate established by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. This portion of the bill does not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. In addition, the bill directs the Office of the Executive Secretary to study the provision of an hourly rate of payment for any retired judge or justice eligible for recall and any member of the State Corporation Commission or Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission for time necessarily expended when such judge, justice, or member is not actually sitting and report its findings to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees for Courts of Justice by October 1, 2025.

Patron - Peake

P **SB1470** **Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission; submission of annual report.** Provides that the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission shall submit its annual report to the Chairmen and ranking members of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice on or before December 1 of each year. The bill further provides that no annual report shall be considered confidential following the submission of such report to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice. Under current law, the Commission is required to publish its annual report.

Patron - Deeds

Failed

F **HB1913** **Land records; recording and indexing fees.** Provides that no clerk of a circuit court shall assess separate recording and indexing fees for one document that contains two or more instruments that may serve independent legal purposes, unless the person presenting such document or instruments requests that such document or instruments be recorded and indexed in more than a single instance. The bill also provides that no recordation tax shall be required of a quitclaim deed between a grantor and grantee when no consideration has passed between the parties, provided that such quitclaim deed shows on its face that no consideration has passed.

Patron - Reaser

F **HB2456** **Discretionary sentencing guideline midpoints; violent felony offenses.** Adds to and removes certain felony offenses from the list of violent felony offenses for discretionary sentencing guideline midpoints. Offenders with prior convictions for violent felony offenses receive "enhancements" on the guidelines that increase the recommended sentences for those offenders. The bill contains technical amendments.

Patron - Cherry

Crimes and Offenses Generally

Passed

P **HB1583** **Threats to discharge a firearm within or at buildings or means of transportation; penalties.** Provides that any person (i) who makes and communicates to another by any means any threat to bomb, burn, destroy, discharge a firearm within or at, or in any manner damage any place of assembly, building or other structure, or means of transportation or (ii) who communicates to another, by any means, information, knowing the same to be false, as to the existence of any peril of bombing, burning, destruction, discharging of a firearm within or at, or damage to any such place of assembly, building or other structure, or means of transportation is guilty of a Class 5 felony, provided, however, that if such person is under 18 years of age, he is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Under current law, any person 15 years of age or older (a) who makes and communicates to another by any means any threat to bomb, burn, destroy, or in any manner damage any place of assembly, building or other structure, or means of transportation or (b) who communicates to another, by any means, information, knowing the same to be false, as to the existence of any peril of bombing, burning, destruction, or damage to any such place of assembly, building or other structure, or means of transportation is guilty of a Class 5 felony. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.

Patron - Ballard

P **HB1607** **Importation, sale, manufacture, etc., of assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices prohibited; penalties.** Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person who imports, sells, manufactures, purchases, or transfers an assault firearm, as that term is defined in the bill with some exceptions, and prohibits a person who has been convicted of such violation from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm for a period of three years from the date of conviction. The bill provides that an assault firearm does not include any firearm that is an antique firearm, has been rendered permanently inoperable, is manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action, or was manufactured before July 1, 2025. The bill also prohibits the sale of a large capacity ammunition feeding device, as that term is defined in the bill. The bill provides that any person who willfully and intentionally (i) sells an assault firearm to another person or (ii) purchases an assault firearm from another person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and that any person who imports, sells, barters, or transfers a large capacity ammunition feeding device is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person younger than 21 years of age to import, sell, manufacture, purchase, possess, transport, or transfer an assault firearm regardless of the date of manufacture of such assault firearm with some exceptions. This bill is identical to SB 1181. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Helmer

P **HB1660** **Trigger activator definition; penalty.** Defines "trigger activator" as a conversion kit, tool, accessory, or device designed to alter the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm to mimic automatic weapon fire or used to increase the rate of fire to a rate faster than such semi-automatic firearm not

equipped with a conversion kit, tool, accessory, or device. The bill clarifies that "trigger activator" includes a bump stock, trigger crank, hellfire trigger, binary trigger system, burst trigger system, or a copy thereof, but does not include a semi-automatic replacement trigger, designed for use in competitive shooting, that improves performance and functionality over the stock trigger. This bill is identical to SB 886. This bill was vetoed by the Governor. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Jones

P **HB1715 Mail theft; penalty.** Creates the offense of mail theft, punishable as a Class 6 felony, for any person who (i) knowingly, willfully, and with the intent to deprive, injure, damage, or defraud another (a) takes, destroys, hides, or embezzles mail or (b) obtains any mail by fraud or deception; (ii) buys, receives, conceals, or possesses (a) mail and knows or reasonably should know that the mail was unlawfully taken or obtained; (b) any key he knows or reasonably should know is suited to any lock adopted by the United States Postal Service that provides access to any mail receptacle located in a cluster mailbox unit or other mailbox panel used for the purpose of centralized mail in any neighborhood, including any condominium or apartment complex; or (c) a counterfeit device or key designed to provide access to any lock described in clause (b); or (iii) knowingly, willfully, and with the intent to steal any mail inside damages, opens, removes, injures, vandalizes, or destroys any mail receptacle. This bill is identical to SB 939.

Patron - Watts

P **HB1726 Trespass with an unmanned aircraft system; contracted defense facility; penalty.** Creates a Class 4 felony for any person who knowingly, intentionally, and without authorization causes an unmanned aircraft system to enter the property of and obtains or attempts to obtain any videographic or still image that contains or reveals any controlled technical information located within a contracted defense facility, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill also provides that the owner or operator of a contracted defense facility and its employees shall be immune from criminal prosecution and civil liability as a result of preventing, stopping, deterring, interrupting, or repelling, or attempting to prevent, stop, deter, interrupt, or repel, an unmanned aircraft system from entering the property of such contracted defense facility or from stopping, interrupting, or repelling, or attempting to stop, interrupt, or repel, an unmanned aircraft system that has entered such property, provided that such action does not result in injury to any person. This bill is identical to SB 757.

Patron - Price

P **HB1728 Child victims and witnesses using two-way closed-circuit television or other securely encrypted two-way audio and video technology; standard.** Allows the court to order that the testimony of a child be taken by two-way closed-circuit television or other securely encrypted two-way audio and video technology if it finds that the child is unavailable to testify in open court in the presence of the defendant, the jury, the judge, and the public if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, based upon expert opinion testimony, that the child will suffer at least moderate emotional trauma that is more than nervousness or excitement or some reluctance to testify as a result of testifying in the defendant's presence and not in the courtroom generally where such trauma would impair the child's ability to communicate.

Under current law, the court may order such testimony be taken by two-way closed-circuit television if it finds that (i) the child has a substantial inability to communicate about the offense or (ii) there is a substantial likelihood, based upon expert opinion testimony, that the child will suffer severe emotional trauma from so testifying.

The bill also extends the application window for the party seeking such order from seven to 14 days before the trial date or such other preliminary proceeding to which such order is to apply.

Patron - Delaney

P **HB1797 Concealed handgun permits; reciprocity with other states.** Provides that the Superintendent of State Police, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, shall determine whether other states meet the statutory qualifications for Virginia to recognize the concealed handgun permit of a person from such other state. Under current law, any out-of-state permit is recognized in the Commonwealth, provided that (i) the issuing authority provides the means for instantaneous verification of the validity of all such permits or licenses issued within that state, accessible 24 hours a day; (ii) the permit or license holder carries a photo identification issued by a government agency of any state or by the U.S. Department of Defense or U.S. Department of State and displays the permit or license and such identification upon demand by a law-enforcement officer; and (iii) the permit or license holder has not previously had a Virginia concealed handgun permit revoked. The bill prevents a Virginia resident, except for an active duty service member or such service member's spouse, who has not been issued a valid resident concealed handgun permit from using a concealed handgun or concealed weapon permit or license issued by another state to carry a concealed handgun in the Commonwealth. The foregoing provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

The bill requires the Superintendent of State Police, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to review any agreements for reciprocal recognition that are in place with any other states as of July 1, 2025, to determine whether the requirements and qualifications of those states' laws are adequate to prevent possession of a permit or license by persons who would be denied a permit in the Commonwealth and revoke any reciprocity agreement or recognition of any states that do not meet such requirements or qualifications by December 1, 2025. The bill requires the Attorney General to provide a written explanation for any determination that a state's laws are adequate to prevent possession of such permit or license by persons who would be denied such permit in the Commonwealth. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Helmer

P **HB1869 Purchase, possession, or transportation of firearm; assault and battery of a family or household member or intimate partner; penalties.** Adds to the definition of "family or household member," as such definition relates to juvenile and domestic relations district court, a person's intimate partner, defined in the bill as an individual who, within the previous 12 months, was in a romantic, dating, or sexual relationship with the person as determined by the length, nature, frequency, and type of interaction between the individuals involved in the relationship. The bill also adds to the definition of "family or household member," as such definition relates to a person's purchase, possession, or transportation of a firearm following an assault and battery of a family or household member, any individual who cohabits or who, within the previous 12 months, cohabitated with the person. Finally, the bill provides that any person who knowingly and intentionally purchases, possesses, or transports any firearm following a misdemeanor conviction for an offense that occurred on or after July 1, 2025, for the offense of assault and battery against an intimate partner or an offense substantially similar under the laws of any other state or of the United States is guilty of a Class 1

misdemeanor. This bill is identical to SB 883. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - McClure

P **HB1874 Publication of personal information of retired or former law-enforcement officers.** Adds retired or former law-enforcement officers, defined in the bill, to the definition of "public official" for the purposes of prohibiting the Commonwealth from publishing a public official's personal information on the Internet. The bill clarifies that such retired or former law-enforcement officer be in good standing with no pending investigations or disciplinary actions. The bill provides that the demand in writing required to prohibit the publication of such personal information shall be effective for a period of four years, provided that such retired or former law-enforcement officer was retired or ended his service within four years of filing a petition with a circuit court. This bill is identical to SB 781.
Patron - Henson

P **HB1876 Carrying a firearm or explosive material within Capitol Square or building owned or leased by the Commonwealth; exemptions; public institutions of higher education; penalty.** Permits the governing board of a public institution of higher education to adopt a policy prohibiting the carrying of any firearm, ammunition, or components or combination thereof within any building owned or operated by such public institution of higher education. The bill allows such policy to include security measures that are designed to reasonably prevent the unauthorized access of buildings that are open to the public. Finally, the bill exempts certain activities, defined in the bill, operated at public or private institutions of higher education from any policy created by a governing board. This bill is identical to SB 1182. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Callsen

P **HB1920 Charitable gaming; remuneration for bingo callers and bingo managers.** Provides that, with certain exceptions, remuneration of up to $200 per session may paid to bingo managers or callers who have a current registration certificate issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or who are exempt from such registration requirement. Current law permits such remuneration to be paid so long as it does not exceed $100 per session. The bill requires an exception for such remuneration to be paid at a rate not less than one and one-half times the normal remuneration rate when bingo managers or callers provide services on any day designated as a legal holiday. Lastly, the bill provides that by October 1, 2029, and annually thereafter, the Department shall adjust the maximum remuneration rate of $200 to reflect the rate of inflation from the previous date that such rate was established, as measured by the Consumer Price Index or other method of measuring the rate of inflation that the Department determines is reliable and generally accepted.
Patron - Ward

P **HB1946 Possession, etc., of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age; liquid nicotine and nicotine vapor products license; prohibitions; enforcement.** Prohibits any person younger than 21 years of age from possessing any retail tobacco or hemp product intended for smoking, as those terms are defined in relevant law, with certain exceptions enumerated in the bill. The bill provides that any such product purchased or possessed by a person younger than 21 years of age (i) shall be deemed contraband and (ii) may be seized by a law-enforcement officer. Any such product, the lawful possession of which is not established, seized by such officer shall be forfeited and disposed of according to the process described in relevant law. The bill also provides that seizure shall be the sole penalty for a violation of such prohibition and that the provisions of the bill shall not preclude prosecution under any other statute.
Further, if a person does not receive a license from the Department of Taxation to sell, deal, transport, or ship liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products to retailers in the Commonwealth, such person is subject to a penalty of $400, in addition to any other applicable taxes or fees. The bill provides that the Department of Taxation is not required pursuant to relevant law to conduct unannounced investigations of retail tobacco dealers at least once every 24 months to verify that a retail dealer is not selling retail tobacco products to persons younger than 21 years of age.
Lastly, the bill requires the Department of Taxation to convene a work group consisting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, the Office of the Attorney General, the Virginia State Police, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services to develop an enforcement program related to the sale of retail tobacco products or hemp products intended for smoking to individuals younger than 21 years of age. The work group's findings and recommendations are to be reported to the Chairs of the House Committees on General Laws and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Rehabilitation and Social Services and Finance and Appropriations no later than November 1, 2025. This bill is identical to SB 1060.
Patron - Hope

P **HB1955 Manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance prohibited; penalties.** Removes the distinction between cocaine, which refers to powder cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers and a mixture or substance that contains cocaine base, which refers to crack cocaine, for the offense of manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance. This bill is identical to SB 888.
Patron - Gardner

P **HB1960 Firearm transfers to another person from a prohibited person.** Provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because such person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member may transfer a firearm owned by such prohibited person to any person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such firearm, provided that such person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such firearm is 21 years of age or older and does not reside with the person who is subject to the protective order. Under current law, there is no requirement that such transferee cannot be younger than 21 years of age and cannot reside with such prohibited person. The bill also provides that such prohibited person who transfers, sells, or surrenders a firearm pursuant to the provisions of the bill shall inform the clerk of the court of the name and address of the transferee, the federally licensed firearms dealer, or the law-enforcement agency in possession of the firearm and shall provide to the transferee a copy of the form certifying that such person does not possess any firearms or that all firearms possessed by such person have been surrendered, sold, or transferred. The bill also provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because such person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member shall be advised that a law-enforcement officer may obtain a search warrant to search for any firearms from such person if such law-

enforcement officer has reason to believe that such person has not relinquished all firearms in his possession. This bill is identical to SB 744. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Bennett-Parker

P **HB1977 Weapons; possession prohibited in a hospital that provides mental health services or developmental services; penalty.** Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to knowingly and intentionally possess in the building of any hospital that provides mental health services or developmental services in the Commonwealth, including an emergency department or other facility rendering emergency medical care, a (i) firearm, (ii) knife with a blade over three and one-half inches, or (iii) other dangerous weapon, including explosives and stun weapons. The bill also provides that notice of such prohibitions shall be posted conspicuously at each public entrance of any hospital and no person shall be convicted of the offense if such notice is not posted, unless such person had actual notice of the prohibitions. The bill provides that any such firearm, knife, explosive, or weapon shall be subject to seizure by a law-enforcement officer and forfeited to the Commonwealth and specifies exceptions to the prohibition. This bill is identical to SB 1110. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Hernandez

P **HB1998 Sexual extortion; penalty.** Makes it a Class 5 felony for any person to maliciously threaten eviction, loss of housing, property damage, or any financial loss with the intent to cause the complaining witness to engage in sexual intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, anilingus, anal intercourse, inanimate or animate object sexual penetration, or an act of sexual abuse and thereby engage in sexual intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, anilingus, anal intercourse, inanimate or animate object sexual penetration, or an act of sexual abuse. The bill also creates an unclassified felony punishable by not less than one nor more than 20 years and a fine of not more than $100,000 for any adult who violates the provisions of the bill with a person younger than 15 years of age.
Patron - Walker

P **HB2064 Firearm locking device required for sale or transfer of firearm; warning against accessibility to children; penalty.** Makes it a Class 3 misdemeanor for any licensed manufacturer, licensed importer, or licensed dealer to sell, deliver, or transfer any firearm to any person other than a licensed manufacturer, licensed importer, or licensed dealer unless the transferee is provided with a locking device for that firearm and the firearm is accompanied by a warning, in conspicuous and legible type in capital letters printed on a separate sheet of paper included within the packaging enclosing the firearm, that firearms should be locked and kept away from children and that there may be civil and criminal liability for failing to do so. The bill provides exceptions for law-enforcement and governmental agencies. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - McClure

P **HB2117 Arrest and prosecution when experiencing or reporting an overdose or act of sexual violence.** Provides that no individual shall be subject to arrest or prosecution for the unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol or marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, intoxication in public, or possession of controlled paraphernalia if the individual, in good faith, seeks or obtains assistance for himself or another individual from emergency medical services personnel, a health care provider, or a law-enforcement officer, as those terms are defined in relevant law, and seeks to report an act of sexual violence committed against himself or another individual, so long as (i) such individual identifies himself to the law-enforcement officer who responds to the report of the act of sexual violence and (ii) the evidence for the prosecution of such an offense was obtained as a result of the individual seeking or obtaining medical attention, rendering care or assistance, or reporting to law enforcement. However, such immunity shall not apply to an individual who is alleged to have committed the act of sexual violence or if the emergency medical attention was sought or obtained during the execution of a search warrant or during the conduct of a lawful search or a lawful arrest.
The bill also provides that no individual immune to arrest or prosecution when experiencing or reporting an overdose or act of sexual violence shall have his bail, probation, furlough, supervised release, suspended sentence, or parole revoked for the behavior immune from arrest or prosecution under the provisions of applicable law.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

P **HB2241 Possession or transportation of firearms, firearms ammunition, stun weapons, or explosives or carrying concealed weapons by persons convicted of a misdemeanor hate crime prohibited; penalty.** Prohibits any person who has been convicted, on or after July 1, 2025, of assault or assault and battery if it appears on the face of the warrant upon such conviction that such person intentionally selected the person against whom the offense was committed because of his race, religious conviction, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, or ethnic or national origin from knowingly and intentionally possessing or transporting any firearm or ammunition for a firearm, any stun weapon, or any explosive material or carrying a concealed weapon, a violation of which is a Class 1 misdemeanor. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Tran

P **HB2308 Inhaling drugs or other noxious chemical substances or causing, etc., others to do so; distribution of nitrous oxide to persons under 18 prohibited; penalties.** Prohibits the sale or distribution of a device that is designed or intended to deliver a gas containing nitrous oxide to persons under 18 years of age with exceptions as defined in the bill. Any person who fails to make diligent inquiry as to whether the person trying to obtain such a device is 18 years of age or older or sells, distributes, or attempts to sell or distribute such a device to a person under 18 years of age is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also adds nitrous oxide to the list of noxious chemical substances for which it is unlawful to deliberately smell or inhale with the intent to become intoxicated, inebriated, excited, or stupefied or to dull the brain or nervous system, or to deliberately cause another person to do so. This bill is identical to SB 1361.
Patron - Hodges

P **HB2310 Use of communications system to expose sexual or genital parts to a child; penalty.** Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person 18 years of age or older who uses a communications system, including computers or computer networks or bulletin boards, or any other electronic means, with lascivious intent, to expose his sexual or genital parts to any person he knows or has reason to know is a child to whom he is not legally married and such child is 15 years of age or older. Under current law, it is a Class 5 felony for any person 18 years of age or older to use such communications system for the purposes of soliciting, with lascivious intent, any person he knows or has reason to believe is a child younger than 15 years of age to knowingly and intentionally commit certain sexual activities, including exposing his sexual or genital parts to any child to whom he is not legally married or proposing that any such child expose his sexual or genital parts to such person. It is also a Class 5 felony under current law for

any person to commit such acts with any child he knows or has reason to believe is at least 15 years of age but younger than 18 years of age if such person is at least seven years older than the child. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.

Patron - Davis

P **HB2370 Cigarette delivery sales; definition.** Removes from the exceptions enumerated in the definition of "delivery sale" the delivery of cigarettes, not through the mail or by a common carrier, to a consumer performed by the owner, employee, or other individual acting on behalf of a retailer authorized to sell such cigarettes. This bill is identical to SB 1067.

Patron - Wilt

P **HB2406 Escape from jail or custody; penalty.** Specifies that the definition of law-enforcement officer that currently applies for the crime of assault and battery of a law-enforcement officer shall be used for the purposes of the crimes related to escaping from jail or custody of a law-enforcement officer. This bill is identical to SB 861.

Patron - Scott, P.A.

P **HB2435 Model policy for law-enforcement officer investigating overdose; notification to prescriber.** Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish a model policy for best practices for law-enforcement officers responding to or investigating an overdose to notify the prescriber of any controlled substance found to be in the possession of or ingested by the victim that such prescription was involved in an overdose.

Patron - Webert

P **HB2631 Purchase of firearms; waiting period; penalty.** Provides that no person shall sell a firearm unless at least five days have elapsed from the time the prospective purchaser completes the written consent form to have a licensed dealer obtain criminal history record information, with exceptions enumerated in relevant law. The amendments to the Code of Virginia in the bill are identical to the amendments to the Code of Virginia in SB 891. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Hayes

P **HB2657 Involuntary manslaughter; certain drug offenses.** Provides that any person who knowingly, intentionally, and feloniously manufactures, sells, or distributes a controlled substance knowing that such controlled substance contains a detectable amount of fentanyl, including its derivatives, isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, and unintentionally causes the death of another person is guilty of involuntary manslaughter if (i) such death results from the use of the controlled substance and (ii) such controlled substance is the proximate cause of the death. The bill provides that venue for a prosecution of this crime shall lie in the locality where the manufacturing, sale, or distribution of such controlled substance occurred, where the use of the controlled substance occurred, or where death occurred.

The bill also provides that if a person gave or distributed such controlled substance only as an accommodation to another individual who is not an inmate in a community correctional facility, local correctional facility, or state correctional facility, or in the custody of an employee thereof, and not with intent to profit thereby from any consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient of the controlled substance to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such controlled substance, he is not guilty of involuntary manslaughter but is guilty of a Class 6 felony. This bill is identical to SB 746. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Thomas

P **HB2708 Prohibited equipment related to manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute a controlled substance; penalties.** Exempts permitted outsourcing facilities and pharmacies from the prohibition for any person to possess, purchase, sell, give, distribute, or possess with intent to sell, give, or distribute an encapsulating machine or a tableting machine that manufactures, compounds, converts, produces, processes, prepares, or otherwise introduces into the human body a controlled substance. Current law exempts permitted manufacturers.

Patron - Wachsmann

P **HB2783 Placing Nazi swastika on certain property with intent to intimidate; penalty.** Creates a Class 6 felony for any person who, with intent of intimidating any person or group of persons, places a Hakenkreuz, hooked cross, or Nazi symbol or emblem, sometimes referred to as the Nazi swastika, on the private property of another without permission. The bill also makes it a Class 6 felony if such Nazi symbol or emblem is placed on a highway or other public place in a manner having a direct tendency to place another person in reasonable fear or apprehension of death or bodily injury. Finally, the bill clarifies that such Nazi symbol or emblem does not include the swastika symbol of peace and prosperity used by Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, or Native American religions. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Simon

P **SB744 Firearm transfers to another person from a prohibited person.** Provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because such person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member may transfer a firearm owned by such prohibited person to any person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such firearm, provided that such person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such firearm is 21 years of age or older and does not reside with the person who is subject to the protective order. Under current law, there is no requirement that such transferee cannot be younger than 21 years of age and cannot reside with such prohibited person. The bill also provides that such prohibited person who transfers, sells, or surrenders a firearm pursuant to the provisions of the bill shall inform the clerk of the court of the name and address of the transferee, the federally licensed firearms dealer, or the law-enforcement agency in possession of the firearm and shall provide to the transferee a copy of the form certifying that such person does not possess any firearms or that all firearms possessed by such person have been surrendered, sold, or transferred. The bill also provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because such person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member shall be advised that a law-enforcement officer may obtain a search warrant to search for any firearms from such person if such law-enforcement officer has reason to believe that such person has not relinquished all firearms in his possession. This bill is identical to HB 1960. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Favola

P **SB746 Involuntary manslaughter; certain drug offenses.** Provides that any person who knowingly, intentionally, and feloniously manufactures, sells, or distributes a controlled substance knowing that such controlled substance

contains a detectable amount of fentanyl, including its derivatives, isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, and unintentionally causes the death of another person is guilty of involuntary manslaughter if (i) such death results from the use of the controlled substance and (ii) such controlled substance is the proximate cause of the death. The bill provides that venue for a prosecution of this crime shall lie in the locality where the manufacturing, sale, or distribution of such controlled substance occurred, where the use of the controlled substance occurred, or where death occurred.

The bill also provides that if a person gave or distributed such controlled substance only as an accommodation to another individual who is not an inmate in a community correctional facility, local correctional facility, or state correctional facility, or in the custody of an employee thereof, and not with intent to profit thereby from any consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient of the controlled substance to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such controlled substance, he is not guilty of involuntary manslaughter but is guilty of a Class 6 felony. This bill is identical to HB 2657. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - McDougle

P **SB757 Trespass with an unmanned aircraft system; contracted defense facility; penalty.** Creates a Class 4 felony for any person who knowingly, intentionally, and without authorization causes an unmanned aircraft system to enter the property of and obtains or attempts to obtain any videographic or still image that contains or reveals any controlled technical information located within a contracted defense facility, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill also provides that the owner or operator of a contracted defense facility and its employees shall be immune from criminal prosecution and civil liability as a result of preventing, stopping, deterring, interrupting, or repelling, or attempting to prevent, stop, deter, interrupt, or repel, an unmanned aircraft system from entering the property of such contracted defense facility or from stopping, interrupting, or repelling, or attempting to stop, interrupt, or repel, an unmanned aircraft system that has entered such property, provided that such action does not result in injury to any person. This bill is identical to HB 1726.

Patron - Locke

P **SB781 Publication of personal information of retired or former law-enforcement officers.** Adds retired or former law-enforcement officers, defined in the bill, to the definition of "public official" for the purposes of prohibiting the Commonwealth from publishing a public official's personal information on the Internet. The bill clarifies that such retired or former law-enforcement officer be in good standing with no pending investigations or disciplinary actions. The bill provides that the demand in writing required to prohibit the publication of such personal information shall be effective for a period of four years, provided that such retired or former law-enforcement officer was retired or ended his service within four years of filing a petition with a circuit court. This bill is identical to HB 1874.

Patron - Carroll Foy

P **SB848 Purchase of certain firearms; age requirement; penalty.** Prohibits any person under 21 years of age from purchasing an assault firearm, with exceptions for the purchase of an assault firearm by a law-enforcement officer, correctional officer, jail officer, or member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Virginia National Guard, or the National Guard of any other state. Accordingly, the bill prohibits a licensed dealer from selling, renting, trading, or transferring from his inventory an assault firearm to any person under 21 years of age. A violation of either prohibition is a Class 6 felony. The bill also expands the definition of assault firearm as the term applies to criminal history record information checks. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Salim

P **SB861 Escape from jail or custody; penalty.** Specifies that the definition of law-enforcement officer that currently applies for the crime of assault and battery of a law-enforcement officer shall be used for the purposes of the crimes related to escaping from jail or custody of a law-enforcement officer. This bill is identical to HB 2406.

Patron - Reeves

P **SB880 Carrying assault firearms in public areas prohibited; penalty.** Prohibits the carrying of certain semi-automatic center-fire rifles and shotguns on any public street, road, alley, sidewalk, or public right-of-way or in any public park or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public, with certain exceptions. Under current law, the current prohibition on carrying certain shotguns and semi-automatic center-fire rifles and pistols applies to a narrower range of firearms, only in certain localities, and only when such firearms are loaded. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Ebbin

P **SB881 Manufacture, importation, sale, transfer, or possession of plastic firearms and unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms prohibited; penalties.** Creates a Class 5 felony for any person who knowingly manufactures or assembles, imports, purchases, sells, transfers, or possesses any firearm that, after removal of all parts other than a major component, as defined in the bill, is not detectable as a firearm when subjected to inspection by the types of detection devices, including X-ray machines, commonly used at airports, government buildings, schools, correctional facilities, and other locations for security screening. The bill updates language regarding the types of detection devices that are used at such locations for detecting plastic firearms. Under current law, it is unlawful to manufacture, import, sell, transfer, or possess any plastic firearm and a violation is punishable as a Class 5 felony.

The bill also creates a Class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable as a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense, making it unlawful for any person to knowingly possess a firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or receiver that is not imprinted with a valid serial number or to knowingly import, purchase, sell, offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any completed or unfinished frame or receiver, unless the completed or unfinished frame or receiver (i) is deemed to be a firearm pursuant to federal law and (ii) is imprinted with a valid serial number. The bill also creates a Class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable as a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense, making it unlawful for any person to manufacture or assemble, cause to be manufactured or assembled, import, purchase, sell, offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any firearm that is not imprinted with a valid serial number. The portions of the bill prohibiting unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026; however, the portions of the bill prohibiting the knowing possession of a firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or receiver that is not imprinted with a valid serial number have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Ebbin

P **SB883 Purchase, possession, or transportation of firearm; assault and battery of a family or household member or intimate partner; penalties.** Adds to the definition of "family or household member," as such definition relates to juvenile and domestic relations district court, a

person's intimate partner, defined in the bill as an individual who, within the previous 12 months, was in a romantic, dating, or sexual relationship with the person as determined by the length, nature, frequency, and type of interaction between the individuals involved in the relationship. The bill also adds to the definition of "family or household member," as such definition relates to a person's purchase, possession, or transportation of a firearm following an assault and battery of a family or household member, any individual who cohabits or who, within the previous 12 months, cohabitated with the person. Finally, the bill provides that any person who knowingly and intentionally purchases, possesses, or transports any firearm following a misdemeanor conviction for an offense that occurred on or after July 1, 2025, for the offense of assault and battery against an intimate partner or an offense substantially similar under the laws of any other state or of the United States is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. This bill is identical to HB 1869. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Perry

P **SB886 Trigger activator definition; penalty.** Defines "trigger activator" as a conversion kit, tool, accessory, or device designed to alter the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm to mimic automatic weapon fire or used to increase the rate of fire to a rate faster than such semi-automatic firearm can achieve when not equipped with a conversion kit, tool, accessory, or device. The bill clarifies that "trigger activator" includes a bump stock, trigger crank, hellfire trigger, binary trigger system, burst trigger system, or a copy thereof, but does not include a semi-automatic replacement trigger, designed for use in competitive shooting, that improves performance and functionality over the stock trigger. This bill is identical to HB 1660. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Perry

P **SB888 Manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance prohibited; penalties.** Removes the distinction between cocaine, which refers to powder cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers and a mixture or substance that contains cocaine base, which refers to crack cocaine, for the offense of manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance. This bill is identical to HB 1955.
Patron - Perry

P **SB891 Purchase of firearms; waiting period; penalty.** Provides that no person shall sell a firearm unless at least five days have elapsed from the time the prospective purchaser completes the written consent form to have a licensed dealer obtain criminal history record information, with exceptions enumerated in relevant law. The amendments to the Code of Virginia in the bill are identical to the amendments to the Code of Virginia in HB 2631. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Salim

P **SB924 Drug paraphernalia and controlled paraphernalia; drug checking products.** Clarifies that drug checking products used to determine the presence or concentration of a contaminant that can cause physical harm or death are not drug paraphernalia or controlled paraphernalia.
Patron - Head

P **SB939 Mail theft; penalty.** Creates the offense of mail theft, punishable as a Class 6 felony, for any person who (i) knowingly, willfully, and with the intent to deprive, injure, damage, or defraud another (a) takes, destroys, hides, or embezzles mail or (b) obtains any mail by fraud or deception; (ii) buys, receives, conceals, or possesses (a) mail and knows or reasonably should know that the mail was unlawfully taken or obtained; (b) any key he knows or reasonably should know is suited to any lock adopted by the United States Postal Service that provides access to any mail receptacle located in a cluster mailbox unit or other mailbox panel used for the purpose of centralized mail in any neighborhood, including any condominium or apartment complex; or (c) a counterfeit device or key designed to provide access to any lock described in clause (b); or (iii) knowingly, willfully, and with the intent to steal any mail inside damages, opens, removes, injures, vandalizes, or destroys any mail receptacle. This bill is identical to HB 1715.
Patron - Salim

P **SB986 Assault and battery; sports official; penalty.** Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for a person to commit a battery against another knowing or having reason to know that such individual is a sports official, defined in the bill, for an entity sponsoring an interscholastic or intercollegiate sports event or any person performing services as a sports official for a public entity or a private, nonprofit organization that sponsors an amateur sports event who (i) is engaged in the performance of his duties or (ii) is on the premises of such event prior to engaging in his duties or upon conclusion of his duties. The bill provides that such person, upon conviction, may be prohibited from attending any such sports event operated by the entity or organization that employed such sports official for a period of not less than six months as a term and condition of such sentence.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB1006 Driving while intoxicated; pre-conviction ignition interlock for certain offenders.** Permits a first-time or second-time offender charged with driving while intoxicated to obtain an ignition interlock pre-conviction. The bill allows the installation period of time accrued by such offender prior to trial for the pending charge to count toward any (i) ignition interlock or restricted license period of time ordered by the court or (ii) restricted license, suspension, or revocation issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to relevant law. Current law prohibits the installation of an ignition interlock system until a court issues a restricted license. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB1013 Affirmative defense or reduced penalty for a neurocognitive disorder or intellectual or developmental disability.** Provides an affirmative defense to prosecution of a person for assault or assault and battery against certain specified persons for which the enhanced Class 6 felony and six-month mandatory minimum apply if such person proves, by a preponderance of the evidence, that at the time of the assault or assault and battery (i) the person's behaviors were a result of (a) mental illness or (b) a neurocognitive disorder, including dementia, or an intellectual disability or a developmental disability such as autism spectrum disorder, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association, or (ii) the person met the criteria for issuance of an emergency custody order.
The bill requires such person or his counsel to give notice in writing to the attorney for the Commonwealth at least 60 days prior to his trial in circuit court, or at least 14 days if the trial date is set within 21 days of his last appearance, of his intention to present such evidence. Additionally, if such notice is not given, and the person proffers such evidence at his trial

as a defense, then the court may in its discretion either allow the Commonwealth a continuance or, under appropriate circumstances, bar such person from presenting such evidence; any such continuance shall not be counted for speedy trial purposes pursuant to relevant law.
Lastly, the bill provides that if such person does not prove that his behaviors were a result of his mental illness, intellectual disability, developmental disability, or neurocognitive disorder but the evidence establishes that his mental illness, intellectual disability, developmental disability, or neurocognitive disorder otherwise contributed to his behaviors, the finder of fact may find such person guilty of a misdemeanor assault or assault and battery. The bill also provides that such affirmative defense shall not be construed to allow an affirmative defense for voluntary intoxication. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1060 Possession, etc., of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age; liquid nicotine and nicotine vapor products license; prohibitions; enforcement.** Prohibits any person younger than 21 years of age from possessing any retail tobacco or hemp product intended for smoking, as those terms are defined in relevant law, with certain exceptions enumerated in the bill. The bill provides that any such product purchased or possessed by a person younger than 21 years of age (i) shall be deemed contraband and (ii) may be seized by a law-enforcement officer. Any such product, the lawful possession of which is not established, seized by such officer shall be forfeited and disposed of according to the process described in relevant law. The bill also provides that seizure shall be the sole penalty for a violation of such prohibition and that the provisions of the bill shall not preclude prosecution under any other statute.
Further, if a person does not receive a license from the Department of Taxation to sell, deal, transport, or ship liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products to retailers in the Commonwealth, such person is subject to a penalty of $400, in addition to any other applicable taxes or fees. The bill provides that the Department of Taxation is not required pursuant to relevant law to conduct unannounced investigations of retail tobacco dealers at least once every 24 months to verify that a retail dealer is not selling retail tobacco products to persons younger than 21 years of age.
Lastly, the bill requires the Department of Taxation to convene a work group consisting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, the Office of the Attorney General, the Virginia State Police, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services to develop an enforcement program related to the sale of retail tobacco products or hemp products intended for smoking to individuals younger than 21 years of age. The work group's findings and recommendations are to be reported to the Chairs of the House Committees on General Laws and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Rehabilitation and Social Services and Finance and Appropriations no later than November 1, 2025. This bill is identical to HB 1946.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1067 Cigarette delivery sales; definition.** Removes from the exceptions enumerated in the definition of "delivery sale" the delivery of cigarettes, not through the mail or by a common carrier, to a consumer performed by the owner, employee, or other individual acting on behalf of a retailer authorized to sell such cigarettes. This bill is identical to HB 2370.
Patron - Peake

P **SB1110 Weapons; possession prohibited in a hospital that provides mental health services or developmental services; penalty.** Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to knowingly and intentionally possess in the building of any hospital that provides mental health services or developmental services in the Commonwealth, including an emergency department or other facility rendering emergency medical care, a (i) firearm, (ii) knife with a blade over three and one-half inches, or (iii) other dangerous weapon, including explosives and stun weapons. The bill also provides that notice of such prohibitions shall be posted conspicuously at each public entrance of any hospital and no person shall be convicted of the offense if such notice is not posted, unless such person had actual notice of the prohibitions. The bill provides that any such firearm, knife, explosive, or weapon shall be subject to seizure by a law-enforcement officer and forfeited to the Commonwealth and specifies exceptions to the prohibition. This bill is identical to HB 1977. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB1134 Storage of firearms in a residence where a minor or person prohibited from possessing a firearm is present; penalty.** Requires any person who possesses a firearm in a residence where such person knows that a minor or a person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm is present to store such firearm and the ammunition for such firearm in a locked container, compartment, or cabinet that is inaccessible to such minor or prohibited person. The bill provides that a violation is a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill exempts (i) any person in lawful possession of a firearm who carries such firearm on or about his person and (ii) the storage of antique firearms and provides that the lawful authorization of a minor to access a firearm is not a violation of the bill's provisions. The bill also requires firearm dealers to post a notice stating such firearm storage requirements and the penalty for improperly storing such firearms. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1181 Importation, sale, manufacture, etc., of assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices prohibited; penalties.** Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person who imports, sells, manufactures, purchases, or transfers an assault firearm, as that term is defined in the bill with some exceptions, and prohibits a person who has been convicted of such violation from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm for a period of three years from the date of conviction. The bill provides that an assault firearm does not include any firearm that is an antique firearm, has been rendered permanently inoperable, is manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action, or was manufactured before July 1, 2025. The bill also prohibits the sale of a large capacity ammunition feeding device, as that term is defined in the bill. The bill provides that any person who willfully and intentionally (i) sells an assault firearm to another person or (ii) purchases an assault firearm from another person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and that any person who imports, sells, barters, or transfers a large capacity ammunition feeding device is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person younger than 21 years of age to import, sell, manufacture, purchase, possess, transport, or transfer an assault firearm regardless of the date of manufacture of such assault firearm with some exceptions. This bill is identical to HB 1607. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Deeds

P **SB1182 Carrying a firearm or explosive material within Capitol Square or building owned or leased by the Commonwealth; exemptions; public institutions of higher education; penalty.** Permits the governing board of a

public institution of higher education to adopt a policy prohibiting the carrying of any firearm, ammunition, or components or combination thereof within any building owned or operated by such public institution of higher education. The bill allows such policy to include security measures that are designed to reasonably prevent the unauthorized access of buildings that are open to the public. Finally, the bill exempts certain activities, defined in the bill, operated at public or private institutions of higher education from any policy created by a governing board. This bill is identical to HB 1876. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Deeds

P **SB1271 Threats of death or bodily injury or discharge of a firearm on school property; penalties.** Clarifies that for crimes involving communicating in writing a threat to kill or do bodily injury, regardless of whether the person who is the object of such threat actually receives such threat, an electronically transmitted communication producing a visual or electronic message includes an email, a text message, or a message or post on any social media platform. The bill also clarifies that any person who communicates an oral threat of discharging a firearm within or on school property, at any school-sponsored event, or on a school bus and the threat would place the person who is the object of the threat, or is included in the threat, in reasonable apprehension of death or bodily harm is guilty of a Class 6 felony.
Patron - Perry

P **SB1272 Trespass with an unmanned aircraft system; penalties.** Creates a Class 4 felony for any person who knowingly and intentionally, and without authorization, causes an unmanned aircraft system to enter the airspace over any public services or utilities or critical infrastructure, as defined in relevant law, including any military base authorized by the U.S. Department of Defense. The bill also adds that the offenses related to trespass with an unmanned aircraft system shall not apply to any person who causes an unmanned aircraft system to enter any prohibited property if such person is (i) an employee of the property and is conducting official business or (ii) an employee of a public service or utility or critical infrastructure and is conducting official business. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Jordan

P **SB1324 Obstructing health care facility access; penalties.** Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person not authorized by the health care facility who knowingly obstructs, detains, hinders, impedes, blocks, or delays another person's entry to or exit from such health care facility, as defined in the bill. The bill also creates a Class 3 misdemeanor for any person who knowingly approaches another person within eight feet of such person in the public way or sidewalk area within a radius of 40 feet from any entrance door to a health care facility, unless such other person consents to the approach, for the purpose of giving, tendering, or exhibiting any material to, displaying a sign to, or engaging in oral protest, education, or counseling with such other person. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB1329 Carrying concealed weapons; secured storage of firearms; penalty.** Removes the exception to the prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon for any person who may lawfully possess a firearm and is carrying a handgun while in a personal, private motor vehicle or vessel and such handgun is secured in a container or compartment in the vehicle or vessel. The bill provides that a civil penalty of no more than $500 shall be imposed for any person who leaves a firearm in an unattended motor vehicle where such firearm is visible. The bill also creates a Class 4 misdemeanor for any person who fails to report to law enforcement the theft or loss of a firearm from an unattended motor vehicle and a Class 1 misdemeanor if another person obtains such firearm. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Marsden

P **SB1361 Inhaling drugs or other noxious chemical substances or causing, etc., others to do so; distribution of nitrous oxide to persons under 18 prohibited; penalties.** Prohibits the sale or distribution of a device that is designed or intended to deliver a gas containing nitrous oxide to persons under 18 years of age with exceptions as defined in the bill. Any person who fails to make diligent inquiry as to whether the person trying to obtain such a device is 18 years of age or older or sells, distributes, or attempts to sell or distribute such a device to a person under 18 years of age is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also adds nitrous oxide to the list of noxious chemical substances for which it is unlawful to deliberately smell or inhale with the intent to become intoxicated, inebriated, excited, or stupefied or to dull the brain or nervous system, or to deliberately cause another person to do so. This bill is identical to HB 2308.
Patron - Pillion

P **SB1392 Ignition interlock system; duration.** Increases the period of time during which a person, as a condition of a restricted license, is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system from not less than six consecutive months to not less than 12 consecutive months without alcohol-related violations of the interlock requirements. This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.
Patron - Stuart

Failed

F **HB1558 Possession of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age prohibited; penalty.** Prohibits any person younger than 21 years of age from possessing any retail tobacco product or hemp product intended for smoking, as those terms are defined in relevant law. A violation of such prohibition is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for a first violation and a civil penalty not to exceed $250 for a second or subsequent violation.

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

F **HB1559 Renewal of concealed handgun permit; demonstrated competence.** Provides that a person who was previously issued a concealed handgun permit is not required to provide any proof of training or demonstration of competence to be issued a renewal permit.
Patron - Williams

F **HB1569 Fees for concealed handgun permits.** Reduces from $50 to $25 the total amount assessed for processing an application for a concealed handgun permit by

reducing the total amount charged by the local law-enforcement agency from $35 to $10.
Patron - Wiley

F **HB1585 Sale of certain weight loss and muscle building products to minors prohibited.** Prohibits any person from selling or distributing an over-the-counter diet pill or dietary supplement for weight loss or muscle building to a person who is younger than 18 years of age and requires that the purchaser demonstrate, by producing a driver's license or similar photo identification issued by a government agency, that he is at least 18 years of age.
For mail or Internet sales, the bill requires that the person offering an over-the-counter diet pill or dietary supplement for weight loss or muscle building (i) prior to the sale verifies that the purchaser is at least 18 years of age through a commercially available database that is regularly used by businesses or governmental entities for the purpose of age and identity verification and (ii) uses a method of mailing, shipping, or delivery that requires the signature of a person at least 18 years of age before the products will be released to the purchaser.
The bill also requires that over-the-counter diet pills or dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building will only be displayed for sale behind a store counter that is not accessible to consumers or in a locked case that requires assistance from a store employee for customer access.
A violation of the bill's provisions is punishable by a civil penalty in the amount of $500 for a first violation and $2,500 for a second or subsequent violation within a three-year period.
Patron - Ennis

F **HB1597 Secure storage of firearms; penalties.** Creates a Class 4 misdemeanor for any person who fails to securely store a firearm on any premises where such person knows, or reasonably should know, that a minor or a person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm is, or is likely to be, present. The bill increases the penalty to a Class 1 misdemeanor if a minor or a person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm obtains such firearm. The bill includes certain exceptions and requires firearms dealers to post a notice stating firearm storage requirements and the penalty for improperly storing such firearms. The bill also creates a Class 4 misdemeanor for any person who fails to report to law enforcement the theft or loss of a firearm from a vehicle and a Class 1 misdemeanor if another person obtains such firearm. Finally, the bill requires the Superintendent of State Police, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Health, to create a public awareness campaign on the importance of the secure storage of firearms by January 1, 2026.
Patron - Feggans

F **HB1714 Assault and battery; serious bodily injury; penalty.** Creates a Class 6 felony for any person who commits an assault and battery that results in serious bodily injury, as defined in relevant law, and adds such new offense to the list of violent felony offenses for the purposes of the discretionary sentencing guidelines. The bill contains technical amendments.
Patron - Watts

F **HB1839 Admission of evidence; evidentiary hearing; excluded persons.** Exempts one person whose presence, in the judgment of the court, would be supportive of the complaining witness and would not impair the conduct of a fair hearing or pose a substantial risk of influencing or affecting the content of the testimony from being excluded from evidentiary hearings for certain prosecutions. The bill provides that if such support person is exempted, the judge shall admonish such support person to not prompt, communicate with, or influence the complaining witness in any way. Lastly, the bill provides that a court may exercise its discretion to remove the support person from the courtroom if it believes such support person is prompting, communicating with, or influencing the complaining witness.
Patron - Oates

F **HB1848 Possession of controlled substances unlawful; second or subsequent conviction; mandatory minimum.** Provides that the sentence of any person convicted of possession of any controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act for (i) a second offense within less than five years shall include a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 days and a mandatory minimum fine of $500; (ii) a second offense within 10 years shall include a mandatory minimum sentence of 45 days and a mandatory minimum fine of $500; (iii) a third offense within 10 years shall include a mandatory minimum sentence of 90 days and a mandatory minimum fine of $500, unless the three offenses were committed within a five-year period, in which case the sentence shall include a mandatory minimum sentence of six months and a mandatory minimum fine of $1,000; and (iv) a fourth or subsequent offense within 10 years shall include a mandatory minimum sentence of one year and a mandatory minimum fine of $1,000.
The bill also provides that the driver's license of any person convicted of possession of any controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act (a) may be suspended for a period of up to 30 days for the first offense and (b) shall be suspended for a period of 30 days for a second or subsequent offense.
Patron - Arnold

F **HB1849 Manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, etc., of fentanyl; weight-based and pill-based penalties.** Creates a penalty structure for manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with the intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute fentanyl based on the weight of the fentanyl, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers; the weight of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers; or the number of pills containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers.
Patron - Arnold

F **HB1855 Threats to bomb or damage; false information as to danger; public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school; penalty.** Provides that for any person who (i) makes and communicates to another by any means any threat to bomb, burn, destroy, or in any manner damage a public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school, as defined in relevant law, or (ii) communicates to another, by any means, information, knowing the same to be false, as to the existence of any peril of bombing, burning, destruction, or damage to a public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school, the punishment includes a term of confinement of at least six months, 30 days of which is a mandatory minimum. Under current law, a person who is 15 years of age or older is guilty of a Class 5 felony and a person who is under 15 years of age is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for such violation, but no minimum term or mandatory minimum term of confinement is provided in current law.
Patron - Arnold

F **HB1859 Unlawful picketing or parading to obstruct or influence justice; penalty.** Provides that any person who, with the intent of interfering with, obstructing, or impeding the administration of justice, or with the intent of influencing or intimidating in the discharge of his duty any judge, juror, witness, court officer, or court employee, pickets

or parades in or near a residence occupied or used by such judge, juror, witness, court officer, or court employee is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also provides that the provisions regarding the issuance and service of summons in place of a warrant do not apply to such violations.
Patron - Arnold

F **HB2015 Firearms-related offenses; mandatory minimum sentence; penalty.** Increases from five to 10 years for a second or subsequent offense the mandatory minimum sentence for use or display of a firearm during the commission of certain felonies.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2075 Sexual abuse of certain children; penalty.** Increases from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony the penalty for sexual abuse of a child who is 13 or 14 years of age.
Patron - Garrett

F **HB2078 Charitable gaming; common interest communities; bingo.** Allows common interest communities that serve residents age 55 or older to become a qualified organization for the purposes of conducting bingo in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The bill limits such bingo games to residents of the common interest community and for no more than seven days per calendar year and sets value limits for the award of bingo prize money or merchandise.
Patron - Thomas

F **HB2095 Fraudulent insurance acts; penalty.** Creates a Class 4 felony for fraudulent insurance acts, enumerated in the bill.
Patron - Wyatt

F **HB2145 Purchase of firearms; special identification without a photograph.** Removes 30-day date of issue restriction when establishing personal identification and residence in Virginia with a driver's license or an identification card without a photograph for the purposes of purchasing a firearm.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2167 Charitable gaming; conduct of athletic event drawings.** Authorizes affiliated nonprofit organizations to conduct athletic event drawings in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The bill places limits on when and where an athletic event drawing may be held and requires the prize amount of any such drawing to be 50 percent of the total amount collected from the sale of the tickets. The bill requires the organization to donate a certain percentage of the remaining funds in accordance with Department regulations.
Patron - Krizek

F **HB2168 Felony homicide; certain drug offenses; penalty.** Provides that a person is guilty of felony homicide, which constitutes second degree murder and is punishable by confinement of not less than five nor more than 40 years, if the underlying felonious act that resulted in the killing of another involved the manufacture, sale, gift, or distribution of a Schedule I or II controlled substance to another and (i) such other person's death results from his use of the controlled substance and (ii) the controlled substance is the proximate cause of his death. The bill provides that venue for a prosecution of this crime shall lie in the locality where the underlying felony occurred, where the use of the controlled substance occurred, or where death occurred. The bill also provides that if a person gave or distributed a Schedule I or II controlled substance only as an accommodation to another individual who is not an inmate in a community correctional facility, local correctional facility, or state correctional facility, or in the custody of an employee thereof, and not with intent to profit thereby from any consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient of the controlled substance to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such controlled substance, he is guilty of a Class 5 felony.
Patron - Gilbert

F **HB2202 Carrying a concealed handgun; permit not required.** Allows any person 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 openly within the Commonwealth.
Patron - Freitas

F **HB2215 Damage or trespass to public services or utilities; penalty.** Provides that any person who intentionally destroys or damages any facility, fixtures, equipment, or information technology system used to provide, process, transmit, furnish, or maintain public services, utilities, or other critical infrastructure is guilty of a Class 3 felony. Under current law, any person convicted of intentionally destroying or damaging public services or utilities is guilty of a Class 4 felony. If the destruction or damage to such public services, utilities, or other critical infrastructure can be repaired for less than $1,000, such act is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Current law provides that repairable damage is a Class 3 misdemeanor. The bill also makes it a Class 3 felony if such destruction or damage might threaten the release of increased radioactive materials or ionizing radiation. If exposure to such increased release of radioactive materials or ionizing radiation causes injury to another person, the person causing the damage or destruction is guilty of a Class 2 felony; however, it is a Class 1 felony if such damage or destruction causes the death of another person.
Patron - Kilgore

F **HB2288 Unlawful dissemination of intimate images of another; penalties.** Creates a tiered system of penalties for the unlawful dissemination of intimate images of another person, an offense formerly known as the unlawful dissemination or sale of videographic or still images of another person.
Patron - Coyner

F **HB2296 Reckless exposure of illegal fentanyl to certain persons; penalty; arrest and prosecution when experiencing or reporting overdoses.** Provides that any person who unlawfully possesses fentanyl, including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, and recklessly exposes a law-enforcement officer, correctional officer, jail officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel, as those terms are defined in relevant law, to such fentanyl and causes severe bodily injury or an overdose to such officer, firefighter, or personnel is guilty of a Class 4 felony. The bill also provides that no individual incarcerated in a local, regional, or state correctional facility shall be subject to arrest or prosecution for such offense if such individual seeks or obtains emergency medical attention for himself or another individual experiencing an overdose or is experiencing an overdose and another individual seeks or obtains emergency medical attention for him.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2299 Computer trespass; elementary and secondary schools; school board; penalty.** Makes it a Class 6

felony for the offense of computer trespass when such offense is committed against any public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school or any school board.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2301 Crimes against nature; taking indecent liberties with children; penalties.** Adds "nephew or niece" and "uncle or aunt" to the offense of crimes against nature and adds "uncle or aunt" as the perpetrator and "nephew or niece" as the victim to the offense of taking indecent liberties with children.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2317 Possession of marijuana, marijuana products, retail tobacco products, and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age prohibited; penalty.** Provides that no person younger than 21 years of age shall consume or possess, or attempt to consume or possess, any marijuana, marijuana products, retail tobacco products, or hemp products intended for smoking, as such terms are defined in relevant law, and a violation of such prohibition is a Class 1 misdemeanor, with certain exceptions. The bill also allows any such person charged with his first offense of underaged possession of retail tobacco products or hemp products intended for smoking to have the proceedings deferred, to be placed on probation by the court, and to have the charges dismissed by the court without an adjudication of guilty upon such person's successful completion of probation.
Patron - Davis

F **HB2343 Placing swastika on certain property with intent to intimidate; penalty.** Makes it a Class 6 felony for any person or persons, with the intent of intimidating another person or group of persons, to place or cause to be placed a swastika on (i) the private property of another without permission or (ii) a highway or other public place in a manner having a direct tendency to place another person in reasonable fear or apprehension of death or bodily injury.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2412 Carrying a firearm or explosive material into a building owned or leased by the Commonwealth; exceptions for highway rest areas and government stores.** Provides that the prohibition on carrying a firearm or explosive material in any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth shall not apply to any highway rest area or government store, as those terms are defined in relevant law.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2414 Concealed handgun permit; demonstrated competence.** Removes the requirement that an applicant for a concealed handgun permit demonstrate competence with a handgun in person. The bill adds the option for such applicant to participate in certain firearms safety or training courses or classes via a live class conducted using a two-way electronic video and audio communication system.
Patron - Oates

F **HB2425 Abuse, etc., of child younger than the age of 15 by person in custodial or supervisory relationship; penalty.** Creates a Class 6 felony for any person 18 years of age or older who maintains a custodial or supervisory relationship over a child younger than the age of 15 and who knowingly and intentionally on three or more occasions within a 30-day period (i) commits assault or assault and battery in violation of relevant law against such child, (ii) causes such child to be an abused or neglected child as such term is defined in relevant law, or (iii) engages in any conduct that he should know or reasonably know places such child in reasonable fear of death or bodily injury. The bill also provides that a prosecution for such offense may be commenced regardless of whether such violations have been reported to a law-enforcement officer or the alleged offender has been charged with or convicted of such alleged violations.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2427 Unauthorized use of electronic tracking device; penalties.** Creates a Class 6 felony for any person who installs or places an electronic tracking device through intentionally deceptive means and without consent, or causes an electronic tracking device to be installed or placed through intentionally deceptive means and without consent, and uses such device to track the location of any person protected by a protective order issued pursuant to relevant law. The bill also states that any person who consents to the installation or placement of an electronic tracking device may withdraw such consent at any time, and such withdrawal shall allow prosecution.
Patron - Oates

F **HB2429 Stalking; penalty.** Clarifies that the term "electronically transmitted communication" as used in the offense of stalking includes the use or monitoring of location services through an application or a device to remotely determine or track the position and movement of another person, regardless if such person has previously given consent for the accused to use or monitor such location services. The bill contains technical amendments.
Patron - Oates

F **HB2491 Assault and battery; serious bodily injury; penalty.** Creates a Class 6 felony for any person who commits an assault and battery that results in serious bodily injury, as defined in relevant law, and adds such new offense to the list of violent felony offenses for the purposes of the discretionary sentencing guidelines. The bill contains technical amendments.
Patron - Green

F **HB2527 Sex offenses prohibiting proximity to children; state parks; penalty.** Provides that every adult who is convicted of an offense prohibiting proximity to children, when the offense occurred on or after July 1, 2025, shall as part of his sentence be forever prohibited from going, for the purpose of having any contact whatsoever with children who are not in his custody, within 100 feet of the premises of any area of a state park that he knows or has reason to know is a playground, athletic field or facility, or gymnasium. A violation is a Class 6 felony.
Patron - Taylor

F **HB2562 Abortion; treatment of a nonviable pregnancy; emergency.** Provides that the criminal penalties applicable to the performance of an abortion do not apply to the treatment of a nonviable pregnancy, as defined in the bill, provided that, pursuant to reasonable standards of care, failure to treat such nonviable pregnancy by terminating the pregnancy or attempting to terminate the pregnancy by performing an abortion or inducing a miscarriage is likely to result in the death of the woman or would substantially and irremediably impair the physical health of the woman. The bill contains an emergency clause.
Patron - Taylor

F **HB2563 Assisted conception; certain medical treatments; written contract required.** Provides that the laws governing abortion shall not be construed to prohibit or limit the access to and use of (i) in vitro fertilization or any other method of assisted conception or (ii) any other medical treatment or intervention used to assist in the conception of a

pregnancy or to maintain such a pregnancy. The bill further provides that, beginning the in vitro fertilization process, the genetic parents, if known to each other, shall enter into a written contract stipulating to the disposition of any embryo created for the intended use in such process. The bill specifies that such contract shall include provisions regarding the cryopreservation, disposal, and control of any such embryo in the event of the death or incarceration of one or more of the genetic parents or the divorce of the genetic parents, if applicable.
Patron - Taylor

F **HB2592 Trespass with an unmanned aircraft system; penalties.** Increases the penalty for knowingly and intentionally causing an unmanned aircraft system to (i) take off or land in violation of current Federal Aviation Administration Special Security Instructions or UAS Sensitive Airspace Restrictions, including the airspace over any state or local correctional facility or a juvenile correctional center or (ii) (a) drop any item within the boundaries of or (b) obtain any videographic or still image of any identifiable inmate or resident at any state or local correctional facility or juvenile correctional center from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony.
The bill creates a Class 4 felony for any person who knowingly and intentionally causes an unmanned aircraft system to enter the property of any public services or utilities or critical infrastructure, as defined in relevant law. The bill states that any person who does such action and subsequently obtains and shares any videographic or still image of such public services, utilities, or critical infrastructure with the intent to commit espionage is guilty of a Class 3 felony.
The bill clarifies that such offenses shall not apply to any person who causes an unmanned aircraft system to enter any prohibited property if such person is an employee of the property and is conducting official business.
Patron - Batten

F **HB2634 Charitable gaming; use of proceeds; charitable gaming adjusted gross receipts.** Amends charitable gaming law to allow certain organizations, as a condition of receiving a charitable gaming permit or authorization to conduct electronic gaming, to use (i) with respect to charitable gaming, other than electronic gaming, a predetermined percentage of its charitable gaming adjusted gross receipts, not to exceed 25 percent, and (ii) with respect to electronic gaming, a predetermined percentage of its electronic gaming adjusted gross receipts, not to exceed 25 percent; however, at no time shall such predetermined percentage be calculated at an amount equal to less than 10 percent of its gross receipts derived from electronic gaming less the amount of prize money paid out to players. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - Wilt

F **HB2650 Gift certificate theft; penalty.** Includes gift certificates, defined in relevant law, to the crime of credit card theft, which is punishable as grand larceny in existing law.
Patron - Leftwich

F **HB2651 Charitable gaming; poker events.** Defines poker event for the purposes of charitable gaming to mean a Texas Hold'em poker game or Texas Hold'em poker tournament in which (i) a schedule of fixed and variable fees for entry into the poker event and the number of chips received for such fees is established and posted; (ii) rebuys, reentries, and add-ons are permitted without limitation; (iii) chips with cash value are permitted to be used; (iv) games and tournaments may be run concurrently; (v) no limit applies to how many poker events occur during the time listed on the permit for such poker event; and (vi) a seating fee may be charged at a rate of up to $8 up to once every 30 minutes. The bill requires any qualified organization that conducts any poker event to use at least 20 percent of its poker adjusted gross receipts, defined in the bill, from the conduct of Texas Hold'em poker tournaments for (a) those lawful religious, charitable, community, or educational purposes for which the organization is specifically chartered or organized or (b) those expenses related to the acquisition, construction, maintenance, or repair of any interest in real property involved in the operation of the organization and used for lawful religious, charitable, community, or educational purposes. The bill also outlines certain specifics related to the conduct of poker events, including remuneration to operators and tips or gratuities paid to dealers and employees of such operators.
Patron - Jones

F **HB2654 Unlawful dissemination of intimate images of another; penalties.**
Patron - Williams

F **HB2694 Capital murder; death penalty; certain offenses of criminal sexual assault against a minor punishable by death.** Authorizes punishment by death for (i) capital murder and (ii) rape, forcible sodomy, and object sexual penetration when the victim is a child younger than the age of 13 and the offender (a) was 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense and (b) is not determined to be a person with intellectual disability pursuant to relevant law. The bill also provides that the Supreme Court of Virginia shall give priority to the review of cases in which the sentence of death has been imposed over other cases pending in the Court.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2719 Adding court ordered outpatient mental health treatment as a prohibition to ownership of a firearm.**
Patron - Cordoza

F **HB2732 Manufacturing, selling, distributing, or possessing flavored nitrous oxide; penalties.** Provides that any person who knowingly manufactures, sells, distributes, or possesses with the intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute flavored nitrous oxide, when intended for human consumption, is guilty of a Class 5 felony. Under the bill, any person who knowingly possesses flavored nitrous oxide, when intended for human consumption, is guilty of a Class 6 felony.
The bill specifies that such prohibition does not apply to nitrous oxide that has been denatured or otherwise rendered unfit for human consumption or to (i) any person or establishment that is licensed to sell, serve, or offer for sale food or drink for human consumption; (ii) any person engaged in the business of selling or distributing catering supplies only or food processing equipment only, or of selling or distributing compressed gases for industrial or medical use that sells or otherwise distributes nitrous oxide in the course of that business; or (iii) any health care professional while engaged in the performance of his official duties.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2735 Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to update the petition for involuntary admission for treatment; penalty of perjury.** Directs the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to update the petition for involuntary admission for treatment, Form DC-4001, to include the following statement under the petitioner's signature: "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2763** **Prostitution; solicitation; penalties.** Increases from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony the penalty for a third or subsequent offense of solicitation of prostitution from an adult. The bill also makes it a Class 5 felony to solicit prostitution from any minor. Under current law, any person who solicits prostitution from a minor is guilty of a Class 6 felony if the minor is 16 years of age or older or a Class 5 felony if the minor is younger than 16 years of age. Finally, the bill increases the fines for certain offenses related to sex trafficking from $100 to $1,000 and from $500 to $2,500, respectively.

Patron - Earley

F **HB2767** **Concealed handgun permit; demonstrated competence.** Adds a firearms safety or training course conducted by U.S. LawShield or any firearms safety or training course or class available to the general public offered by a nationally recognized firearms safety training organization to the list of qualifications that satisfy the demonstration of competence requirement for the issuance of a Virginia resident or nonresident concealed handgun permit. The bill also directs the Department of State Police to publish on its public website a list of organizations conducting such trainings that the Department deems adequate.

Patron - Obenshain

F **SB802** **Illegal drugs; venue for certain distribution offenses.** Provides that a prosecution for an offense related to distribution of a Schedule I or II drug, where an overdose death occurred from such distribution, may be had in any county or city in which (i) any act in furtherance of the crime was committed or (ii) the deceased person was located.

Patron - McDougle

F **SB837** **Concealed handgun permits; minimum age requirement.** Reduces from 21 years of age to 18 years of age the minimum age requirement for resident and nonresident concealed handgun permits.

Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB849** **Nonresident concealed handgun permits.** Requires the Department of State Police to immediately issue a nonresident concealed handgun permit after 90 days from the receipt of the application for such permit if, within that 90-day period, the Department has not issued such permit or determined that the applicant is disqualified from receiving such permit. The bill further requires the Department to revoke such permit if the applicant is later found by the Department to be disqualified from receiving such permit.

Patron - Diggs

F **SB914** **Sexual assault of a child; mandatory minimum sentence; penalty.** Increases the penalty for the sexual assault of a child younger than 18 years of age to a mandatory minimum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Patron - Stanley

F **SB918** **Driving under the influence.** Provides that the provisions regarding driving or operating a motor vehicle, engine, or train while intoxicated and the provisions regarding operating a motor vehicle by a person under the age of 21 after illegally consuming alcohol shall not apply to any person driving or operating a motor vehicle on his residential property or his adjoining property.

Patron - Stuart

F **SB926** **Assault and battery of law-enforcement officer; definition of law-enforcement officer; penalty.** Adds officers of the Virginia Marine Police to the definition of law-enforcement officer, which means that the punishment for committing an assault and battery on such an officer who is engaged in the performance of his public duties is elevated from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony, with a six-month mandatory minimum term of confinement.

Patron - Stuart

F **SB938** **Firearms-related offenses; mandatory minimum sentence; penalty.** Increases from five to 10 years for a second or subsequent offense the mandatory minimum sentence for use or display of a firearm during the commission of certain felonies.

Patron - Diggs

F **SB941** **Robbery; air or gas operated weapon, etc.; penalty.** Expands the crime of Class 3 felony robbery to include robbery committed by any person by using or displaying any air or gas operated weapon or any object similar in appearance to a firearm, whether capable of being fired or not.

Patron - DeSteph

F **SB946** **Assault and battery; Virginia Marine Police officers; penalty.** Adds Virginia Marine Police officers to the definition of "law-enforcement officer" as such definition relates to the Class 6 felony for any person who commits an assault or assault and battery against another knowing or having reason to know that such other person is a law-enforcement officer.

Patron - DeSteph

F **SB952** **Fleeing from a law-enforcement officer; penalty.** Removes the requirement that a law-enforcement officer have the immediate physical ability to place a person under arrest in order for a person who flees from a law-enforcement officer to be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill instead requires that the officer be within 30 feet of the person when such person knows or has reason to know that the officer is a law-enforcement officer.

Patron - DeSteph

F **SB1025** **Carrying a firearm or explosive material into a building owned or leased by the Commonwealth; exception for rest areas.** Provides that the prohibition on carrying a firearm or explosive material in any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth does not apply to any rest area.

Patron - Diggs

F **SB1027** **Firearms-related offenses; mandatory minimum sentences; penalty.** Increases from five to 10 years for a second or subsequent offense the mandatory minimum sentences for use or display of a firearm during the commission of certain felonies.

Patron - Diggs

F **SB1108** **Sex offenses prohibiting proximity to children; state parks; penalty.** Provides that every adult who is convicted of an offense prohibiting proximity to children, when the offense occurred on or after July 1, 2025, shall as part of his sentence be forever prohibited from going, for the purpose of having any contact whatsoever with children who are not in his custody, within 100 feet of the premises of any area of a state park that he knows or has reason to know is a

playground, athletic field or facility, or gymnasium. A violation is a Class 6 felony.
Patron - Diggs

F **SB1109 Firearm purchases; permit to purchase a firearm required; penalties.** Requires any person purchasing a firearm from a firearms dealer to present a valid permit issued by the Department of State Police that allows the holder to purchase a firearm. The bill prohibits a firearms dealer from selling, renting, trading, or transferring from his inventory any firearm to any person until he has received such permit. The bill sets forth the procedures to apply for the permit and prohibits the permitting of any person (i) who is younger than 21 years of age; (ii) who is prohibited from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm; (iii) who, within the two years prior to the date of application, has been convicted of any offense against a person that is an act of violence, force, or threat or a firearm-related offense that is punished as a Class 1 misdemeanor; (iv) who is an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance; (v) who, within the two years prior to the date of application, has not completed a firearms safety or training course or class offered to the public by a law-enforcement agency, institution of higher education, or private or public institution or organization or by a firearms training school utilizing instructors certified or approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, and with a required curriculum, detailed in the bill; or (vi) for whom it would not be in the interest of the public health, safety, or welfare of the Commonwealth as determined by the Department of State Police to obtain a permit because the person is found to be lacking in essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm. The bill provides that such permit is valid for five years from the date of issuance. The bill details reasons for revocation of a permit and provides that any person who fails to return a revoked permit to the Superintendent of State Police within five days' notice of revocation is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also states that any person who willfully and intentionally makes a materially false statement on the application form for a permit is guilty of a Class 5 felony.
Patron - Carroll Foy

F **SB1146 Persons under 21 years of age; possession or use of tobacco products or vape products on school grounds, etc.; civil penalties.** Prohibits any person under 21 years of age from possessing a tobacco product on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity. The bill requires that each local school board implement an educational rehabilitation program for a first violation. The bill permits a law-enforcement officer to issue a summons upon a second violation within a single school year and requires a court to order up to eight hours of community service. Upon a third violation within a single school year, the bill adds a civil penalty of up to $50. For a fourth or subsequent violation within a single school year, the bill requires punishment include a civil penalty of up to $50 or up to eight hours of community service. Additionally, the bill requires that the civil penalty be paid in person at the courthouse for the locality by such person accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, unless such person is 18 years of age or older and not enrolled at the school where the offense occurred. The bill directs the Board of Education and local school boards to amend any affected policies by July 1, 2026.
Patron - French

F **SB1147 Prohibiting sale or distribution, etc., of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by persons younger than 21 years of age; penalties.** Increases the penalties for an individual or separate retail establishment that sells or distributes, etc., retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking to persons younger than 21 years of age. The bill increases from $500 to $1,000 the civil penalty for a first violation. For a second violation within a three-year period, the bill requires the Department of Taxation to suspend any approved license, permit, or registration issued to the retail establishment. For a third violation within a three-year period, the bill requires a one-year suspension of such approved license, permit, or registration, and for a fourth violation within a three-year period, a permanent revocation of such approved license, permit, or registration.
Patron - French

F **SB1220 Carrying concealed weapons; exceptions; penalty.** Adds any pistol, revolver, or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind by action of compressed air to the list of concealed weapons the carrying of which is prohibited in public.
Patron - DeSteph

F **SB1235 Manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, etc., of fentanyl, heroin, or related controlled substances; penalties.** Provides that a person is guilty of felony homicide, which constitutes second degree murder and is punishable by confinement of not less than five nor more than 40 years, if the underlying felonious act that resulted in the killing of another involved the manufacture, sale, gift, or distribution of a Schedule I or II controlled substance to another and (i) such other person's death results from his use of the controlled substance and (ii) the controlled substance is the proximate cause of his death. The bill provides that venue for a prosecution of this crime shall lie in the locality where the underlying felony occurred, where the use of the controlled substance occurred, or where death occurred. The bill also provides that if a person gave or distributed a Schedule I or II controlled substance only as an accommodation to another individual who is not an inmate in a community correctional facility, local correctional facility, or state correctional facility, or in the custody of an employee thereof, and not with intent to profit thereby from any consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient of the controlled substance to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such controlled substance, he is guilty of a Class 5 felony. The bill also requires the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to investigate the cause and manner of a death in any case where the attorney for the Commonwealth or the investigating law-enforcement agency has probable cause to believe that the death resulted from such felony homicide.
The bill also adds mandatory minimum fines for manufacturing, selling, giving, distributing, or possessing with the intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil based on the weight of such mixtures or substances.
Patron - DeSteph

F **SB1241 Charitable gaming; common interest communities; bingo.** Allows common interest communities that serve residents age 55 or older to become a qualified organization for the purposes of conducting bingo in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
Patron - Durant

F **SB1258 Possession of fentanyl in presence of minor prohibited; enhanced penalty.** Makes it a Class 3 felony for any person 18 years of age or older to knowingly possess any substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, including its derivatives, isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, in the presence of a minor younger than

15 years of age, unless such substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by the Drug Control Act.

Patron - Durant

F **SB1266** **Possession of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age prohibited; penalty.** Prohibits any person younger than 21 years of age from possessing any retail tobacco product or hemp product intended for smoking, as those terms are defined in relevant law. Any person who violates such prohibition is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Patron - Durant

F **SB1298** **Use of profane, threatening, etc., language over the telephone; repeated telephone contact; penalty.** Creates a Class 6 felony for any person who uses obscene, vulgar, profane, lewd, lascivious, or indecent language, or makes any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature, or threatens any illegal or immoral act with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person, over any telephone to (i) the same person 50 or more times within a 48-hour period or (ii) two or more family or household members of a person 50 or more times within a 48-hour period.

Patron - Mulchi

F **SB1395** **Possession of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age prohibited; penalty.** Prohibits any person younger than 21 years of age from possessing any retail tobacco product or hemp product intended for smoking, as those terms are defined in relevant law. A violation of such prohibition is punishable by seizure and forfeiture of such retail tobacco product or hemp product for a first violation. The bill imposes a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for a second violation and a civil penalty not to exceed $250 for a third or subsequent violation.

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

Patron - Peake

F **SB1397** **Possession or transportation of firearms, firearms ammunition, stun weapons, explosives or concealed weapons by persons adjudicated delinquent; penalty.** Provides that the prohibition on the possession and transportation of firearms and ammunition by convicted felons applies to persons previously adjudicated delinquent. The bill requires that persons who were previously adjudicated delinquent of a violent felony are subject to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years and two years for any other felony within the prior 10 years.

Patron - Peake

F **SB1398** **Assault and battery; campus police officers; penalty.** Adds campus police officers to the definition of law-enforcement officer for the crime of assault or assault and battery on a law-enforcement officer.

Patron - Peake

F **SB1446** **Human smuggling; penalties.** Makes it a Class 6 felony for any person who, with the intent to obtain a pecuniary benefit, knowingly and with the intent to evade the immigration laws of the United States uses a motor vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or other means of conveyance to transport another person in or through the Commonwealth and knows or should have known that such person being transported is likely to be exploited for the financial gain of another.

The bill provides that any person who commits human smuggling (i) in a manner that creates a substantial likelihood that the individual being smuggled will suffer serious bodily injury or death, (ii) by smuggling a child younger than 18 years of age at the time of the offense, or (iii) while knowingly possessing a firearm during the commission of the offense is guilty of a Class 3 felony.

The bill also provides that any person who commits human smuggling and as a direct result of the commission of the offense the individual being smuggled (a) became a victim of human trafficking, commercial sex trafficking, sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault or (b) suffered serious bodily injury or death is guilty of a Class 2 felony.

Patron - Cifers

F **SB1482** **Bribes to officers or candidates for office; gratuities for previous acts.** Clarifies that the term "gratuity" includes any gratuity given for a prior official act of any executive, legislative or judicial officer, sheriff or police officer, or any candidate for such office.

Patron - Suetterlein

Criminal Procedure

Passed

P **HB1568** **Law-enforcement jurisdiction; Frederick County.** Provides that the Frederick County Sheriff's Department shall have, concurrently with the City of Winchester Police Department, jurisdiction to arrest perpetrators of all offenses committed in or upon the premises, buildings, rooms, or offices of the Joint Judicial Center or any other building located in the City of Winchester that is owned or occupied by Frederick County. Current law provides such jurisdiction only at the Joint Judicial Center located in the City of Winchester.

Patron - Wiley

P **HB1627** **Dissemination of criminal history record information.** Requires an attorney for the Commonwealth to provide a physical or electronic copy of a person's criminal history record information, including criminal history record information maintained in the National Crime Information Center and the Interstate Identification Index System that is in his possession, pursuant to the rules of court for obtaining discovery or for review by the court. The bill also provides that no criminal history record information provided shall be disseminated further.

Current law provides that nothing shall preclude the dissemination of a person's criminal history record information pursuant to such rules of court but does not require the attorney for the Commonwealth to provide the copy nor identify specific types of information. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. This bill incorporates HB 2314 and is identical to SB 1193.

Patron - Thomas

P **HB1630 Discovery.** Requires the Commonwealth, upon request of the accused or his counsel, to copy or photograph any discovery materials or evidence the accused is permitted to inspect and review, including relevant police reports, criminal records, and body-worn camera footage, and requires the Commonwealth to provide such copies or photographs, electronically or otherwise, to the accused or his counsel, unless such material is prohibited from being distributed by law or impossible to provide by electronic means. The bill requires the attorney for the Commonwealth in any district court to provide to counsel of record for the accused, if requested, by electronic means a copy of any police report at least 10 days prior to the date the case is set for trial or preliminary hearing, provided that counsel of record agrees to any reasonable redaction or restricted dissemination as requested by the attorney for the Commonwealth. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. This bill is identical to SB 963. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

P **HB1642 Use of artificial intelligence-based tool.** Requires that the recommendations or predictions provided by any artificial intelligence-based tool, as such term is defined in the bill, shall not be the sole basis for any decision related to pre-trial detention or release, prosecution, adjudication, sentencing, probation, parole, correctional supervision, or rehabilitation of criminal offenders, provided that any such decision is made by the judicial officer or other person charged with making such decision. The bill provides that the use of any artificial intelligence-based tool shall be subject to any challenge or objection as permitted by law. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Hayes

P **HB1661 Deferred or installment payment agreements; minimum payments.** Provides that if the defendant requests to enter into an installment agreement, the court may offer installment payments of (i) $25 per month, or a higher amount, depending upon a defendant's ability to pay or (ii) less than $25 per month if the defendant is determined to be indigent.
Patron - Jones

P **HB1665 Fines, restitution, forfeiture, penalties, and other costs; criminal and traffic cases; itemized statement.** Requires the clerk of the court to provide an itemized statement to any defendant convicted of a traffic infraction or a violation of any criminal law of the Commonwealth or of any political subdivision thereof, or found not innocent in the case of a juvenile, who is sentenced to pay a fine, restitution, forfeiture, or penalty or assessed any other costs in the circuit court or appropriate district court of his county or city at the time such fine, restitution, forfeiture, penalty, or other costs are assessed, or within a reasonable time after assessment. The bill requires the clerk to also provide an updated statement of the outstanding balances of any fines, forfeiture, and penalties, restitution and costs, or payment history upon request of the defendant. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Jones

P **HB1712 Department of Criminal Justice Services; training on certain arrests.** Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish a training course for law-enforcement agencies and officers on the discretion such officers can exercise regarding certain arrests. The bill requires that such training include (i) instruction on the scope and nature of law-enforcement officer discretion in arrest decisions, with particular emphasis on encounters with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, including individuals currently subject to an emergency custody order, a temporary detention order, or an involuntary admission order, and (ii) instruction on the immediate and long-term effects of arrests on individuals in need of mental health services due to a mental health crisis, including impacts on treatment outcomes as identified in substantially accepted peer-reviewed research literature by July 1, 2026. The bill requires any person employed as a law-enforcement officer prior to July 1, 2026, to complete such in-person or virtual training by January 1, 2027, and biennially thereafter, and any person employed as a law-enforcement officer after July 1, 2026, to complete the training within one year of his date of hire and biennially thereafter.
Lastly, the bill directs the Criminal Justice Services Board to promulgate regulations pursuant to relevant law requiring in-person or virtual training to special conservators of the peace on the provisions of the bill and other existing statutes related to the arrest and prosecution of persons with mental or behavioral health disorders by July 1, 2026. The bill requires any person appointed as a special conservator of the peace prior to July 1, 2026, to complete the training by January 1, 2027, and biennially thereafter, and any person appointed as a special conservator of the peace after July 1, 2026, to complete the training within one year of his appointment and biennially thereafter.
As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Behavioral Health Commission. This bill is identical to SB 1194. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Watts

P **HB1713 Jurisdiction of district courts in felony cases; specialty dockets; Behavioral Health Docket Act.** Authorizes a general district court and a juvenile and domestic relations district court to retain jurisdiction over a felony offense for the purpose of allowing the accused to complete a specialty docket or behavioral health docket established pursuant to relevant law. Current law only explicitly provides such courts with the ability to certify felony charges to the circuit court or dismiss such charges after a preliminary hearing to determine if probable cause exists for such charges. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Watts

P **HB1757 Compensation of court-appointed counsel.** Clarifies that, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, no person found indigent, or child's parents or other persons responsible for the care of a child found indigent, and who is represented by a public defender or court-appointed counsel shall have fees assessed against him for legal representation in an amount greater than the amount such person or such child would have owed if the assessment took place on or before June 30, 2024. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. This bill is identical to SB 901.
Patron - Hernandez

P **HB1845 Limitation on prosecution of felony due to lapse of time after finding of probable cause; exceptions; competency evaluation.** Provides that the speedy trial statute is tolled for an evaluation or restoration to determine a defendant's competency to stand trial. This bill is identical to SB 804.
Patron - Arnold

P **HB1858 Limitation on prosecution of felony due to lapse of time after finding of probable cause; certified misdemeanors.** Provides that the existing statutory speedy trial protections applicable to a felony prosecution also

apply to a misdemeanor certified to circuit court pursuant to relevant law. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.

Patron - Arnold

P **HB1873 Release of accused on secured or unsecured bond.** Removes the conditions requiring that any person arrested for a felony (i) who has previously been convicted of a felony, (ii) who is presently on bond for an unrelated arrest in any jurisdiction, or (iii) who is on probation or parole be released only upon a secure bond. Additionally, the bill adds to the factors a judicial officer shall consider in making a bail determination (a) the person's current bond status for an unrelated arrest in any jurisdiction and (b) the person's current status on probation or parole. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Callsen

P **HB1886 Payment of costs when proceedings deferred and defendant placed on probation.** Provides that a circuit or district court that has deferred proceedings pursuant to relevant law and imposed costs shall not enter a judgment of guilty against a defendant solely for his failure to pay such costs or other fees but shall comply with the terms agreed upon for the deferral if all other terms and conditions of such agreement are satisfied, provided that such costs or other fees remain due. Current law requires such costs to be paid prior to dismissal. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - McClure

P **HB1968 Compensating victims of crime.** Extends, for the purpose of compensating victims of crime, the time for filing a claim by the claimant to not later than three years after the occurrence of the crime upon which such claim is based, or not later than three years after the death of the victim. Under current law, such time frame is not later than one year after either instance.

The bill removes the prohibition on the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (the Commission) making an award where the police records show that a crime was reported more than 120 hours after the occurrence of the crime unless the Commission, for good cause shown, finds the delay to have been justified. Also, the bill requires the Commission, in determining if a report was promptly reported to the proper authorities, to consider (i) any police records; (ii) the victim's physical, emotional, mental, and family situation; and (iii) the existence of a permanent protective order, issued pursuant to relevant law, for the victim or other persons eligible for awards from the person responsible for the qualifying crime.

The bill also removes the ability of the Commission to deny, reduce, or withdraw any award upon finding that any claimant or award recipient has not fully cooperated with all law-enforcement agencies, unless the law-enforcement agency certifies that the claimant or award recipient was willing but unable to cooperate due to a good faith belief that such cooperation would have endangered such claimant or award recipient and such claimant or award recipient was not provided with any victim or witness protection services when such protection services were requested by a law-enforcement agency. This bill is identical to SB 1200.

Patron - Delaney

P **HB2120 Seizure of property used in connection with or derived from financial exploitation of vulnerable adults.** Establishes a procedure for seizure of property used in connection with or derived from financial exploitation of vulnerable adults. The bill permits a guardian, adult proactive agent, or representative of the vulnerable adult to enforce such an action for good cause shown.

Patron - Maldonado

P **HB2123 Protective orders; maximum time valid.** Provides that if the court finds, based upon evidence presented, that the respondent has been subject to a previous permanent protective order or a permanent protective order in cases of family abuse issued within 10 years, the court may issue a permanent protective order in a case of family abuse for a specified period of time up to a maximum of four years. The bill further provides that such protective order may be extended for a period of not longer than two years, regardless of whether such order was initially issued for a period of time up to a maximum of two years or four years. Current law allows such protective orders to be issued for a specified period of time up to a maximum of two years and extended for a period of time not longer than two years.

Patron - Maldonado

P **HB2177 Use of unmanned aircraft systems by public bodies; employees.** Allows a law-enforcement officer or an employee of a law-enforcement agency to deploy an unmanned aircraft system without a warrant (i) following an accident where a report is required pursuant to relevant law to survey the scene of such accident for the purpose of crash reconstruction and record the scene by photographic or video images or (ii) to (a) aerially survey a primary residence of the subject of the arrest warrant to formulate a plan to execute an existing arrest warrant or capias for a felony offense or (b) locate a person sought for arrest when such person has fled from a law-enforcement officer and a law-enforcement officer remains in hot pursuit of such person. Current law allows a law-enforcement officer to operate an unmanned aircraft system under such conditions. The bill also permits a law-enforcement officer to deploy an unmanned aircraft system without a warrant where such officer is investigating unmanned aircraft systems surrounding or over property of the federal or state government, public critical infrastructure, or nongovernment-operated prison or jail facilities.

Patron - Walker

P **HB2236 Use of Virginia crime code in documents for jailable offenses; Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.** Provides that the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall develop, maintain, and modify the Virginia crime codes used in documents for jailable offenses as may be deemed necessary. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.

Patron - Cousins

P **HB2252 Decreasing probation period; criteria for mandatory reduction.** Establishes criteria for which a defendant's supervised probation period shall be reduced, including completing qualifying educational activities, maintaining verifiable employment, complying with or completing any state-certified or state-approved mental health or substance abuse treatment program, securing and maintaining qualifying health insurance or a qualifying health care plan, and obtaining housing and establishing residence. The bill provides that a court may decrease a defendant's probation period if warranted by the defendant's conduct and in the interests of justice and may do so without a hearing, unless the defendant poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of himself or others. The bill requires the Department of Corrections to meet with all relevant stakeholders and report to the General Assembly on (i) current practices for community supervision as it relates to monitoring engagement and attainment in education, employment, treatment, and other

programs and making recommendations to the court for modification of time served on probation; (ii) how such practices compare to the processes and practices that would be established pursuant to the bill; and (iii) a plan for such implementation by November 1, 2025. Except for this provision requiring the Department of Corrections to meet with all relevant stakeholders and report to the General Assembly, the provisions of the bill do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. This bill is identical to SB 936. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Williams

P **HB2322 Appointment of counsel for accused; felonies punishable by a mandatory minimum term of confinement for life.** Provides that in any case in which an indigent defendant is charged with any felony punishable by a mandatory minimum term of confinement for life, the court shall appoint to represent the defendant two competent, qualified, and experienced attorneys, one of whom shall be from the public defender office if the defendant is charged in a jurisdiction in which a public defender office is established. The bill preserves the requirement under current law for the court to appoint two such attorneys in cases in which an indigent defendant is charged with a Class 1 felony.

Patron - Davis

P **HB2328 Admission to bail; pregnant persons or persons who have recently given birth.** Requires the judicial officer to consider any evidence a person provides indicating that such person (i) is currently pregnant, (ii) has recently given birth, or (iii) is currently nursing a child when determining whether such person shall be admitted to bail. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Simonds

P **HB2393 Issuance of writ of vacatur for victims of human trafficking.** Amends the procedure that allows victims of human trafficking, defined in the bill, to file a petition of vacatur in circuit court to have certain convictions vacated and the police and court records expunged for such convictions. This bill incorporates HB 2227 and is identical to SB 1460. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2546 Obtaining records concerning electronic communication service or remote computing service without a warrant.** Provides that when disclosure of real-time location data or subscriber data is not prohibited by federal law, an investigative or law-enforcement officer may obtain real-time location data or subscriber data without a warrant if the investigative or law-enforcement officer reasonably believes that (i) an individual or group of individuals has made a credible threat via electronic communication to commit an act of violence upon the property, including the buildings and grounds thereof, of any (a) child day center, including any preschool program offered by a publicly funded provider; (b) preschool or nursery program certified by the Board of Education; or (c) public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school and (ii) a warrant cannot be obtained in time to prevent the identified danger or identify the source of the threat. The bill also provides that no real-time location data or subscriber data shall be admissible in a criminal proceeding unless a judge finds that probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant existed at the time of the search and such data is otherwise admissible, provided that no such data obtained is presented to establish the necessary probable cause.

Patron - Rasoul

P **HB2555 Modification of sentence for marijuana-related offenses.** Creates a process by which persons convicted of certain felony offenses involving the possession, manufacture, selling, giving, distribution, transportation, or delivery of marijuana committed prior to July 1, 2021, who remain incarcerated or on community supervision on July 1, 2025, may receive an automatic hearing to consider modification of such person's sentence. The provisions of this bill sunset on July 1, 2028. This bill incorporates HB 2176. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Henson

P **HB2560 Notifying defendant of consequences criminal proceedings can have on immigration.** Requires that upon the defendant's first appearance for any misdemeanor or felony, the court shall advise the defendant of the following: The outcome of criminal proceedings may have federal immigration and naturalization consequences.

Patron - Lopez

P **HB2723 Criminal records; expungement and sealing of records.** Amends numerous statutes related to the expungement and sealing of criminal records that are scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2025. In addition, the bill requires (i) the Department of State Police to develop a secure portal for the purpose of allowing government agencies to determine whether a record has been sealed prior to responding to a request pursuant to current law by October 1, 2026; (ii) the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission to (a) educate and provide support to public defenders and certified court-appointed counsel on expungement and sealing, (b) conduct trainings on expungement and sealing across the Commonwealth, (c) develop a library of resources on expungement and sealing for use by public defenders and court-appointed counsel, and (d) post information regarding expungement and sealing for use by the public on its website; and (iii) the Department of State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles, Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and clerk of any circuit court to provide data and information on sealing upon request of the Virginia State Crime Commission for purposes of monitoring and evaluating the implementation and impact of the sealing processes. The bill also directs (1) the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to collect data related to petitions filed pursuant to relevant law, (2) the Virginia State Crime Commission to analyze data and information collected on automatic and petition sealing and report to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session, and (3) the Virginia State Crime Commission to continue its study on the sealing of criminal records and report its work to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session.

The bill repeals the Sealing Fee Fund and directs any money in such Fund to be reverted to the general fund. The bill contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, for the provisions related to the sealing of former possession of marijuana offenses without entry of a court order and the sealing of charges and convictions related to automatic sealing and such petitions. Lastly, the bill delays the repeal of the relevant law related to marijuana possession, limits on dissemination of criminal history record information, and prohibited practices by employers, educational institutions, and state and local governments until January 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission. This bill is identical to SB 1466. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Herring

P **HB2730 Virginia State Crime Commission; review panel; cases involving Mary Jane Burton; report.** Directs the Virginia State Crime Commission (the Crime Commission) to designate a panel, consisting of members outlined in the bill, to review the following types of cases at the Virginia Department of Forensic Science where testing or analysis was performed by Mary Jane Burton: (i) cases resulting in convictions of persons who are currently incarcerated, or who were executed or exonerated, and (ii) cases where Burton testified, regardless of the final disposition of the case. However, the panel shall prioritize the review of such cases resulting in convictions of persons who are currently incarcerated. The bill provides that the Crime Commission shall provide staff support to the panel, and may request and shall receive support from other state or local government agencies. The bill provides that the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act do not apply to this panel or its review, or to any information received by or disseminated to any state or local government agency, private organization, or other entity for purposes of this review. The bill directs the panel to report on its work to the Crime Commission by the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly until completion of this review. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission. This bill is identical to SB 1465.

Patron - Hope

P **SB804 Limitation on prosecution of felony due to lapse of time after finding of probable cause; exceptions; competency evaluation.** Provides that the speedy trial statute is tolled for an evaluation or restoration to determine a defendant's competency to stand trial. This bill is identical to HB 1845.

Patron - McDougle

P **SB901 Compensation of court-appointed counsel.** Clarifies that, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, no person found indigent or child's parents or other persons responsible for the care of a child found indigent and who is represented by a public defender or court-appointed counsel shall have fees assessed against him for legal representation in an amount greater than the amount such person or such child would have owed if the assessment took place on or before June 30, 2024. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. This bill is identical to HB 1757.

Patron - Perry

P **SB936 Decreasing probation period; criteria for mandatory reduction.** Establishes criteria for which a defendant's supervised probation period shall be reduced, including completing qualifying educational activities, maintaining verifiable employment, complying with or completing any state-certified or state-approved mental health or substance abuse treatment program, securing and maintaining qualifying health insurance or a qualifying health care plan, and obtaining housing and establishing residence. The bill provides that a court may decrease a defendant's probation period if warranted by the defendant's conduct and in the interests of justice and may do so without a hearing, unless the defendant poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of himself or others. The bill requires the Department of Corrections to meet with all relevant stakeholders and report to the General Assembly on (i) current practices for community supervision as it relates to monitoring engagement and attainment in education, employment, treatment, and other programs and making recommendations to the court for modification of time served on probation; (ii) how such practices compare to the processes and practices that would be established pursuant to the bill; and (iii) a plan for such implementation by November 1, 2025. Except for this provision requiring the Department of Corrections to meet with all relevant stakeholders and report to the General Assembly, the provisions of the bill do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. This bill is identical to HB 2252. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Craig

P **SB956 Department of State Police; Central Criminal Records Exchange; removal of certain reporting requirements.** Removes the requirement that the Central Criminal Records Exchange report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before November 1 of each year on the status of unapplied criminal history record information and any updates to fingerprinting policies and procedures.

Patron - Stuart

P **SB963 Discovery.** Requires the Commonwealth, upon request by the accused or his counsel to copy or photograph any discovery materials or evidence the accused is permitted to inspect and review, including relevant police reports, criminal records, and body-worn camera footage, and requires the Commonwealth to provide such copies or photographs, electronically or otherwise, to the accused or his counsel, unless such material is prohibited from being distributed by law or impossible to provide by electronic means. The bill requires the attorney for the Commonwealth in any district court to provide to counsel of record for the accused, if requested, by electronic means a copy of any police report at least 10 days prior to the date the case is set for trial or preliminary hearing, provided that counsel of record agrees to any reasonable redaction or restricted dissemination as requested by the attorney for the Commonwealth. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. This bill incorporates SB 1355 and is identical to HB 1630. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Carroll Foy

P **SB1191 Collection and reporting of data related to adults charged with a criminal offense punishable by confinement in jail or a term of imprisonment; Virginia Longitudinal Data System.** Allows the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to contribute the statewide and locality-level data it collects on adults charged with criminal offenses punishable by incarceration to the Virginia Longitudinal Data System administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Deeds

P **SB1193 Dissemination of criminal history record information.** Requires an attorney for the Commonwealth to provide a physical or electronic copy of a person's criminal history record information, including criminal history record information maintained in the National Crime Information Center and the Interstate Identification Index System that is in his possession, pursuant to the rules of court for obtaining discovery or for review by the court. The bill also provides that no criminal history record information provided shall be disseminated further.

Current law provides that nothing shall preclude the dissemination of a person's criminal history record information pursuant to such rules of court but does not require the attorney for the Commonwealth to provide the copy nor identify specific types of information. As introduced, this bill was a

recommendation of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. This bill is identical to HB 1627.
Patron - Deeds

P **SB1200 Compensating victims of crime.** Extends, for the purpose of compensating victims of crime, the time for filing a claim by the claimant to not later than three years after the occurrence of the crime upon which such claim is based or not later than three years after the death of the victim. Under current law, such time frame is not later than one year after either instance.The bill removes the prohibition on the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (the Commission) making an award where the police records show that a crime was reported more than 120 hours after the occurrence of the crime unless the Commission, for good cause shown, finds the delay to have been justified. Also, the bill requires the Commission, in determining if a report was promptly reported to the proper authorities, to consider (i) any police records; (ii) the victim's physical, emotional, mental, and family situation; and (iii) the existence of a permanent protective order, issued pursuant to relevant law, for the victim or other persons eligible for awards from the person responsible for the qualifying crime.The bill also removes the ability of the Commission to deny, reduce, or withdraw any award upon finding that any claimant or award recipient has not fully cooperated with all law-enforcement agencies unless the law-enforcement agency certifies that the claimant or award recipient was willing but unable to cooperate due to a good faith belief that such cooperation would have endangered such claimant or award recipient and such claimant or award recipient was not provided with any victim or witness protection services when such protection services were requested by a law-enforcement agency. This bill is identical to HB 1968.
Patron - Deeds

P **SB1412 Search warrants; electronic records; commercial enterprise; domestic and foreign corporations.** Provides that, for the purposes of search warrants, "any object, thing, or person" includes electronic records stored within or outside the Commonwealth of a commercial enterprise, whether a domestic corporation or a foreign corporation, that is transacting or has transacted any business in the Commonwealth that constitute evidence of the commission of crime. The bill requires the affidavit for any search warrant issued for such records of a foreign corporation to contain a statement that the complainant believes such records are actually or constructively possessed by such foreign corporation and provides that, in order to comply with relevant law, any search of the records of a foreign corporation shall be deemed to have been made in the same place where the search warrant was issued.

The bill establishes a procedure for the execution of a search warrant for such records or other information stored outside of the Commonwealth by a commercial enterprise, whether a domestic corporation or a foreign corporation, that is transacting or has transacted any business in the Commonwealth. The bill also provides that (i) for the purposes of responding to a subpoena served pursuant to relevant law, a foreign corporation transacting business in the Commonwealth that has a registered agent in the Commonwealth shall be deemed to have consented to service and (ii) the provisions of the bill are intended to reverse the holding in *Yelp, Inc. v. Hadeed Carpet Cleaning, Inc.*, 289 Va. 426 (2015).

Lastly, the bill directs the Joint Commission on Technology and Science and the Virginia State Crime Commission to (a) review existing statutes on service of process and subpoenas relating to electronic records and (b) provide recommendations to update such statutes relating to the use of technology in the criminal justice system. Such recommendations shall be made to the General Assembly by November 15, 2025.
Patron - McDougle

P **SB1420 Forfeited assets; law enforcement use.** Provides that a state or local agency that receives a forfeited asset or an equitable share of the net proceeds of a forfeited asset from the Department of Criminal Justice Services may use such proceeds for equipment and training for law-enforcement officers. The bill also provides that such forfeited property or proceeds shall only be used by law enforcement in the course of employment and in the performance of their official duties and not for personal use.
Patron - Head

P **SB1460 Issuance of writ of vacatur for victims of human trafficking.** Amends the procedure that allows victims of human trafficking, defined in the bill, to file a petition of vacatur in circuit court to have certain convictions vacated and the police and court records expunged for such convictions. This bill is identical to HB 2393. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Locke

P **SB1465 Virginia State Crime Commission; review panel; cases involving Mary Jane Burton; report.** Directs the Virginia State Crime Commission (the Crime Commission) to designate a panel, consisting of members outlined in the bill, to review the following types of cases at the Virginia Department of Forensic Science where testing or analysis was performed by Mary Jane Burton: (i) cases resulting in convictions of persons who are currently incarcerated, or who were executed or exonerated, and (ii) cases where Burton testified, regardless of the final disposition of the case. However, the panel shall prioritize the review of such cases resulting in convictions of persons who are currently incarcerated. The bill provides that the Crime Commission shall provide staff support to the panel, and may request and shall receive support from other state or local government agencies. The bill provides that the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act do not apply to this panel or its review, or to any information received by or disseminated to any state or local government agency, private organization, or other entity for purposes of this review. The bill directs the panel to report on its work to the Crime Commission by the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly until completion of this review. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission. This bill is identical to HB 2730.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB1466 Criminal records; expungement and sealing of records.** Amends numerous statutes related to the expungement and sealing of criminal records that are scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2025. In addition, the bill requires (i) the Department of State Police to develop a secure portal for the purpose of allowing government agencies to determine whether a record has been sealed prior to responding to a request pursuant to current law by October 1, 2026; (ii) the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission to (a) educate and provide support to public defenders and certified court-appointed counsel on expungement and sealing, (b) conduct trainings on expungement and sealing across the Commonwealth, (c) develop a library of resources on expungement and sealing for use by public defenders and court-appointed counsel, and (d) post information regarding expungement and sealing for use by the public on its website; and (iii) the Department of State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles, Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and clerk of any circuit court to provide data

and information on sealing upon request of the Virginia State Crime Commission for purposes of monitoring and evaluating the implementation and impact of the sealing processes. The bill also directs (1) the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to collect data related to petitions filed pursuant to relevant law, (2) the Virginia State Crime Commission to analyze data and information collected on automatic and petition sealing and report to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session, and (3) the Virginia State Crime Commission to continue its study on the sealing of criminal records and report its work to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session.The bill repeals the Sealing Fee Fund and directs any money in such Fund to be reverted to the general fund. The bill contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, for the provisions related to the sealing of former possession of marijuana offenses without entry of a court order and the sealing of charges and convictions related to automatic sealing and such petitions. Lastly, the bill delays the repeal of the relevant law related to marijuana possession, limits on dissemination of criminal history record information, and prohibited practices by employers, educational institutions, and state and local governments until January 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission. This bill is identical to HB 2723. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Surovell

Failed

F HB1847 Admission to bail; rebuttable presumptions against bail. Creates a rebuttable presumption against bail for certain criminal offenses enumerated in the bill. The bill also requires the court to consider specified factors when determining whether the presumption against bail has been rebutted and whether there are appropriate conditions of release.
Patron - Arnold

F HB1850 Limitation on prosecution of felony due to lapse of time after finding of probable cause; exceptions; competency evaluation. Provides that the speedy trial statute is tolled for an evaluation to determine a defendant's competency to stand trial.
Patron - Arnold

F HB1865 Virginia Access to Justice Act. Establishes a public defender office in each judicial circuit. Currently, public defender offices have been established in certain localities. The bill also establishes an appellate defender office to represent indigent persons in appeals of their convictions to the Court of Appeals of Virginia or Supreme Court of Virginia. The bill raises the limitation of fees that court-appointed counsel can receive for representation on various offenses in district and circuit courts.
Further, the bill requires the attorney for the Commonwealth and assistant attorney for the Commonwealth to prosecute Class 1, 2, and 3 misdemeanors, or any other violation, the conviction of which carries a penalty of confinement in jail, or a fine of $500 or more, or both such confinement and fine. Current law allows discretion for prosecuting such misdemeanors and violations.
Lastly, the bill expands the definition of "victim" as it relates to compensating victims of crime to include persons awarded restitution pursuant to relevant law.
Patron - Callsen

F HB2010 Admissibility of statements by children in certain cases. Increases from younger than 13 years of age to younger than 15 years of age at the time of trial or hearing the child age range for the hearsay exemption for an out-of-court statement made by a child who is the alleged victim of an offense against children describing any act directed against the child relating to such alleged offense.
Patron - Obenshain

F HB2169 Admission to bail; rebuttable presumptions against bail for an alien illegally present in the United States. Creates a rebuttable presumption against bail for an alien illegally present in the United States charged with certain criminal offenses enumerated in the bill. The bill also requires the court to consider specified factors when determining whether the presumption against bail has been rebutted and whether there are appropriate conditions of release.
Patron - Gilbert

F HB2176 Modification of sentence for marijuana-related offenses. Creates a process by which persons convicted of certain felony offenses involving the possession, manufacture, selling, giving, distribution, transportation, or delivery of marijuana committed prior to July 1, 2021, who remain incarcerated or on community supervision on July 1, 2025, may receive an automatic hearing to consider modification of such person's sentence. The provisions of this bill sunset on July 1, 2028. This bill was incorporated into HB 2555.
Patron - Clark

F HB2217 Court appearance of a person not free on bail. Makes various changes to provisions regarding bail hearings, including (i) the appointment of counsel for the accused, (ii) the information provided to counsel for the accused, (iii) a requirement that counsel for the accused, when practicable, be provided with adequate time to confer with the accused prior to any bail hearing, and (iv) the compensation of counsel for the accused. Effective in due course, the bill provides that the chief judge in each circuit shall create a plan to be completed by November 1, 2025, that establishes the means by which the jurisdiction will meet these requirements. The remainder of the bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - Callsen

F HB2223 Abolition of fees; legal representation of indigent defendant. Eliminates the fees for the cost of court-appointed counsel or public defender representation for persons who are determined to be indigent.
Patron - Cousins

F HB2227 Issuance of writ of vacatur for victims of human trafficking. Amends the procedure that allows victims of human trafficking, defined in the bill, to file a petition of vacatur in circuit court to have certain convictions vacated and the police and court records for such convictions expunged. This bill was incorporated into HB 2393.
Patron - Cherry

F HB2312 Discovery; electronic means; report. Requires all attorneys for the Commonwealth to provide discovery materials for all courts to counsel of record for the accused by electronic means unless such materials are prohibited from being distributed by law or impossible to provide by electronic means. The bill directs the Supreme Court of Virginia to promulgate rules to implement this provision by July 1, 2027. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2028.
The bill also requires the Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board, or a designee, to convene a work group

to determine the costs associated with any changes in operations and technology infrastructure necessary to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill requires the Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board to provide an interim report to the General Assembly by November 30, 2025, and a final report to the General Assembly by August 1, 2026.
Patron - Davis

F **HB2314 Discovery.** Allows the accused to request the Commonwealth to copy or photograph any discovery materials or evidence he is permitted to inspect and review, including relevant police reports, witness statements, and the name and contact information of any potential witness, and requires the Commonwealth to provide such copies or photographs, electronically or otherwise, to him or his counsel.
The bill also requires all attorneys for the Commonwealth to provide (i) discovery material for all courts to counsel of record for the accused, if requested, by electronic means, defined in the bill, unless such material is prohibited from being distributed by law or impossible to provide by electronic means and (ii) to counsel of record for the accused, if requested, in any district court a copy of any police report by electronic means at least 10 days prior to the date the case is set for trial.
Lastly, the bill requires the attorney for the Commonwealth to provide a copy of a person's criminal history record information, including criminal history record information maintained in the National Crime Information Center and the Interstate Identification Index System that is in his possession, pursuant to the rules of court for obtaining discovery or for review by the court. Current law provides that nothing shall preclude the dissemination of a person's criminal history record information pursuant to such rules of court but does not require the attorney for the Commonwealth to provide the copy nor identify specific types of information. This bill was incorporated into HB 1627.
Patron - Davis

F **HB2347 Limitation of prosecutions; false entries or destruction of records by officers.** Extends the statute of limitations for prosecution of the offense of false entries or destruction of records by officers to within (i) five years of the commission of the offense or (ii) two years after the existence of the illegal act and the identity of the offender are discovered by the Commonwealth, whichever is later. The current statute of limitations is one year from the date of the offense.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2369 Department of State Police; Central Criminal Records Exchange; reports.** Removes the requirement that the Central Criminal Records Exchange submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on the status of unapplied criminal history record information and updates to fingerprinting policies and procedures. The bill also repeals a provision requiring the State Police to report annually on the list of governmental entities with access to the Department of Motor Vehicles' privileged information through certain databases.
Patron - Wilt

F **HB2532 Use of unmanned aircraft systems by law-enforcement officers; search warrants.** Expedites the issuance of a search warrant for unmanned aircraft systems by law-enforcement officers in critical situations. The bill permits the use of unmanned aircraft systems without a search warrant when law enforcement is surveying the scene of a crime, to locate a person when such person has fled the offense location, or to provide real-time aerial observation to rapidly assess incident scenes, deliver essential supplies, and enhance the response to emergency calls. The bill also authorizes the use of unmanned aircraft systems by law enforcement during large public gatherings, demonstrations, disturbances, or other similar events.
Patron - Sewell

F **HB2626 Search warrants; electronic records; commercial enterprise; domestic and foreign corporations.** Provides that, for the purposes of search warrants, "any object, thing, or person" includes electronic records stored within or outside the Commonwealth of a commercial enterprise, whether a domestic corporation or a foreign corporation, that is transacting or has transacted any business in the Commonwealth that constitute evidence of the commission of crime. The bill requires the affidavit for any search warrant issued for such records of a foreign corporation to contain a statement that the complainant believes such records are actually or constructively possessed by such foreign corporation. Lastly, the bill establishes a procedure for the execution of a search warrant for such records or other information stored outside of the Commonwealth by a commercial enterprise, whether a domestic corporation or a foreign corporation, that is transacting or has transacted any business in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Batten

F **HB2726 Power of magistrates to issue arrest warrants.** Prohibits a magistrate from issuing an arrest warrant for an offense upon the basis of a complaint by a person other than a law-enforcement officer or an animal control officer without prior authorization by the attorney for the Commonwealth or by a law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the alleged offense. Current law places such prohibition only on felony offenses.
Patron - Zehr

F **SB743 Reproductive health care services; prohibitions on extradition for certain crimes.** Provides that no demand for extradition of a person charged with a criminal violation of law of another state shall be recognized by the Governor if such alleged violation involves the receipt or provision of or assistance with reproductive health care services, as defined in the bill, within the Commonwealth unless the alleged criminal violation would also constitute a criminal offense under the laws of the Commonwealth. The bill also provides that such limit on extradition shall not apply when the person who is accused of an alleged offense in the demanding state was physically present in the demanding state at the time of the commission of the alleged offense and thereafter fled from such state.
Patron - Favola

F **SB825 Seizure of moneys or other assets of value used in connection with or derived from financial exploitation of vulnerable adults.** Permits a law-enforcement officer, an attorney for the Commonwealth, the Office of the Attorney General, or other interested party to seek a seizure warrant from a judge or petition a court for the seizure of moneys or other assets of value where there is suspected probable cause to conclude that a vulnerable adult is being financially exploited. The bill allows a court, upon motion of the complainant and for good cause shown, to order the release of all moneys or other assets of value. Any remaining moneys or other assets of value may also be released to the owner by the court with the consent of the attorney for the Commonwealth.
Patron - Favola

F **SB869 Custodial interrogation of a person with autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability;**

best practices for conducting interviews or interrogations. Adds best practices for conducting interviews or interrogations, including reading constitutional rights to the list of compulsory minimum and in-service training standards for law-enforcement officers on communicating with individuals with an intellectual disability or a developmental disability.
Patron - Favola

F **SB1068 Admission to bail; rebuttable presumptions against bail.** Creates a rebuttable presumption against bail for certain criminal offenses enumerated in the bill. The bill also requires the court to consider specified factors when determining whether the presumption against bail has been rebutted and whether there are appropriate conditions of release.
Patron - Peake

F **SB1148 Crime victim rights; notification.** Requires notification through the Virginia Statewide VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) System or other similar electronic or automated system to a victim regarding the commitment or release of a defendant who was acquitted by reason of insanity. The bill contains technical amendments.
Patron - Obenshain

F **SB1183 Virginia Access to Justice Act.** Establishes a public defender office in each judicial circuit. Currently, public defender offices have been established in certain localities. The bill also establishes an appellate defender office to represent indigent persons in appeals of their convictions to the Court of Appeals of Virginia or Supreme Court of Virginia. The bill raises the limitation of fees that court-appointed counsel can receive for representation on various offenses in district and circuit courts.
Further, the bill requires the attorney for the Commonwealth and assistant attorney for the Commonwealth to prosecute Class 1, 2, and 3 misdemeanors, or any other violation, the conviction of which carries a penalty of confinement in jail, or a fine of $500 or more, or both such confinement and fine. Current law allows discretion for prosecuting such misdemeanors and violations.
Lastly, the bill expands the definition of "victim" as it relates to compensating victims of crime to include persons awarded restitution pursuant to relevant law.
Patron - Deeds

F **SB1211 Sealing of criminal records.** Makes several technical amendments to court procedures relating to the sealing of criminal records. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia and the Committee on District Courts.
Patron - McDougle

F **SB1227 Court appearance of a person not free on bail.** Makes various changes to provisions regarding bail hearings, including (i) the appointment of counsel for the accused, (ii) the information provided to counsel for the accused, (iii) a requirement that counsel for the accused be provided with adequate time to confer with the accused prior to any bail hearing, and (iv) the compensation of counsel for the accused. Effective in due course, the bill provides that the chief judge in each circuit shall create a plan to be completed by November 1, 2025, that establishes the means by which the jurisdiction will meet these requirements. The remainder of the bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - Aird

F **SB1249 Charging several acts of larceny or any offense deemed larceny.** Permits the Commonwealth to charge and proceed against a person accused of larceny or any offense deemed larceny for any number of distinct acts of such larcenies that may have been committed by him within six months from the first to the last of the acts charged in the indictment.
Patron - Durant

F **SB1274 Witness Impeachment Evidence Designation; review process.** Prohibits a police officer from being discharged, disciplined, or threatened with discharge or discipline solely due to the designation of such police officer as a witness with a Witness Impeachment Evidence Designation. The bill defines "Witness Impeachment Evidence Designation" as a determination that is made by or a designation that is created by the attorney for the Commonwealth relating to a law-enforcement officer who is believed to have given inconsistent statements or otherwise engaged in conduct that meets the requirements for disclosure in a criminal prosecution according to the Constitution of the United States. The bill also provides for a review of the attorney for the Commonwealth's decision by the circuit court when a law-enforcement officer is designated as a witness with a Witness Impeachment Evidence Designation within certain time frames specified in the bill. Finally, the bill contains a retroactivity provision that applies the notice and appeal process created in the bill to any law-enforcement officer designated as a witness with a Witness Impeachment Evidence Designation prior to July 1, 2025.
Patron - Perry

F **SB1355 Discovery; electronic means; report.** Requires all attorneys for the Commonwealth to provide discovery materials for all courts to counsel of record for the accused by electronic means unless such materials are prohibited from being distributed by law or impossible to provide by electronic means. The bill directs the Supreme Court of Virginia to promulgate rules to implement this provision by July 1, 2027. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2028.
The bill also requires the Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board, or a designee, to convene a work group to determine the costs associated with any changes in operations and technology infrastructure necessary to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill requires the Executive Secretary of the Compensation Board to provide an interim report to the General Assembly by November 30, 2025, and a final report to the General Assembly by August 1, 2026. This bill was incorporated into SB 963.
Patron - Srinivasan

F **SB1405 Raising question of competency to stand trial or plead; evaluation and determination of competency; second evaluation.** Provides that if the attorney for an adult or juvenile charged with a criminal offense asks for a hearing to prove that such adult or juvenile is incompetent to stand trial, the attorney for the Commonwealth may seek his own competency evaluation for such adult or juvenile to present at such hearing.
Patron - Diggs

F **SB1431 Admission to bail; risk assessment.** Provides that a judicial officer shall (i) require an evidence-based pretrial risk assessment be prepared prior to admitting an offender to bail, (ii) review such risk assessment, and (iii) obtain the person's criminal history when such person was arrested for the commission or attempted commission of a second or subsequent violent felony.
Patron - Marsden

F **SB1492 Mass Violence Care Fund established.**
Patron - Marsden

Domestic Relations

Passed

P **HB1593 Access to minor's records; records contained in or made available through secure website.** Specifies that for the purposes of allowing a parent to access the academic or health records of such parent's minor child such access includes access to such records that are stored in or accessible from a secure website. This bill is identical to SB 846.
Patron - Kent

P **HB1727 Establishment of parent and child relationship; persons who have committed sexual assault.** Provides that no parent and child relationship shall be established when a biological parent has been convicted of rape, carnal knowledge, or incest, or has been found by clear and convincing evidence to have engaged in such prohibited conduct, and the child was conceived of such violation or conduct. The bill further provides that a person with a legitimate interest in the child does not include a person whose interest derives from or through a person who has been convicted of or found to have engaged in such conduct by clear and convincing evidence. The bill provides that consent for adoption is not required of a birth father when such father has been found by clear and convincing evidence to have engaged in rape, carnal knowledge, or incest and the child was conceived of such conduct; under current law, such consent is not required when the birth father has been convicted of rape, carnal knowledge, or incest.
Patron - Delaney

P **HB1775 Divorce; adultery; filing; parties living separate and apart.** Specifies that a divorce may be decreed on the grounds of adultery, provided that such adultery occurred prior to the final separation of the parties. The bill further allows for a divorce from bed and board to be decreed on the application of either party upon the parties living separate and apart; under current law, a divorce from bed and board may only be decreed for cruelty, reasonable apprehension of bodily hurt, willful desertion, or abandonment. The bill specifies that no waiting period is required for the filing of such a divorce, but the decree of such a divorce may only be decreed pursuant to certain requirements otherwise specified in the law. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB2613 Child abuse and neglect; custody and visitation; possession or consumption of authorized substances.** Provides that a child shall not be considered an abused or neglected child, and no person shall be denied custody or visitation of a child, based only on the fact that the child's parent or other person responsible for his care, or the person petitioning for custody or visitation of the child, possessed or consumed legally authorized substances. The bill directs the Board of Social Services to amend its regulations, guidance documents, and other instructional materials to ensure that such regulations, documents, and materials comply with, and that investigations and family assessments are conducted by local departments of social services in accordance with, the provisions of the bill. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Clark

P **HB2689 Penalty for failure to certify record of marriage; persons other than ministers.** Provides that persons other than ministers authorized to celebrate the rites of marriage are subject to a $25 penalty for failing to certify the record of marriage. Under current law, such penalty is applicable only to ministers authorized to celebrate such rites of marriage.
Patron - Green

P **SB805 Determination of child support.** Updates the amounts in the schedule of basic child support obligations based upon gross monthly income and calculates such obligations for specific amounts up to a gross monthly income of $42,500. Under current law, such child support obligations are calculated up to a gross monthly income of $35,000. The bill directs the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel, in collaboration with the Division of Child Support Enforcement, to examine the current outstanding amount of child support arrearages and make recommendations to the General Assembly about measures the General Assembly can consider regarding (i) helping child support obligors pay outstanding arrearages and (ii) whether existing penalties that place restrictions on such obligors' drivers licenses or other professional restrictions unnecessarily impair the obligor's ability to repay outstanding child support arrearages. The bill directs the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel to report its conclusions to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice by November 15, 2025. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB846 Access to minor's records; records stored or accessible from secure website.** Specifies that for the purposes of allowing a parent to access the academic or health records of such parent's minor child such access includes any such records that are stored in or accessible from a secure website. This bill is identical to HB 1593.
Patron - Craig

Failed

F **HB1985 Child support orders; date of conception.** Provides that any child support order is retroactive to the date of the conception of the child. Under current law, such support order is retroactive to the date of the filing of an action for the establishment of such support order. The bill specifies that its provisions will only apply to child support orders entered for children conceived on or after July 1, 2025.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2206 Grandparent; petition for visitation.** Provides that in any case or proceeding in which a grandparent has petitioned the court for visitation with a minor grandchild, the court may consider whether (i) the marriage of the parents of such child has been dissolved, (ii) a parent of the child has abandoned such child, (iii) the child was born while the parents were not married, or (iv) a parent of the child has prevented the grandparent from visitation at any hearing in such a case or proceeding held to determine the best interest of the child.
Patron - McQuinn

F **HB2486 Best interests of the child; custody; orders to return a minor child; violations of orders regarding motions to relocate.** Provides that in any case in which a party to a custody case (i) was subject to an order to return a minor child or (ii) violated a stay on or denial of a motion to relocate within the previous 10 years of such custody case, there shall be a presumption that it is in the best interests of the child for such child to be placed in the primary custody of the party not subject to or in violation of any such order.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2615 Access to minor's records; records contained in or made available through secure website.** Specifies that for the purposes of allowing a parent to access the academic or health records of such parent's minor child such access includes access to a secure website where such records are contained or made available.
Patron - Ennis

Education

Passed

P **HB1621 Public institutions of higher education; governing boards; nonvoting, advisory representatives.** Requires the State Board for Community Colleges, the board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education, and each local community college board to appoint a nonvoting, advisory faculty representative to its respective board. Under current law, such an appointment is permissive. The bill also requires the board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education and each local community college board to appoint a nonvoting, advisory staff representative to its respective board. The bill requires such advisory faculty and staff representatives to be elected by the faculty and staff of the institution, respectively, in the manner that such faculty and staff members deem appropriate. Current law requires the advisory faculty representative to be chosen from individuals elected by the faculty or the institution's faculty senate or its equivalent. The bill also clarifies that any vacancy of such an advisory representative shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Laufer

P **HB1626 Public elementary and secondary school teachers; certain training activities; requirements and limitations.** Prohibits any public elementary or secondary school teacher from being required to participate in any non-academic training activity, as that term is defined in the bill, more frequently than once within six months of employment with the applicable school board and once every five years thereafter, except in the case of certain training relating to secure mandatory test violations upon determination by the school board or division superintendent that additional training is necessary. The bill also provides that the total frequency and duration of non-academic training activities in which each such teacher is required to participate pursuant to state law or regulation or policy or regulation of the applicable school board shall not exceed 25 hours every five years. This bill is identical to SB 822.
Patron - Thomas

P **HB1663 Public schools; interscholastic sports and athletics; guidelines and policies on student-athlete extreme heat safety and protection; development and implementation.** Requires the Board of Education to develop, biennially review and update as necessary, and distribute to each local school division guidelines on policies relating to extreme heat safety and protection for student-athletes. The bill requires each school board to develop and update, in accordance with the guidelines developed by the Board of Education, policies on student-athlete extreme heat safety and protection that (i) are consistent with any heat guidelines based on Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) levels developed by an organization or entity whose purpose it is to regulate or govern interscholastic athletics programs in the Commonwealth; (ii) establish tiered heat-acclimatization and modification procedures for outdoor athletics practices or games based on the WBGT levels to reduce the risks associated with extreme heat faced by student-athletes; (iii) require student-athletes to be given unhindered access to hydration at all times; (iv) include procedures relating to preventing, recognizing, and addressing heat-related illnesses; and (v) establish a process for reporting and investigating any instance in which a student-athlete experiences a heat-related illness requiring emergency medical treatment or resulting in death. This bill is identical to SB 1104.
Patron - Jones

P **HB1674 Board of Education; accreditation requirements for professional education programs; exemption for professional education programs leading to certain endorsements.** Directs the Board of Education to amend its regulations relating to accreditation requirements for professional education programs in the Commonwealth to require the Department of Education to provide an alternative to the requirement to obtain and maintain national accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation for any professional education program that leads to an endorsement as a school counselor or a school psychologist and has a secured specialty area accreditation from a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
Patron - Laufer

P **HB1678 School board policies; parental notification; safe storage of prescription drugs and firearms in the household.** Requires each local school board to develop and implement a policy to require the annual notification of the parent of each student enrolled in the local school division, to be sent by email and, if applicable, SMS text message within 30 calendar days succeeding the first day of each school year, of (i) the importance of securely storing any prescription drug, as defined in relevant law, present in the household and (ii) the parent's legal responsibility to safely store any firearm present in the household. The bill requires each school board to make such parental notification available in multiple languages on its website. This bill is identical to SB 1048. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Cohen

P **HB1685 Early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exclusions.** Excludes from the definition of "publicly funded provider" for the purpose of provisions of law relating to early childhood care and education any program for which the sole source of public funding is financial assistance for military child care pursuant to relevant federal law and that is accredited by a U.S. Department of Defense-approved national accrediting body.
Patron - Sewell

P **HB1695 Public elementary and secondary schools; cardiac emergency response or emergency action plans required.** Requires each public elementary or secondary school to develop a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP) or an athletic emergency action plan (EAP), as those terms are defined in the bill, that addresses the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual who is experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds and, in the event that such school has an athletic department or organized athletic program, while attending or participating in an athletic practice or event. The bill requires each such CERP or athletic EAP to integrate nationally recognized evidence-based core

elements and nationally recognized evidence-based guidelines and to integrate certain additional provisions and guidelines, including those relating to establishing a cardiac emergency response team, activating such team in response to a sudden cardiac event, and integrating the CERP or athletic EAP into the local community's emergency medical services response protocols. This bill is identical to SB 817.
Patron - Askew

P **HB1700 School boards; bleeding control programs; bleeding control kits.** Requires each school board to develop and implement a bleeding control program in each public elementary and secondary school in the local school division whereby the school board, among other things, requires bleeding control kits with certain enumerated contents such as bandages and tourniquets to be placed in each public elementary and secondary school building in easily accessible locations and requires annual inspection and restocking of each such bleeding control kit.
Patron - Clark

P **HB1769 Chronic Absenteeism Task Force; examination of chronic student absenteeism; report.** Directs the Chronic Absenteeism Task Force convened by the Department of Education, in consultation with such interested stakeholders as it deems appropriate, to (i) examine chronic student absenteeism and its effects on local school divisions and (ii) make recommendations to the Board of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2025, on the feasibility and advisability of amending the Board of Education's regulations to exclude certain student absences from the calculation of chronic student absenteeism for the purpose of balancing the importance of student attendance with the need for administrative flexibility for local school divisions. This bill incorporates HB 1788. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Martinez

P **HB1783 Public middle and high schools; establishment of career and technical student organizations; certain exclusions.** Establishes an exception to the authority granted to each public middle school and high school to establish career and technical education student organizations, regardless of whether such school offers career and technical education courses, in the case of any such organization that is established as a federally chartered corporation pursuant to an act of Congress.
Patron - Orrock

P **HB1806 Individualized education programs; individualized accommodations and supports during emergencies.** Permits, if deemed appropriate by the individualized education program (IEP) team, including the parent, each IEP implemented for a public school student with a disability, with the exception of such students who have been placed in private day or residential school settings, to contain language addressing individualized accommodations and supports for the student during emergency situations and evacuations. The bill also (i) provides that in developing such language, IEP teams should be supported by the school administration and (ii) directs the Department of Education to provide guidance to school divisions on how to support IEP teams for the consideration of specific supports required for students with disabilities.
Patron - Cohen

P **HB1824 High school graduation requirements; history and social studies credits; certain substitutions permitted.** Requires the Board of Education, in establishing high school graduation requirements, to permit any student to substitute the African American History course or the Advanced Placement African American Studies course for the World History I course or the World Geography course for the purpose of satisfying the history and social studies credit requirements, provided that enrollment in such an African American History course or Advanced Placement African American Studies course is available to the student. This bill is identical to SB 1462. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Reid

P **HB1829 Board of Education; certain add-on endorsements for mathematics teachers.** Requires the Board of Education to (i) develop and approve a geometry add-on endorsement for teachers licensed by the Board of Education to provide instruction in geometry for students in kindergarten through grade eight and (ii) amend its regulations establishing the criteria for earning an Algebra I add-on endorsement to (a) eliminate the requirements that candidates complete coursework in calculus, Euclidian geometry, probability and statistics, and discrete mathematics and (b) permit candidates to receive a passing score on the Praxis Algebra I add-on endorsement exam in lieu of the requirements that candidates complete coursework in elementary functions, introductory college algebra, trigonometry, and linear algebra.
Patron - Simonds

P **HB1830 School board policies; unpaid educational leave for certain employee association officers; purchase of service credit.** Requires each school board to adopt a policy that requires the school board to approve unpaid educational leave for school board employees who are state employee association officers and for at least two school board employees who are local employee association officers for a maximum of four years per officer. The bill permits employee association officers approved for such leave to purchase service credit with the Virginia Retirement System for such period of leave. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Simonds

P **HB1833 Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program established.** Establishes the four-year Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program whereby funds are provided to the Ready Region Chesapeake Bay lead to work in conjunction with public and private partners to (i) cover the cost of hiring a Navigator focused on providing training and support to small family day homes in the region, including weekend training sessions to provide information on first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification, medication administration, safe sleep practices, emergency planning, recordkeeping, insurance, and compliance with relevant local ordinances, and (ii) provide incentive payments of $500 to any small family day home in the region (a) that is not licensed or voluntarily registered when such home achieves voluntary registration, (b) that is voluntarily registered or otherwise unlicensed when such home achieves licensure, and (c) when such home first participates in the Virginia Quality Birth to Five (VQB5) system. The bill requires the Ready Region Chesapeake Bay lead to annually collect and make publicly available data on the number of small family day homes in the region that (1) participated in the weekend trainings provided by the Navigator and (2) received incentive payments for first achieving voluntary registration or licensure or participating in VQB5. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Simonds

P **HB1880 Public schools; enrollment of certain military children with disabilities; provision of special education services and accommodations.** Provides that

whenever a child of a service member who enrolls in a school division in accordance with applicable law is also a child with disabilities, the school board of the school division is required to, upon receipt of documentation from the service member parent or an official letter from the service member's command indicating such service member's relocation to such school division, coordinate with such child's parent and such child's previous school division to facilitate the prompt provision of comparable special education services and accommodations for such child.
Patron - Sewell

P **HB1881 Public elementary and secondary schools; enrollment; dependent students of active duty service members; policies.** Permits any school board to establish and implement policies providing for the enrollment of any student, upon request of such student's parent, (i) who does not reside within the applicable school division, (ii) whose parent is a full-time active duty member of the uniformed services of the United States and for whom the Commonwealth is the home of record, and (iii) who meets the other requirements set forth in the bill. The bill permits such policies to provide for the denial of any such enrollment request if the school board can demonstrate that it lacks the resources or capacity.
Patron - Sewell

P **HB1892 Children with disabilities; annual individualized education program planning process; dual enrollment courses; certain parental notice required; model notice.** Requires, during the annual individualized education program (IEP) planning process prior to any year in which a child with a disability who is enrolled at a public high school is entering the eleventh grade or twelfth grade, the IEP team to provide to the parent of such student written notice of the student's rights and obligations relating to dual enrollment courses, consistent with a model notice developed and made available by the Board of Education, including detailed information on the process for ensuring that the student is receiving both a free and appropriate public education pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as a student enrolled in a public high school and the necessary educational accommodations pursuant to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as a student enrolled in a comprehensive community college.
Patron - Seibold

P **HB1910 Public elementary and secondary schools; nutritional standards for school meals and other foods; nutrition requirements; certain color additives prohibited.** Prohibits any public elementary or secondary school from offering or making available to any student any food served as a part of a school meal or any competitive food, as defined in applicable law, that contains any of the seven color additives listed in the bill. The bill directs the Board of Education to amend its nutritional guidelines for competitive foods promulgated pursuant to relevant law in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027, and is identical to SB 1289.
Patron - Kent

P **HB1915 Public school teachers; written notice of noncontinuation of continuing contract.** Provides that written notice of noncontinuation of a continuing teacher contract by the teacher must be given by June 15 of each year; otherwise, the contract continues in effect for the ensuing year in conformity with local salary stipulations, including increments. Current law provides that written notice of noncontinuation of a continuing teacher contract by either the teacher or the school board must be given by June 15 of each year; otherwise, the contract continues in effect for the ensuing year in conformity with local salary stipulations, including increments. This bill is identical to SB 1032. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Reaser

P **HB1924 School boards; prohibition against hiring or contracting for the services of certain individuals; certain criminal convictions.** Prohibits each school board from employing or contracting for the services of any individual who has been convicted of any felony crime of violence as defined in the bill or any offense involving a child. Current law prohibits each school board from employing or contracting for the services of any individual who has been convicted of any violent felony set forth in a certain statutory definition of "barrier crime" or any offense involving the sexual molestation, physical or sexual abuse, or rape of a child, or the solicitation of any such offense. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Ward

P **HB1936 Department of Education; index of required teacher training.** Requires the Department of Education (the Department) to establish and maintain an index of each training in which any public elementary and secondary school teacher in the Commonwealth is required to participate pursuant to state or federal law or regulation, including training required as a condition of licensure by the Department. The bill requires such index to include information on the classification of teacher required to complete each training; the topic, length, and frequency of each training activity; and the total number of hours of training that each teacher is required to complete in a specific period of time. The bill requires the Department to review and update such index annually, when a training is added, or when an existing training on the index is changed in length or frequency to ensure that the information therein is accurate and to post such index in an easily and publicly accessible format and location on its website no later than August 1, 2025. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Reaser

P **HB1945 School boards; student access to telehealth services; policies.** Directs each school board to consider, for the purpose of increasing access to health care services for students, developing and implementing policies for permitting any public school student in the school division to schedule and participate in telehealth services, including mental health teletherapy services pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with a nationally recognized school-based telehealth provider developed in accordance with applicable law, on school property during regular school hours with parental consent. The bill requires any such policies developed and implemented by a school board to (i) require each public elementary and secondary school to designate a location in the school for student use for such telehealth appointments and implement measures to ensure the safety and privacy of any student participating in a telehealth appointment, (ii) prohibit any student from being subject to any disciplinary measure or consequence for participating in a telehealth appointment during regular school hours if such student would not be subject to any disciplinary measure or consequence for an absence for the purpose of receiving any health care services in person during regular school hours, and (iii) include such other requirements as the school board deems necessary and appropriate. Finally, the bill requires any school board that develops and implements any policies for permitting students to schedule and participate in telehealth services pursuant to the bill to provide and post in a publicly accessible location on its website at the beginning of each school year guidance

relating to the implementation of such policies for administrative and instructional personnel. This bill is identical to SB 1037.
Patron - Reaser

P **HB1947 Department of Education; survey of local education agencies on school-based mental and behavioral health services; report.** Requires the Department of Education (the Department) to survey each local education agency (LEA) in the Commonwealth to determine (i) how public schools governed by such LEA currently grant access to local departments of social services and community services boards and other community-based providers of mental and behavioral health services and (ii) what school-based mental and behavioral health services are made available by such LEA. The bill requires the Department to utilize the results of and feedback from the survey to inform the continued development and improvement of guidelines for school professionals to support students and families by connecting them with community resources that provide mental and behavioral health services. The bill requires the Department to report to the Commission on Youth by November 1, 2025, any findings and recommendations that result from the survey. This bill is identical to SB 768.
Patron - Seibold

P **HB1957 Board of Education; Standards of Learning assessments and related student assessment methods; assessment development, implementation, and administration reform.** Modifies provisions relating to assessment methods for determining the level of achievement of the Standards of Learning objectives by all students, including (i) requirements relating to assessment administration aimed at maximizing instructional time and optimizing time used for assessment administration; (ii) criteria and guidelines for the structure and content of Standards of Learning assessments and alternative assessments developed by local school boards, including criteria for the types of assessment items that shall be included; (iii) provisions relating to eligibility and timelines for students to retake assessments; and (iv) the scoring of Standards of Learning assessments and related assessments, including a requirement that all such assessments be scored on a 100-point scale. The bill contains a provision exempting from the requirement that all end-of-course assessments be administered no earlier than two weeks prior to the last day of the school year any assessments administered as a part of a competency-based assessment system. The bill requires the Board of Education to provide any teacher who participates in the scoring of Standards of Learning assessments professional development points toward renewal of his license for the time spent scoring such assessments. The bill also requires the Board of Education to develop and make available to each school board certain templates and guidelines relating to assessment content and structure and assessment scoring. Certain provisions of the bill do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly and certain others have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Helmer

P **HB1961 Public elementary and secondary schools; student discipline; student cell phone possession and use policies; development and implementation.** Directs each school board to develop and each public elementary and secondary school to implement age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate policies relating to the possession and use of cell phones by students on school property during regular school hours. The bill requires such policies to (i) restrict, to the fullest extent possible, student cell phone possession and use in the classroom during regular school hours; (ii) aim to reduce or prevent any distraction in or disruption to the learning environment, including bullying or harassment, that could be caused or facilitated by student cell phone possession and use on school property during regular school hours; (iii) ensure that implementation and enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of the administration, minimizes, to the extent possible, any conflict with the instructional responsibilities of teachers or any disruption to instructional time, and does not involve any school resource officer; (iv) include exceptions to such policies permitting any student, pursuant to an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 Plan or if otherwise deemed appropriate by the school board, to possess and use a cell phone on school property, including in the classroom, during regular school hours to monitor or address a health concern; and (v) expressly prohibit any student from being suspended or expelled as a consequence of any violation of such policies. Finally, the bill clarifies that (a) no violation of any such student cell phone possession and use policy shall alone constitute sufficient cause for a student's suspension or expulsion from attendance at school and (b) any such violation that involves, coincides with, or results in an instance of disruptive behavior, as that term is defined in applicable law, shall be addressed in accordance with the regulations on codes of student conduct adopted by each school board pursuant to applicable law. This bill is identical to SB 738. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Rasoul

P **HB1983 Board of Education; support services personnel; annual collection of certain staffing data required; report.** Requires (i) each school board to, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, annually collect and submit to the Department of Education a report on data on the average salaries of support services personnel, as that term is defined in the bill, employed by the school board and (ii) the Department to, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, annually compile such data, include it in the Annual School Report, and publicly post it on the Department's website. The bill requires each school board and the Department to disaggregate the data by career categories of support services personnel and specialized student support personnel as set forth in applicable law. This bill is identical to SB 968.
Patron - Askew

P **HB1993 Public school buses; display of advertising; hiring of school bus drivers in the local school division.** Permits any local school board, notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, to display decals, posters, and stickers on the sides and rear of school buses advertising the hiring of school bus drivers in the local school division, provided that the local school board is responsible for the cost of such decals, posters, and stickers and that no such decal, poster, or sticker obstructs the name of the school division or the number of the school bus.
Patron - Bennett-Parker

P **HB2013 Street address requirement on certain school admission documents; limitations on further use for certain students.** Provides that if a pupil or his parent participates in the Address Confidentiality Program established in law, the street address or route number shall be provided to establish residency as required by law but shall not otherwise be made part of the student's educational records.
Patron - Laufer

P **HB2018 Board of Education; teacher licensure; career and technical education; alternative pathway to provisional licensure.** Requires the Board of

Education (the Board) to issue a provisional license to any person seeking an initial license in the Commonwealth with an endorsement in the area of career and technical education who has a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate and an industry-recognized credential, certification, or license in the area in which such person seeks an endorsement but has not completed all requirements specified in the Board's regulations for licensure to allow time for such person to complete, in lieu of the outstanding requirements specified in the Board's regulations for licensure, coursework in three areas specified in the bill. The bill directs the Board to amend its regulations as necessary in accordance with the provisions of the bill. This bill is identical to SB 879. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Anthony

P **HB2051** **School safety audit committees; annual meetings on school grounds with local law enforcement permitted.** Permits each division superintendent or his designee and the school safety audit committee established by the division superintendent to meet annually on the grounds of any public school in the local school division with the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality or a designee from the local law-enforcement agency to discuss the annual school safety audit completed for such school.

Patron - Green

P **HB2053** **Certain education preparation programs; self-audit; student literacy instruction and the identification of students at risk for learning disabilities; report.** Requires each education preparation program offered by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education that has not yet been audited in accordance with relevant provisions of law to complete a self-audit for compliance with requirements set forth in relevant law relating to coursework, student mastery, and field experience in student literacy instruction and the identification of students at risk for learning disabilities utilizing a rubric developed and provided by the Department of Education, with metrics that analyze the degree to which it has met each such requirement, and to submit the results of such audit and a plan for closing any gaps to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than November 1, 2026.

Patron - Reaser

P **HB2055** **Student health and safety; responsibility to contact parent of student at imminent risk of suicide; provision of suicide prevention materials required.** Requires any person licensed as administrative or instructional personnel by the Board of Education (the Board) and employed by a local school board who in the scope of his employment has reason to believe, as a result of direct communication from a student, that such student is at imminent risk of suicide to, in addition to contacting at least one of such student's parents to provide notice of the student's mental state, provide to the parent materials on suicide prevention that (i) shall include information on the requirements set forth in current law relating to the safe storage of firearms in the presence of minors and (ii) may include guidance on best practices and strategies for limiting a student's access to lethal means, including firearms and medications. The bill requires any such materials on suicide prevention to be selected in accordance with the guidelines developed by the Board pursuant to applicable law and to include materials that have been pre-approved for such use by the Board.

Patron - Reaser

P **HB2063** **Reports of certain arrests and convictions of school employees; timing; method.** Removes the requirement to report certain arrests and convictions of school employees enumerated in law via fax to the fax number identified for the division superintendent or the designated division safety official, as the case may be. However, the requirements in current law to make such reports via certified mail and email are preserved.

Patron - Garrett

P **HB2103** **Board of Education; Regulations Governing Allowable Credit for Teaching Experience; certain credit substitution allowance required.** Requires the Board of Education to amend its Regulations Governing Allowable Credit for Teaching Experience for the purpose of salary placement credit to provide that teachers in the field of career and technical education, where the licensure requirement calls for occupational work experience beyond the apprenticeship level, may be allowed credit for one year of teaching experience for each one or two years of work experience. The bill contains a reenactment clause. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Kent

P **HB2104** **Seizure rescue medications; administration by certain school employees; possession by certain students.** Permits a prescriber to authorize an employee of (i) a school board, (ii) a school for students with disabilities, (iii) an accredited private school, (iv) a local governing body, or (v) a local health department who is trained in the administration of seizure rescue medications for the treatment of seizures resulting from a condition causing seizures to administer such medications to a student diagnosed with a condition causing seizures when the student is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a seizure pursuant to a written order or standing protocol issued within the course of the prescriber's professional practice and with the consent of the student's parents. The bill provides that any such authorized employee who administers or assists in the administration of such medications to a student diagnosed with a condition causing seizures when the student is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a seizure in accordance with the prescriber's instructions shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment. The bill also permits any local school board to adopt and implement policies (a) permitting any student enrolled in any elementary or secondary school in the local school division who has a diagnosis of a condition causing seizures to possess seizure rescue medications during the school day, at school-sponsored activities, or while on a school bus or other school property if the student's parent has submitted a seizure management and action plan that includes written consent of the parent and written approval of the student's primary care provider for such self-possession or (b) for the administration of seizure rescue medications to any student enrolled in any elementary or secondary school in the local school division who has a diagnosis of a condition causing seizures, consistent with the provisions of the bill relating to prescriber authorization. This bill is identical to SB 1036.

Patron - Bennett-Parker

P **HB2201** **Public schools; temporarily employed teachers; rules and requirements; extension of time limitation.** Extends from 90 to 180 teaching days the maximum period of time during one school year for which a school board may employ a temporarily employed teacher, as defined in relevant law, to fill a teacher vacancy, with certain conditions and restrictions. The bill contains technical

amendments. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027, and is identical to SB 1230.
Patron - McQuinn

P **HB2213 School boards; driver education; behind-the-wheel driver training.** Strongly encourages each school board, in recognition of the fact that behind-the-wheel training is an essential school-to-work skill and a vital step in the pathway to obtaining a driver's license and cultivating well-educated teen drivers, to offer as part of its program of driver education behind-the-wheel training either during school hours or before or after school hours, including on weekends.
Patron - McQuinn

P **HB2219 Students who need or use augmentative and alternative communication; documentation of needs on individualized education program; staff training.** Requires each school division to document on the individualized education program of a student with a disability who needs or uses augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) such student's AAC and communication access and support needs prior to the provision of instruction or support to such student, including any extended school year period. The bill defines AAC as any method or tool other than oral speech that an individual uses to communicate, including gestures, facial expressions, writing, and speech-generating devices. The bill also requires each school division to provide to each employee or contractor who provides instruction or direct support to a student with a disability who needs or uses an AAC individualized training as an assistive technology to support the student's use of AAC and to ensure that access to curricula and instruction is designed or adapted as necessary to accommodate the student's unique communication access needs. The bill also establishes a timeline for such training based on certain circumstances. This bill is identical to SB 1034.
Patron - Tran

P **HB2226 Right of foster parents to prohibit disclosure of student address to parents; parental notification.** Requires (i) notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon written request of the foster parent of an enrolled student, a school board employee to redact the address of the foster parent prior to providing such student's parent any record otherwise containing such address and (ii) at the time a child is placed in foster care, each local department of social services to, if applicable, notify the foster parents of their right to make a written request pursuant to clause (i).
Patron - Cherry

P **HB2237 Public school employees; suspension; conditions for continued receipt of salary.** Clarifies that no school board employee shall be suspended without notice and, if applicable, an opportunity to be heard and that any individual who is so suspended, regardless of the length of such suspension, shall continue to receive his then applicable salary unless and until the school board, after a hearing, determines otherwise. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Cousins

P **HB2244 Standards of Quality; standards of accreditation; measurement of student educational performance and academic achievement; calculation of proportionality score required.** Directs the Board of Education (the Board), in consultation with the Department of Education (the Department), to establish and implement standards for determining and recognizing student educational performance and academic achievement in the form of a weighted proportionality score for each school, to account for no less than five percent of such school's accreditation rating score or metric under the current school accountability system, for the purpose of identifying, accounting for in determining accreditation ratings, and addressing disparities in access to educational resources across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups in public schools in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Department to (i) develop a metric for calculating the weighted proportionality score for each school using certain variables calculated by the Department; (ii) develop a metric for calculating the improvement of a school's proportionality score received year over year; (iii) assign for each school based on such school's proportionality score a proportionality designation of "highly proportional," "proportional," "somewhat disproportional," and "highly disproportional"; and (iv) require any school board that contains within the school division a school assigned a proportionality designation of "highly disproportional" to develop and submit to the Department a remediation plan detailing the actions such school board will take to reduce disparities in access to education resources. The bill directs the Board to (a) amend its regulations to include as a school quality indicator the weighted proportionality score developed in accordance with the bill and (b) submit to the U.S. Department of Education within 90 days of the effective date of the bill any amendments necessary to its state plan pursuant to the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, that are necessary to implement the provisions of the act. Finally, the bill requires its provisions to be implemented beginning with the 2025–2026 school year. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Cousins

P **HB2265 Certain individuals to be deemed licensed as teachers with an endorsement in special education early childhood (birth–age five years).** Provides that any individual who has been employed in the Commonwealth as a preschool special education teacher licensed with an endorsement in special education - general curriculum K-12 for at least 15 school years shall be deemed licensed as a teacher with an endorsement in special education early childhood (birth–age five years) upon the recommendation of the division superintendent in the local school division in which such individual is employed to the Department of Education that such teacher is well-qualified to continue to teach preschool special education in such school division. The bill contains an emergency clause.
Patron - Tran

P **HB2278 School boards or division superintendents; review accessibility challenges in the local school division; report.** Requires each school board or division superintendent, in consultation with such other stakeholders as it deems appropriate, to review the extent to which (i) public elementary and secondary school buildings and grounds in the local school division present physical accessibility challenges and barriers for individuals with disabilities, including challenges and barriers that may prevent such individuals from fully participating in school activities; (ii) challenges in access to programming and supports exist for individuals with disabilities at public elementary and secondary schools in the local school division; (iii) such schools have begun or plan to address and eliminate all such challenges and barriers; and (iv) state agencies can assist such schools to address and eliminate all such challenges and barriers and fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws. The bill requires each school board or division superintendent to report the findings of such review and any associated recommendations to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education no later than November 1, 2025.
Patron - Price

P **HB2341 Department of Education; culturally responsive and language-appropriate mental health support and services; guidance and policies.** Requires, no later than October 1, 2026, the Department of Education to develop, adopt, and provide to each local school board guidance on the adoption of policies governing the provision of culturally responsive and language-appropriate mental health support and services for students in the local school division and permits any school board to develop and adopt policies in the local school division that are consistent with the guidelines adopted and provided by the Department of Education. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Shin

P **HB2360 High school diploma seal of biliteracy; designation as high-demand industry workforce credential for certain purposes.** Requires the Board of Education to include on its list of industry workforce credentials its diploma seal of biliteracy and to consider such seal to be a high-demand industry workforce credential for the purpose of satisfying graduation requirements and determining and calculating high school student readiness in its school accountability system. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Wilt

P **HB2419 Superintendent of Public Instruction; programs providing instructional experience in horse riding; exemption from licensure.** Exempts from the requirements for licensure of child day programs by the Superintendent of Public Instruction programs providing instructional experience in horse riding, provided that (i) such a program is taught (a) by an adult with a recognized certification in horse riding instruction and (b) to fewer than 12 children at any time, (ii) at least one adult actively supervises no more than three children at any time during such a program, and (iii) the majority of programming for any such program relates to horse riding and equine activities.
Patron - Webert

P **HB2454 Board of Education; public school accountability system; Three "E" Readiness Framework; include and incentivize work-based learning experiences.** Directs the Board of Education to revise its Three "E" Readiness Framework: Employment, Enlistment, and Enrollment, adopted pursuant to the public school accountability system to measure high school student postsecondary readiness, to include as an indicator of postsecondary readiness and incentivize participation in and completion of work-based learning experiences, with the maximum number of points for such indicator awarded to students who participate in a minimum of 90 hours of work-based learning experiences. This bill is identical to SB 784. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Rasoul

P **HB2460 Board of Education; Standards of Learning; incorporation of media literacy and digital citizenship.** Requires the Board of Education to consider, during each regularly scheduled revision to the Standards of Learning and any associated curriculum framework, including the Digital Learning Integration Standards of Learning, incorporating media literacy and digital citizenship standards, as such terms are defined in the bill, at each grade level.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

P **HB2543 Department of Education; model memorandum of understanding; counseling from school counselors by way of telehealth.** Provides that the model memorandum of understanding developed by the Department of Education for partnerships with community mental health services providers or school-based telehealth providers shall include procedures allowing for students to receive counseling from school counselors by way of telehealth. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth and is identical to SB 1370. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Laufer

P **HB2590 Virginia Student Training Employment Pipeline for U.S. Procurement (STEP UP) Program established.** Directs the Department of Education to establish the Virginia Student Training Employment Pipeline for U.S. Procurement (STEP UP) Program for the purpose of facilitating opportunities for any student enrolled in the eleventh or twelfth grade at a public high school in the Commonwealth or enrolled at a comprehensive community college or historically black college or university in the Commonwealth who enters into an agreement with an entity located in the relevant local school division or region that has a procurement contract with the federal government whereby such entity agrees to provide assistance to the student to obtain, prior to graduation, any federal security clearance at the public trust or national security level and any other education, training, or credential that is necessary for the student to be prepared for employment with such entity upon graduation in exchange for a commitment from the student to accept and remain in such an employment position for an agreed-upon period of time after graduation.
Patron - Cole

P **HB2598 Department of Education; Superintendent's memo; confidentiality of certain information relating to students who receive home instruction.** Requires, no later than the start of the 2025–2026 school year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction to include in a Superintendent's memo an explanation of each division superintendent's obligations set forth in relevant law relating to the confidentiality of certain information relating to students who receive home instruction.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

P **HB2606 Students with disabilities; due process hearings; certain complaints; study.** Permits (i) a special education due process hearing officer, upon determination that a due process hearing complaint filed pursuant to applicable law contains substantively the same issues as a previously adjudicated due process hearing complaint and evidences a clear pattern of initiating vexatious and repetitive litigation, to dismiss the complaint and (ii) any party aggrieved by such a dismissal to bring a civil action pursuant to applicable law. The bill provides that none of the bill's provisions shall be construed to require the dismissal of any complaint or any portion thereof that alleges a new claim of noncompliance within the subject matter jurisdiction of the due process hearing officer under applicable law and regulations. The bill also directs the Virginia Commission on Youth to study and make recommendations on the provisions of the bill as a part of its ongoing study of the Commonwealth's special education dispute resolution system required pursuant to applicable law. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.
Patron - Ware

P **HB2618 Public school buildings; indoor air quality; inspection and evaluation.** Establishes several enumerated requirements for local school divisions to ensure indoor air quality in each public school building in the local school division, including providing for an inspection and

evaluation program at least once every two years and an industry-recognized uniform inspection and evaluation at least once every four years. This bill is identical to SB 1413. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Helmer

P **HB2637 Department of Education; Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; mental health first aid training program; development of plan to incentivize and facilitate participation.** Directs the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, to develop and implement a plan to incentivize and facilitate participation in the Commonwealth Mental Health First Aid Program, established pursuant to applicable law, by public school staff and students. As introduced, the bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to SB 1377.
Patron - LeVere Bolling

P **HB2640 Department of Education; development of guidelines and information relating to virtual or online learning; public health emergencies.** Provides for the Department of Education to develop and post on its official website guidelines and information relating to virtual or online learning. Such guidelines and information shall include (i) statewide policies relating to virtual learning, (ii) the availability of online or virtual learning options and pertinent information on such options, and (iii) guidelines for educators and schools relating to online or virtual learning policies and best practices. In addition, the bill requires each K-12 school in the Commonwealth to include as a component of its annual safety audit a review of the school's plan for school closures during public health emergencies. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth and is identical to SB 1380.
Patron - Henson

P **HB2679 School boards; threat assessment teams and procedures; parental notification of student determined to pose a threat of violence or physical harm to self or others; provision of certain recognition and response materials required.** Requires each division superintendent or his designee to provide materials on recognition of and strategies for responding to behavior indicating that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or others to the parent or legal guardian of any student who, according to a preliminary determination from a threat assessment team, poses such a threat. The bill specifies that the provision of such materials shall occur either in the initial attempt to immediately notify such student's parent or legal guardian pursuant to applicable law or through a separate communication to such student's parent or legal guardian made as soon as practicable thereafter. The bill (i) requires such materials to be selected in accordance with the criteria and guidelines developed by the Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of the bill; (ii) requires such materials to include information on the requirements set forth in applicable law relating to the safe storage of firearms in the presence of minors; and (iii) permits such materials to include guidance on best practices and strategies for limiting a student's access to lethal means, including firearms and medications.
Patron - Reaser

P **HB2686 Certain advanced or accelerated mathematics opportunities; policies and criteria for enrollment; data reporting.** Requires each school board to develop and adopt a policy that sets forth the criteria for students in grades five through eight to be eligible to enroll in advanced or accelerated mathematics and requires each such policy to provide for (i) the automatic enrollment of any student in advanced or accelerated mathematics who receives a score on an end-of-year Standards of Learning mathematics assessment that is in the statewide, grade-level upper quartile, subject to course offerings and availability and the opportunity for parental opt-out; (ii) multiple additional pathways to student enrollment in advanced or accelerated mathematics; and (iii) an annual parental notification relating to mathematics coursework. The bill also requires each school board to report and the Department of Education to post on its website certain data relating to advanced or accelerated mathematics participation and performance.
Patron - Callsen

P **HB2720 School boards; transportation alternatives; two-year pilot in small school divisions.** Permits certain school boards to pursue certain student transportation alternatives for the next two school years and requires such school boards to report certain data on the implementation of such initiatives. The bill sets forth certain parameters and requirements for any student transportation alternatives pursued by a school board pursuant to the bill, including a requirement that any entity with which a school board contracts or that any school board utilizes for the purpose of providing any transportation alternative or supplementing any traditional transportation services meet and comply with any state and federal laws and regulations applicable to traditional transportation services, including (i) school bus operator training, hiring, and employment requirements; (ii) minimum insurance coverage requirements for any vehicles provided or utilized for such purposes; and (iii) requirements relating to liability of the school board in the event of any accident, injury, or property damage resulting from the operation of any vehicles provided or utilized for such purposes. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Education to exclude from the re-benchmarking process any additional expenditures relating to school divisions that implement the pilot program pursuant to the bill. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.
Patron - Austin

P **HB2774 School-connected student overdoses; policies relating to parental notification.** Requires public school principals and heads of private schools in the Commonwealth to report certain information to the parents of enrolled students within 24 hours of a confirmed or suspected school-connected student overdose, as defined in the bill. This bill incorporates HB 2287 and HB 2424 and is identical to SB 1240.
Patron - Singh

P **HB2777 Public schools; textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials.** Makes several changes relating to the textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials that are utilized as the curriculum basis for public elementary and secondary school student instruction, including (i) requiring each local school board to adopt and implement textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials in English language arts for grades six through 12 and mathematics, science, and history and social studies for grades kindergarten through 12 and requiring the Department of Education to support such local adoption and implementation in several ways and (ii) requiring each education preparation program offered by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education or alternative certification program that provides training for any student seeking initial licensure by the Board of Education with certain endorsements to include a program of coursework and clinical

experience and require all such students to demonstrate mastery in identifying and implementing textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials. The provisions of the bill, with the exception of a provision that requires a study of and report on the textbook review and approval process by November 1, 2025, have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill incorporates HB 2291 and HB 2772 and is identical to SB 955. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Rasoul

P **SB738** **Public elementary and secondary schools; student discipline; student cell phone possession and use policies; development and implementation.** Directs each school board to develop and each public elementary and secondary school to implement age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate policies relating to the possession and use of cell phones by students on school property during regular school hours. The bill requires such policies to (i) restrict, to the fullest extent possible, student cell phone possession and use in the classroom during regular school hours; (ii) aim to reduce or prevent any distraction in or disruption to the learning environment, including bullying or harassment, that could be caused or facilitated by student cell phone possession and use on school property during regular school hours; (iii) ensure that implementation and enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of the administration, minimizes, to the extent possible, any conflict with the instructional responsibilities of teachers or any disruption to instructional time, and does not involve any school resource officer; (iv) include exceptions to such policies permitting any student, pursuant to an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 Plan or if otherwise deemed appropriate by the school board, to possess and use a cell phone on school property, including in the classroom, during regular school hours to monitor or address a health concern; and (v) expressly prohibit any student from being suspended or expelled as a consequence of any violation of such policies. Finally, the bill clarifies that (a) no violation of any such student cell phone possession and use policy shall alone constitute sufficient cause for a student's suspension or expulsion from attendance at school and (b) any such violation that involves, coincides with, or results in an instance of disruptive behavior, as that term is defined in applicable law, shall be addressed in accordance with the regulations on codes of student conduct adopted by each school board pursuant to applicable law. This bill is identical to HB 1961. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB768** **Department of Education; survey of local education agencies on school-based mental and behavioral health services; report.** Requires the Department of Education (the Department) to survey each local education agency (LEA) in the Commonwealth to determine (i) how public schools governed by such LEA currently grant access to local departments of social services and community services boards and other community-based providers of mental and behavioral health services and (ii) what school-based mental and behavioral health services are made available by such LEA. The bill requires the Department to utilize the results of and feedback from the survey to inform the continued development and improvement of guidelines for school professionals to support students and families by connecting them with community resources that provide mental and behavioral health services. The bill requires the Department to report to the Commission on Youth by November 1, 2025, any findings and recommendations that result from the survey. This bill is identical to HB 1947.
Patron - Favola

P **SB784** **Board of Education; public school accountability system; Three "E" Readiness Framework; include and incentivize work-based learning experiences.** Directs the Board of Education to revise its Three "E" Readiness Framework: Employment, Enlistment, and Enrollment, adopted pursuant to the public school accountability system to measure high school student postsecondary readiness, to include as an indicator of postsecondary readiness and incentivize participation in and completion of work-based learning experiences, with the maximum number of points for such indicator awarded to students who participate in a minimum of 90 hours of work-based learning experiences. This bill is identical to HB 2454. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Suetterlein

P **SB817** **Public elementary and secondary schools; cardiac emergency response or emergency action plans required.** Requires each public elementary or secondary school to develop a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP) or an athletic emergency action plan (EAP), as those terms are defined in the bill, that addresses the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual who is experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds and, in the event that such school has an athletic department or organized athletic program, while attending or participating in an athletic practice or event. The bill requires each such CERP or athletic EAP to integrate nationally recognized evidence-based core elements and nationally recognized evidence-based guidelines and to integrate certain additional provisions and guidelines, including those relating to establishing a cardiac emergency response team, activating such team in response to a sudden cardiac event, and integrating the CERP or athletic EAP into the local community's emergency medical services response protocols. This bill is identical to HB 1695.
Patron - Rouse

P **SB822** **Public elementary and secondary school teachers; certain training activities; requirements and limitations.** Prohibits any public elementary or secondary school teacher from being required to participate in any non-academic training activity, as that term is defined in the bill, more frequently than once within six months of employment with the applicable school board and once every five years thereafter, except in the case of certain training relating to secure mandatory test violations upon determination by the school board or division superintendent that additional training is necessary. The bill also provides that the total frequency and duration of non-academic training activities in which each such teacher is required to participate pursuant to state law or regulation or policy or regulation of the applicable school board shall not exceed 25 hours every five years. This bill is identical to HB 1626.
Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SB879** **Board of Education; teacher licensure; career and technical education; alternative pathway to provisional licensure.** Requires the Board of Education (the Board) to issue a provisional license to any person seeking an initial license in the Commonwealth with an endorsement in the area of career and technical education who has a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate and an industry-recognized credential, certification, or license in the area in which such person seeks an endorsement but has not completed all requirements specified in the Board's regulations for licensure to allow time for such person to complete, in lieu of the outstanding requirements specified in the Board's regulations for licensure, coursework in three areas specified in

the bill. The bill directs the Board to amend its regulations as necessary in accordance with the provisions of the bill. This bill is identical to HB 2018. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB905 School boards; Internet safety education program; Internet Safety Advisory Council established.** Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish and appoint no more than 12 members to the Internet Safety Advisory Council and requires the Council to (i) develop, annually review, and update as necessary model policies, model instructional practices, and best practices for school boards relating to Internet safety and the safe use of media and technology by students and teachers in public schools; (ii) develop, post, and maintain on the Department of Education's website, and update as necessary, a webpage with links to instructional practices, curricula, and other teacher resources for the safe use of media and technology by students and teachers that school divisions may incorporate into their Internet safety instructional programs; and (iii) submit a report of its findings to the Board of Education and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than October 31, 2025. The provisions of the bill have an expiration date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Stanley

P **SB908 Public schools; student discipline and codes of conduct; prevention of and response to cyberbullying; policies and procedures required.** Requires the Board of Education to include in its guidelines and model policies for codes of student conduct developed pursuant to applicable law standards for school board policies on cyberbullying, defined in the bill as bullying that occurs through the use of technology, including through cell phones and other electronic devices and technology capable of accessing the Internet. The bill requires each school board to expand on its policies and procedures relating to the prevention and prohibition of bullying that are included in its student conduct policies and procedures pursuant to relevant law by including policies and procedures that (i) address instances of cyberbullying that occur outside of school property between students enrolled in the school division; (ii) provide protections designed to ensure that any student who is a victim of or a witness to an instance of cyberbullying is not deterred from reporting or seeking support for such instance of cyberbullying by fears of retaliation, social alienation or rejection, or other negative treatment; and (iii) include a list of support services and resources available through each public school to any student who is a victim of cyberbullying relating to reporting and seeking support after experiencing an instance of cyberbullying.
Patron - Stanley

P **SB955 Public schools; textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials.** Makes several changes relating to the textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials that are utilized as the curriculum basis for public elementary and secondary school student instruction, including (i) requiring each local school board to adopt and implement textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials in English language arts for grades six through 12 and mathematics, science, and history and social studies for grades kindergarten through 12 and requiring the Department of Education to support such local adoption and implementation in several ways and (ii) requiring each education preparation program offered by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education or alternative certification program that provides training for any student seeking initial licensure by the Board of Education with certain endorsements to include a program of coursework and clinical experience and require all such students to demonstrate mastery in identifying and implementing textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials. The provisions of the bill, with the exception of a provision that requires a study of and report on the textbook review and approval process by November 1, 2025, have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2777. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SB968 Board of Education; support services personnel; annual collection of certain staffing data required; report.** Requires (i) each school board to, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, annually collect and submit to the Department of Education a report on data on the average salaries of support services personnel, as that term is defined in the bill, employed by the school board and (ii) the Department to, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, annually compile such data, include it in the Annual School Report, and publicly post it on the Department's website. The bill requires each school board and the Department to disaggregate the data by career categories of support services personnel and specialized student support personnel as set forth in applicable law. This bill is identical to HB 1983.
Patron - Carroll Foy

P **SB1017 School boards; powers and duties; school meal policies; payment of school meal debt.** Requires each school board, at the end of each school year, to pay for the total unpaid school meal balance, resulting from uncollectable school meal debts on any student account, on the nonprofit school food service account for each public elementary or secondary school in the school division using any appropriated nonfederal funds, except that each school board is prohibited from requiring any public elementary or secondary school in the school division from paying for or providing any funds to pay for such school's unpaid school meal balance. The bill requires each school board to adopt policies in accordance with the provisions of the bill in order to pay these unpaid balances at the end of each school year. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Roem

P **SB1030 Public middle and high schools; student-athletes; pre-participation physical examination required.** Provides that no public middle or high school student is permitted to be a participant on or try out for any school athletic team or squad with a predetermined roster, regular practices, and scheduled competitions with other middle or high schools unless such student has submitted to the school principal a signed report from a licensed physician, licensed advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed physician assistant acting under the supervision of a licensed physician attesting that such student has received a physical examination and was found to be physically fit for athletic competition no more than 14 calendar months prior to the date on which such report was signed. Current law requires that the signed report attest that any such student has received a physical examination within the preceding 12 months. The bill prohibits any public middle or high school from becoming a member of any organization or entity that regulates or governs interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation any student who has satisfied the requirements for eligibility in accordance with the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1032 Public school teachers; written notice of noncontinuation of continuing contract.** Provides that written notice of noncontinuation of a continuing teacher

contract by the teacher must be given by June 15 of each year; otherwise, the contract continues in effect for the ensuing year in conformity with local salary stipulations, including increments. Current law provides that written notice of noncontinuation of a continuing teacher contract by either the teacher or the school board must be given by June 15 of each year; otherwise, the contract continues in effect for the ensuing year in conformity with local salary stipulations, including increments. This bill is identical to HB 1915. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1034 Students who need or use augmentative and alternative communication; documentation of needs on individualized education program; staff training.** Requires each school division to document on the individualized education program of a student with a disability who needs or uses augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) such student's AAC and communication access and support needs prior to the provision of instruction or support to such student, including any extended school year period. The bill defines AAC as any method or tool other than oral speech that an individual uses to communicate, including gestures, facial expressions, writing, and speech-generating devices. The bill also requires each school division to provide to each employee or contractor who provides instruction or direct support to a student with a disability who needs or uses an AAC individualized training as an assistive technology to support the student's use of AAC and to ensure that access to curricula and instruction is designed or adapted as necessary to accommodate the student's unique communication access needs. The bill also establishes a timeline for such training based on certain circumstances. This bill is identical to HB 2219.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1036 Seizure rescue medications; administration by certain school employees; possession by certain students.** Permits a prescriber to authorize an employee of (i) a school board, (ii) a school for students with disabilities, (iii) an accredited private school, (iv) a local governing body, or (v) a local health department who is trained in the administration of seizure rescue medications for the treatment of seizures resulting from a condition causing seizures to administer such medications to a student diagnosed with a condition causing seizures when the student is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a seizure pursuant to a written order or standing protocol issued within the course of the prescriber's professional practice and with the consent of the student's parents. The bill provides that any such authorized employee who administers or assists in the administration of such medications to a student diagnosed with a condition causing seizures when the student is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a seizure in accordance with the prescriber's instructions shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment. The bill also permits any local school board to adopt and implement policies (a) permitting any student enrolled in any elementary or secondary school in the local school division who has a diagnosis of a condition causing seizures to possess seizure rescue medications during the school day, at school-sponsored activities, or while on a school bus or other school property if the student's parent has submitted a seizure management and action plan that includes written consent of the parent and written approval of the student's primary care provider for such self-possession or (b) for the administration of seizure rescue medications to any student enrolled in any elementary or secondary school in the local school division who has a diagnosis of a condition causing seizures, consistent with the provisions of the bill relating to prescriber authorization. This bill is identical to HB 2104.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1037 School boards; student access to telehealth services; policies.** Directs each school board to consider, for the purpose of increasing access to health care services for students, developing and implementing policies for permitting any public school student in the school division to schedule and participate in telehealth services, including mental health teletherapy services pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with a nationally recognized school-based telehealth provider developed in accordance with applicable law, on school property during regular school hours with parental consent. The bill requires any such policies developed and implemented by a school board to (i) require each public elementary and secondary school to designate a location in the school for student use for such telehealth appointments and implement measures to ensure the safety and privacy of any student participating in a telehealth appointment, (ii) prohibit any student from being subject to any disciplinary measure or consequence for participating in a telehealth appointment during regular school hours if such student would not be subject to any disciplinary measure or consequence for an absence for the purpose of receiving any health care services in person during regular school hours, and (iii) include such other requirements as the school board deems necessary and appropriate. Finally, the bill requires any school board that develops and implements any policies for permitting students to schedule and participate in telehealth services pursuant to the bill to provide and post in a publicly accessible location on its website at the beginning of each school year guidance relating to the implementation of such policies for administrative and instructional personnel. This bill incorporates SB 1130 and is identical to HB 1945.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1048 School board policies; parental notification; safe storage of prescription drugs and firearms in the household.** Requires each local school board to develop and implement a policy to require the annual notification of the parent of each student enrolled in the local school division, to be sent by email and, if applicable, SMS text message within 30 calendar days succeeding the first day of each school year, of (i) the importance of securely storing any prescription drug, as defined in relevant law, present in the household and (ii) the parent's legal responsibility to safely store any firearm present in the household. The bill requires each school board to make such parental notification available in multiple languages on its website. This bill is identical to HB 1678. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1084 Board of Education; out-of-school time programs; exemptions from licensure.** Exempts from licensure any out-of-school time program, defined as any program that (i) serves only school-age children; (ii) operates primarily before or after regular school hours, during the summer, or at times when school is not normally in session; and (iii) is offered for the purpose of promoting expanded childhood learning and enrichment, child and youth development, or educational, recreational, or character-building activities, that (a) is affiliated with a national organization with established health and safety requirements and is in compliance with such health and safety requirements; (b) has adopted standards and requirements relating to staff training and qualifications that are consistent with those of the Board of Education; (c) requires all applicants for employment or volunteers to undergo background checks in accordance with applicable law; and (d) has policies and procedures

relating to emergency preparedness and response, child abuse prevention and response, and internal incident reporting and investigation.
Patron - Craig

P **SB1104 Public schools; interscholastic sports and athletics; guidelines and policies on student-athlete extreme heat safety and protection; development and implementation.** Requires the Board of Education to develop, biennially review and update as necessary, and distribute to each local school division guidelines on policies relating to extreme heat safety and protection for student-athletes. The bill requires each school board to develop and update, in accordance with the guidelines developed by the Board of Education, policies on student-athlete extreme heat safety and protection that (i) are consistent with any heat guidelines based on Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) levels developed by an organization or entity whose purpose it is to regulate or govern interscholastic athletics programs in the Commonwealth; (ii) establish tiered heat-acclimatization and modification procedures for outdoor athletics practices or games based on the WBGT levels to reduce the risks associated with extreme heat faced by student-athletes; (iii) require student-athletes to be given unhindered access to hydration at all times; (iv) include procedures relating to preventing, recognizing, and addressing heat-related illnesses; and (v) establish a process for reporting and investigating any instance in which a student-athlete experiences a heat-related illness requiring emergency medical treatment or resulting in death. This bill is identical to HB 1663.
Patron - Hashmi

P **SB1124 Board of Education; driver education programs; computer-based driver education courses; requirements.** Clarifies that the classroom training portion of the standardized program of driver education in the safe operation of motor vehicles, established by the Board of Education pursuant to applicable law, may be administered in-person or online, except in the case of the parent/student driver education component of the classroom training portion administered in Planning District 8, which pursuant to applicable law must be administered in person. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1230 Public schools; temporarily employed teachers; rules and requirements; extension of time limitation.** Extends from 90 to 180 teaching days the maximum period of time during one school year for which a school board may employ a temporarily employed teacher, as defined in relevant law, to fill a teacher vacancy, with certain conditions and restrictions. The bill contains technical amendments. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027, and is identical to HB 2201.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1240 School-connected student overdoses; policies relating to parental notification.** Requires public school principals and heads of private schools in the Commonwealth to report certain information to the parents of enrolled students within 24 hours of a confirmed or suspected school-connected student overdose, as defined in the bill. This bill is identical to HB 2774.
Patron - Sturtevant

P **SB1244 Educational opportunities for children of certain federal employees; expansion of policies to students transferring from foreign countries.** Expands the provisions of law relating to educational opportunities for students of certain federal employees to include students of certain federal employees who are transferring from a school in a foreign country to a school division in the Commonwealth by establishing definitions for the terms "foreign education agency" and "sending country" and utilizing such terms throughout such provisions of law.
Patron - Durant

P **SB1289 Public elementary and secondary schools; nutritional standards for school meals and other foods; nutrition requirements; certain color additives prohibited.** Prohibits any public elementary or secondary school from offering or making available to any student any food served as a part of a school meal or any competitive food, as defined in applicable law, that contains any of the seven color additives listed in the bill. The bill directs the Board of Education to amend its nutritional guidelines for competitive foods promulgated pursuant to relevant law in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027, and is identical to HB 1910.
Patron - Jordan

P **SB1293 School board employees; professional development and continuing education; optional programs; children with autism spectrum disorder.** Directs the Board of Education to provide guidance on and each school board to provide each year an optional program of high-quality professional development for instructional personnel and school board employees whose duties include regular contact with students on communicating with and supporting students with autism spectrum disorder. The bill provides that any instructional personnel or school board employee who completes such professional development shall be eligible for professional development points toward renewal of his license.
Patron - Stanley

P **SB1303 School Health Services Committee; comprehensive review of student diabetes medical management plans; report.** Requires the School Health Services Committee, in consultation with such interested stakeholders as it deems appropriate, to conduct a comprehensive review of the legislative proposal relating to student diabetes medical management plans contained in the amended substitute to Senate Bill 1303 (2025) offered to the House Committee on Education during the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly and to report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than November 1, 2025, any legislative recommendations that result from such review.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1370 Department of Education; model memorandum of understanding; counseling from school counselors by way of telehealth.** Provides that the model memorandum of understanding developed by the Department of Education for partnerships with community mental health services providers or school-based telehealth providers shall include procedures allowing for students to receive counseling from school counselors by way of telehealth. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth and is identical to HB 2543. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Srinivasan

P **SB1377 Department of Education; Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; mental health first aid training program; development of plan to incentivize and facilitate**

participation. Directs the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, to develop and implement a plan to incentivize and facilitate participation in the Commonwealth Mental Health First Aid Program, established pursuant to applicable law, by public school staff and students. As introduced, the bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to HB 2637.

Patron - Hashmi

P **SB1380** **Department of Education; development of guidelines and information relating to virtual or online learning; public health emergencies.** Provides for the Department of Education to develop and post on its official website guidelines and information relating to virtual or online learning. Such guidelines and information shall include (i) statewide policies relating to virtual learning, (ii) the availability of online or virtual learning options and pertinent information on such options, and (iii) guidelines for educators and schools relating to online or virtual learning policies and best practices. In addition, the bill requires each K-12 school in the Commonwealth to include as a component of its annual safety audit a review of the school's plan for school closures during public health emergencies. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth and is identical to HB 2640.

Patron - Hashmi

P **SB1413** **Public school buildings; indoor air quality; inspection and evaluation.** Establishes several enumerated requirements for local school divisions to ensure indoor air quality in each public school building in the local school division, including providing for an inspection and evaluation program at least once every two years and an industry-recognized uniform inspection and evaluation at least once every four years. This bill is identical to HB 2618. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Surovell

P **SB1462** **High school graduation requirements; history and social studies credits; certain substitutions permitted.** Requires the Board of Education, in establishing high school graduation requirements, to permit any student to substitute the African American History course or the Advanced Placement African American Studies course for the World History I course or the World Geography course for the purpose of satisfying the history and social studies credit requirements, provided that enrollment in such an African American History course or Advanced Placement African American Studies course is available to the student. This bill is identical to HB 1824. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Bagby

P **SB1486** **School-issued devices; protection of student personal information.** Establishes certain enumerated requirements for the protection of student personal information on school-issued devices, as defined in the bill, by certain public schools and school boards and by school technology providers, as defined in the bill, that are substantially similar to the requirements established in current law for the protection of student personal information on school services by school service providers.

Patron - Cifers

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F **HB1548** **High school graduation requirements; passing score on select questions from U.S. Naturalization Test.** Requires the Board of Education, in establishing high school graduation requirements, to require, except in the case of a high school student whose individualized education program indicates otherwise, each high school student to take and correctly answer at least 70 percent of the questions on a test composed of at least 25 but not more than 50 of the questions on the civics portion of the U.S. Naturalization Test in order to graduate high school with a standard or advanced studies diploma, provided that such student may take such test at any time during grades nine through 12 and as many times during such period as necessary to achieve the minimum 70 percent passing score.
Patron - Ware

F **HB1594** **Average teacher salary in the Commonwealth; national average.** Requires the Governor's introduced budget bills for the 2026 and 2027 Regular Sessions of the General Assembly to propose funding for, and state funding to be provided pursuant to the general appropriation act enacted during any regular or special session of the General Assembly during 2026 or 2027 to fund, the Commonwealth's share of compensation supplement incentives for Standards of Quality-funded instructional and support positions sufficient to increase the average teacher salary in the Commonwealth to at least the national average teacher salary by the end of the 2026-2028 biennium and establishes a detailed timeline and process for satisfying such requirement.
Patron - Clark

F **HB1599** **Certain end-of-course Standards of Learning assessments; elimination and replacement.** Requires the Department of Education to eliminate the end-of-course Standards of Learning assessments for Chemistry and World History II. The bill requires the Board of Education to establish and make available to each local school board guidelines for the administration of a local alternative end-of-course assessment in each such course and each local school board to ensure that each student enrolled in either such course completes the relevant local alternative assessment. The bill clarifies that none of the foregoing provisions shall be construed to alter any high school graduation requirement established in relevant law or regulations.
Patron - Cole

F **HB1604** **Certain school divisions; cost-savings agreements; requirements.** Removes the limitation on any school board that enters into certain cost-savings agreements with a school board that governs a contiguous school division for the consolidation or sharing of educational, administrative, or support services and thus qualifies for adjustment of state share of basic aid computed annually on the basis of the composite index of local ability-to-pay of such contiguous school division that caps such adjusted basic aid payment at an amount equal to the basic aid payment appropriated to such locality by the 2007 Session of the General Assembly. The bill also permits, notwithstanding the requirement set forth in relevant law that a school division have 65 percent or more of its local taxes coming from real estate taxes in order for the school board that governs such school division to be eligible to enter into such cost-savings agreements with a contiguous school division, the Bath County School Board to enter into such cost-savings agreements with the Augusta County School Board, provided that all other conditions and limitations set forth in relevant law apply to any such agreement.
Patron - Runion

F **HB1612** **Board of Education; Child Care Subsidy Program; maximum reimbursement rate; vendors providing care outside of normal business hours.** Directs the Board of Education to amend its regulations relating to the Child Care Subsidy Program to permit payment over the maximum reimbursable rate for any vendor that provides child care outside of normal business hours, provided that such rate may not exceed twice the maximum reimbursable rate for child care provided within normal business hours.
Patron - Hernandez

F **HB1656** **Public secondary schools; interscholastic athletics; certain recruitment policies and practices prohibited.** Prohibits any school board employee, including any interscholastic athletics coach or director, from implementing any policy or engaging in any practice whereby the employee (i) designates any secondary school student-athlete as homeless pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended, solely for the purpose of recruiting such student-athlete to transfer to the local school division to participate in interscholastic athletics or (ii) receives money or other things of value from any individual or entity, including any institution of higher education or any intercollegiate athletics program at such an institution, solely for the purpose of recruiting a secondary school student-athlete to participate in intercollegiate athletics.
Patron - Helmer

F **HB1679** **Board of Education; Standards of Learning assessments; availability in commonly spoken languages other than English.** Requires the Board of Education to prioritize the incorporation of Standards of Learning assessments in commonly spoken languages in the Commonwealth other than English into its statewide student assessment system, and in any contract that it enters into with a third party for the development, establishment, and maintenance of such system.
Patron - Cohen

F **HB1771** **Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program.** Establishes the Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program (the Program) to provide matching funds to employers in order to incentivize employers to contribute to the child care costs of their employees. The Program shall be administered by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (the Foundation). To participate in the Program, an employer shall agree to make child care contributions to the eligible mixed-delivery provider on behalf of the employee and shall provide any other information deemed necessary by the Foundation. To the extent funds are available, the Foundation shall issue a state match directly to such eligible mixed-delivery provider or to a third-party administrator. Program funds shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis; however, the Foundation is encouraged to prioritize awards to proposals involving contributions from small businesses. The bill requires the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation to provide an interim report to the General Assembly by September 1, 2026, and a summative report to the General Assembly by September 1, 2027, on the effectiveness and impact of the Program.
Patron - McClure

F **HB1785** **Certain child day centers operated by religious institutions; exemption from licensure by Superintendent of Public Instruction.** Exempts fully from the statutory requirement to be licensed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day center that (i) exclusively serves children over the age of two, (ii) is operated or conducted under the auspices of a religious institution, and (iii) (a) has tax exempt status as a nonprofit religious institution in accordance with § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or (b) owns and exclusively occupies real property that is exempt from local taxation. Under current law, such child day centers are exempt from licensure but are still subject to several enumerated requirements. The bill, however, preserves the requirement for such child day centers to conduct background checks for employees and volunteers and prohibits the employment or service at such child day centers of any such individual who has been convicted of any barrier crime as defined in relevant law or who is the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect.
Patron - Orrock

F **HB1786** **Child day centers operated by religious institutions; exemption from licensure; conditions.** Changes from mandatory to permissive the filing of certain statements and documentary evidence and the establishment and implementation of certain procedures by child day centers operated by religious institutions that are exempt from licensure but permits the Superintendent of Public Instruction to perform on-site inspections of any such center to investigate complaints and at the conclusion of such investigation to require any such center to provide such statements and documentary evidence or establish and implement such procedures.
Patron - Orrock

F **HB1788** **Board of Education; School Performance and Support Framework; readiness indicator; chronic absenteeism calculation; certain excused student absences excluded.** Provides that in any case in which a student experiences an unexpected excused absence of any length based on extenuating circumstances, any such period of excused absence shall be excluded from the calculation of chronic absenteeism for the purpose of the readiness indicator in the Board of Education's school accountability system known as the School Performance and Support Framework or any successor school accountability system. This bill was incorporated into HB 1769.
Patron - Orrock

F **HB1807** **Virginia Preschool Initiative; Kindergarten Readiness Fund established.** Establishes the Kindergarten Readiness Fund and provides that all balances of state general funds intended for the provision of services to families through the Virginia Preschool Initiative that are unspent at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Kindergarten Readiness Fund and thereafter used in the discretion of the Department of Education solely for the purpose of providing grants on a competitive basis to school divisions to utilize for other currently operated early childhood education programs.
Patron - Cohen

F **HB1808** **Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education; kindergarten readiness funding proposal; report.** Requires the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education to develop a proposal to increase funding for kindergarten readiness programs with a focus on programs that are already under contract with local school divisions. The bill requires the Commission, in developing such proposal, to consider how such programs can receive Virginia Preschool Initiative grants. The bill requires the Commission to report its proposal and any associated findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education and Health,

and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than October 1, 2025.
Patron - Cohen

F HB1809 K-12 schools and institutions of higher education; student participation in women's sports; civil cause of action. Requires each interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural, or club athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, or any other school that is a member of the Virginia High School League, or by a public institution of higher education to be expressly designated as one of the following based on the biological sex of the students who participate on the team or in the sport: (i) males, men, or boys; (ii) females, women, or girls; or (iii) coed or mixed if participation on such team or sport is open to both males and females. The bill requires that the biological sex of any student seeking to participate on such an expressly designated team be affirmed by a signed physician's statement. The bill prohibits any such team or sport that is expressly designated for females from being open to students whose biological sex is male.
The bill prohibits any government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, or athletic association or organization from entertaining a complaint, opening an investigation, or taking any other adverse action against any such school or institution of higher education based on a violation of the provisions of the bill and creates a cause of action for any school or institution of higher education that suffers harm as a result of a violation of the bill. Finally, the bill creates a civil cause of action for any student who suffers harm as a result of a knowing violation of a provision of the bill by a school or institution or as a result of the student's reporting a violation of a provision of the bill by a school, institution, athletic association, or organization.
Patron - Oates

F HB1818 Public School Security Equipment Grant Act of 2013; eligible security equipment; School Safety Firearm Detection Software Pilot Program established. Establishes the School Safety Firearm Detection Software Pilot Program (the Pilot Program), to be administered as a part of the Public School Security Equipment Grant Act of 2013, for the purpose of enhancing security and firearm violence prevention measures in public schools in the Commonwealth by awarding grants to eligible school divisions for the purchase, installation or integration, maintenance, and operation of firearm detection software into security cameras in two Title 1 schools in each congressional district in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "firearm detection software" as any technology software or system provided by a vendor that (i) is headquartered in the Commonwealth, has at least 10 years of experience in providing school safety technology to educational institutions, and is a small business consisting of fewer than 100 employees and (ii) uses artificial intelligence to analyze video streams from surveillance cameras in real time for the detection of firearms and, upon detecting a firearm, immediately notifies local law enforcement, school security personnel, the school administration, and other appropriate public safety authorities. The bill amends provisions of the Public School Security Equipment Grant Act of 2013 as necessary for the integration of the Pilot Program, including by (a) expanding the definition of "security equipment" to include firearm detection software; (b) exempting from the match requirement, in addition to the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind as set forth in current law, any school division receiving a grant pursuant to the Pilot Program; (c) requiring the Department to give priority to eligible school divisions applying on behalf of Title 1 schools for grants under the Pilot Program such that grants are first awarded to school divisions and in an amount sufficient to support the purchase, installation or integration, maintenance, and operation of firearm detection software in two Title 1 schools in each congressional district; and (d) modifying and expanding application requirements, reporting requirements, and requirements relating to the development of certain guidelines, policies, and procedures to include the Pilot Program. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028.
Patron - Reid

F HB1831 Public schools; Standards of Quality; certain calculations; support services. Requires the Department of Education, (i) in calculating the deduction of federal funds in the Standards of Quality funding formula, to examine actual school division spending on support costs as a percentage of actual school division spending on all public education costs, with certain exceptions such as food service, and (ii) in calculating the costs in the Standards of Quality funding formula beginning with fiscal year 2029, to include all employee benefit costs incurred by a majority of school divisions, including costs related to retirement, health care, life insurance, and payout of earned but unused leave. The bill also requires support services positions to be funded based on a calculation of prevailing costs and prohibits such positions from being subject to any method of funding calculation that caps the number of funded support services positions based on a ratio of such positions to students enrolled in the school division, with the exception of certain support services positions enumerated in the bill. This bill was incorporated into HB 1954.
Patron - Simonds

F HB1840 Department of Education; school boards; student online activity; data collection, monitoring, and restrictions. Requires the Department of Education (the Department) to establish reporting expectations for school divisions that collect student online activity data and provides that if no school within a school division does so, the school board, upon submission of written documentation to the Department stating that no school within the school division collects student online activity data, shall be deemed to have satisfied such reporting expectations. The reporting expectations include: (i) making certain disclosures to parents, including what online activity is being tracked, monitored, and collected when using school devices on school property and what types of student online activity or online activity data would create an alert; (ii) including in the school division's acceptable use policy for the Internet that student online activity is being tracked and data collected; (iii) providing, to the extent available for the school division, parents the ability to access any collected student online activity data; (iv) notifying the parent of a student for whom an alert is created or an action taken on such student's online activity or associated data before the student is notified, except as provided in the bill; and (v) prohibiting the inclusion of student online activity data in a student's permanent record except in the most severe cases, as defined, set forth, and made publicly available by the Department. The bill requires the Department to create and distribute to each school board (a) a template for making the required parental disclosures and (b) best practices for deleting student online activity data.
Patron - Oates

F HB1890 Public school teachers; teacher compensation; Professionally Licensed Teacher Supplemental Pay Program established. Establishes the Professionally Licensed Teacher Supplemental Pay Program (the Program) for the purpose of addressing shortages of professionally licensed teachers and reducing reliance on provisionally licensed teachers in public schools in the Commonwealth by providing, with such funds as are appropriated for such purpose, an annual supplemental

payment to each professionally licensed teacher, as that term is defined by the bill, employed in any high-vacancy public school in the Commonwealth, defined as any public school that, based on the most recent data in the positions and exits collection, has a teacher vacancy rate that places it in the top 10 percent of public schools with the highest teacher vacancy rates in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Department of Education to administer and oversee the Program and, in doing so, requires it to (i) identify and develop a list, every four years, of each high-vacancy public school in the Commonwealth; (ii) ensure that, each year, such funds are disbursed in a timely manner and in an amount sufficient to provide the supplemental payment to each professionally licensed teacher employed in a high-vacancy public school in each school division; and (iii) annually submit to the Governor and publish on its website a report detailing the effect of the Program on recruitment and retention of professionally licensed teachers and the overall success of the Program in addressing teacher vacancy rates.

Patron - Feggans

F **HB1909 Virginia Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence established; report.** Establishes the 30-member Virginia Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence as an advisory commission in the executive branch of state government, to be administratively housed within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and administered, staffed, and supported jointly by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Education, the purpose of which is to assist in developing a statewide plan for agricultural education and to coordinate with such Departments on the implementation of related agricultural education programming. The Commission has an expiration date of July 1, 2028.

Patron - Kent

F **HB1954 Equity in public school funding and staffing; special education students; at-risk students; English language learner students; report.** Requires state-funded add-ons to be provided to support special education students that are calculated by multiplying weights set forth in the general appropriation act by the relevant basic aid per-pupil amount for each such student. The bill establishes the At-Risk Program for the purpose of supporting programs and services for students who are educationally at risk, including prevention, intervention, or remediation activities required pursuant to relevant law, teacher recruitment programs and initiatives, programs for English language learners, the hiring of additional school counselors and other support staff, and other programs relating to increasing the success of disadvantaged students in completing a high school degree and providing opportunities to encourage further education and training. The bill also contains provisions relating to certain funding requirements for the At-Risk Program. The bill requires the Department of Education to develop and implement a data collection process related to English language learner expenditures and student English proficiency levels and identify other options to support English language learners and provide a status report to the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding on its implementation and data collection efforts by September 1, 2025. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or any other relevant stakeholders with expertise in special education as the Department of Education deems appropriate, to develop a plan for revised special education staffing requirements that addresses the staffing needs of each special education program in each school division as determined by the specific educational and behavioral support needs of students who receive special education and aims to improve special education teacher recruitment and retention and to report its findings to the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding by November 1, 2025. The bill is a recommendation of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission. This bill incorporates HB 1831.

Patron - Rasoul

F **HB1958 School breakfasts; availability at no cost to students.** Requires each school board to require each public elementary and secondary school in the local school division to participate in the federal National School Lunch Program and the federal School Breakfast Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and to make breakfast available to any student who requests such a meal at no cost to the student, unless the student's parent has provided written permission to the school board to withhold such a meal from the student. The bill requires the Department of Education to reimburse each public elementary and secondary school for each school breakfast served to a student, with a maximum of one breakfast per student per school day and provides the formula for determining the state reimbursement rate for such meals. Finally, the bill repeals a provision of law relating to the federal School Breakfast Program that is rendered obsolete by the provisions of the bill.

Patron - Bennett-Parker

F **HB1959 Department of Education; Child Care Subsidy Program waiting list; additional priority group; target timeline for assigning slots to priority groups.** Requires the Department of Education to amend its Child Care Subsidy Program Guidance Manual to add a seventh priority group to the Child Care Subsidy Program waiting list that consists of any family that meets all other Program eligibility criteria and includes a parent who is employed for at least 30 hours per week by a publicly funded child care provider in the Commonwealth that serves children from birth to age five, excluding employment by a local school division but including employment by a Head Start program that is located within a public school building. The bill also directs the Department of Education to require local departments of social services to target a maximum of 30 days for moving priority group families from the waiting list into services; regularly assess, in coordination with the Department of Social Services, the length of time it takes for priority groups to be assigned slots; and provide quarterly updates, beginning October 1, 2025, to the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education on such timeline and any other barriers experienced by families in priority groups on the waiting list in accessing services.

Patron - Bennett-Parker

F **HB1972 Statewide unified public-private system for early childhood care and education in the Commonwealth; state goal; capacity and family choice.** Requires the statewide, unified, public-private system for early childhood care and education in the Commonwealth to be established with the goal of increasing and maintaining capacity systemwide to provide each family with meaningful access to high-quality and affordable choices among publicly funded, federally funded, mixed delivery, and private providers.

Patron - Gardner

F **HB1988 Local school boards; powers and duties; binding arbitration agreements.** Permits any school board to enter into a written agreement to submit any existing controversy to binding arbitration and to execute a contract, including a collective bargaining agreement, that contains a

provision to submit to binding arbitration any controversy arising thereunder.
Patron - Askew

F HB2009 Board of Education; career and technical education courses, pathways, and credentials; biennial review; report. Requires the Board of Education and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development, with the assistance of the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement and the Virginia Office of Education Economics, the Department of Education, the Virginia Community College System, and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, to conduct, beginning with the fiscal year starting July 1, 2025, and each odd-numbered year thereafter, a biennial review of all career and technical education course, pathway, and credential offerings available to public school students across the Commonwealth for the purpose of ensuring that all such career and technical education course, pathway, and credential offerings are (i) aligned with current and emerging industry and workforce needs, demands, and standards and (ii) designed to effectively prepare students for postsecondary success through gainful employment in a high-demand industry or field, enrollment in postsecondary education, or enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. The bill requires the Board of Education and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development to develop and submit to the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Labor, and the chairs of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by October 1 of each odd-numbered year, beginning with October 1, 2025, a report on each such biennial review.
Patron - Campbell

F HB2017 Public schools; student support services; student personal information and data security; registration; requirements; grants; report. Requires any student support agency, as defined by the bill, to register with the Department of Education (the Department) in order to provide any student support programs, as defined by the bill, to students enrolled in any public elementary or secondary school in the Commonwealth. The bill establishes several requirements for the registration of any student support agency relating to the protection of any student personal information collected by the student support agency, including (i) requiring such agencies to adopt certain policies, procedures, and protocols designed to ensure the continued security, integrity, and confidentiality of student personal information; (ii) requiring the Department to ensure any student support agency obtains informed consent from the parent of any student or, if such student is 18 years of age or older, the student prior to collecting or using any student personal information; (iii) requiring the Department to develop a standard memorandum of understanding and each student support agency and school board to execute a memorandum of understanding establishing authorizations and limitations relating to the transmission, collection, and use of student personal information; (iv) requiring the Department to establish and administer a grant program for the purpose of awarding grants to certain student support agencies for data security upgrades, training for staff, and third-party audits; (v) prohibiting any student support agency from using or sharing student personal information for certain purposes set forth in the bill, including sharing any such student personal information for use in targeted advertising; (vi) requiring the Department to establish certain programs and provide certain resources to support certain registered student support agencies and school boards in effectively and efficiently providing student support programs in compliance with the provisions of the bill; and (vii) requiring the Department to conduct an annual audit of a certain percentage of registered student support agencies to ensure compliance with the provisions of the bill and establishing provisions relating to consequences for failure of the audit or otherwise being found in violation of the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Anthony

F HB2028 School boards; entitlement to one-time fee from certain data centers. Provides that any school board that governs a school division that contains a public school located within three miles of a data center, as such term is defined in relevant law, that received its certificate of occupancy from the relevant locality after July 1, 2025, is entitled to a one-time fee of $250,000 to be paid by the owner of such data center no later than 90 days after the issuance of such data center's certificate of occupancy by the locality.
Patron - Thomas

F HB2032 Department of Education; English language learner students; data collection on expenditures. Requires the Department of Education to develop and implement a data collection process related to English language learner expenditures and student English proficiency levels and identify other options to support English language learners and provide a status report to the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding on its implementation and data collection efforts by September 1, 2025.
Patron - Reaser

F HB2044 Teachers; employment and licensure; locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credentials. Establishes, enumerates criteria for, and permits a division superintendent or a comprehensive community college to issue a locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credential, valid for a period not to exceed three years, to any individual who demonstrates expertise in content or subject matter area in order for such individual to provide instruction or coursework in a corresponding non-core subject or course, as that term is defined in the bill, in grades six through 12 at any public school in the Commonwealth or at a comprehensive community college in the Commonwealth, including dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment courses. The bill delineates the criteria for issuance of such locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credential. The bill also contains several provisions relating to the employment of individuals under a locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credential, including (i) permitting any school division or institution of higher education to hire any such individual on a full-time or part-time basis to teach a non-core subject or course; (ii) requiring any such individual to be subject to a background clearance check and the fingerprinting and criminal history records check requirements required as a condition of employment of any applicant who is offered or accepts employment at a school division pursuant to applicable law; (iii) requiring each employing school board to assign an individual employed by such school board as a mentor to supervise any individual issued a subject matter expert teaching credential; and (iv) permitting any division superintendent to renew an individual's locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credential for a period not to exceed three additional years, provided that such individual receives satisfactory performance evaluations for each year of the original three-year locally awarded subject matter teaching credential. Finally, the bill requires each school division to annually report to the Department of Education the number of locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credentials issued for part-time and full-time teaching positions.
Patron - Walker

F HB2052 Certain government and civics courses; civics diploma seal of excellence; instruction on

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

F **HB2066** **School boards; employee criminal history records checks and applications; penalty for noncompliance.** Clarifies that certain school board employees who are (i) employed in an in-person or remote capacity or some combination thereof or (ii) fully licensed, provisionally licensed, or unlicensed are subject to the requirements in existing law to undergo a criminal history records check and a search of the registry of founded complaints of child abuse and neglect and to disclose certain criminal history information at the employment application stage and upon arrest. The bill provides that in the event that any school board fails or refuses to perform its duty to require any employee to undergo a criminal history records check as set forth in relevant law, each individual member of such board is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and his position on such school board shall be deemed vacant.
Patron - Garrett

F **HB2072** **Board of Education; Standards of Quality; Standards of School Safety.** Requires the Board of Education (the Board), in collaboration with the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety and such other stakeholders as it deems appropriate, to establish pursuant to regulation the Standards of School Safety for the purpose of assessing school safety in each local school division in the Commonwealth and each school building therein based on such objective, quantifiable measures of safety as the Board deems appropriate. The bill requires the Board to incorporate compliance with the Standards of School Safety as a school and school division accountability measure for the purposes of the Standards of Accreditation.
Patron - Garrett

F **HB2118** **Department of Education; public school accountability; delayed implementation and review of revised public school accountability system; report; emergency.** Directs the Department of Education to delay for a period of one year the implementation of the revised public school accountability system adopted pursuant to applicable Board of Education regulations in order to conduct a review of and establish a stakeholder advisory committee to solicit input on such revised public school accountability system for the purpose of ensuring that such accountability system is designed to achieve fair, transparent, and actionable results aimed at improving student growth and learning outcomes across the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Department to, by April 1, 2026, (i) publish a report on the process and findings of the review conducted in accordance with the provisions of the bill and (ii) submit to the Governor, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the House Committee on Education a plan for modifying and implementing the revised public school accountability system that incorporates the findings of the review conducted and the input from the stakeholder advisory committee established in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The bill contains an emergency clause.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

F **HB2155** **Certain private schools; certain memoranda of understanding with local law enforcement permitted.** Permits the administration of any private elementary or secondary school in the Commonwealth that has a campus that is (i) located wholly within one locality but (ii) contiguous to another locality to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the local law-enforcement agency in such contiguous locality governing such agency's response to any law-enforcement emergency involving any immediate threat to life or public safety on such campus in accordance with the authority granted to the local law-enforcement agency pursuant to relevant law to so respond.
Patron - Carr

F **HB2164** **Public school funding; certain funding calculations.** Requires the Department of Education to calculate the composite index of local ability-to-pay for each school division by excluding the true value of real property that is eligible for certain disabled veteran and surviving spouse property tax exemptions in the locality.
Patron - Cole

F **HB2182** **Sage's Law; minor students experiencing gender incongruence; parental notification of certain requests and parental permission for certain plans required; parental care.** Requires each public elementary or secondary school principal or his designee to (i) as soon as practicable, inform at least one parent of a minor student enrolled in such school if such minor requests that any such employee participate while at school in the social affirmation of such minor student's gender incongruence or the transition of such minor student to a sex or gender different from the minor's biological sex, as such terms are defined in the bill, and (ii) request and receive permission from at least one parent of a minor student enrolled at such school prior to the implementation at such school of any plan concerning any gender incongruence experienced by such minor, including any counseling of such minor at school. Any such plan shall include provision for parental participation to the extent requested by the parent. The bill also clarifies, in the definition of the term "abused or neglected child," that in no event shall referring to and raising the child in a manner consistent with the child's biological sex, including related mental health or medical decisions, be considered abuse or neglect.
Patron - Freitas

F **HB2190** **Public schools; school libraries; catalog of print or digital materials available in school libraries and used as instructional materials; development, implementation, and maintenance.** Requires the principal of each public elementary or secondary school or his designee to develop, implement, and maintain in an electronic spreadsheet or substantially similar electronic format a catalog of all print or digital materials, as defined in the bill, available in the school library and all instructional materials, as defined in the bill, used as a part of the school curriculum. The bill requires such catalog to (i) be developed and posted in a publicly accessible location on the school website in a searchable and downloadable format; (ii) identify each item by the item's title, author, and, if applicable, International Standard Book Number, or such other identifying features or information as the principal or his designee deems appropriate; and (iii) be maintained and updated as necessary to accurately reflect all

print or digital materials available in the school library and any instructional materials used as a part of the school curriculum.
Patron - Freitas

F HB2191 Dangers and victims of communism; recognition; Standards of Learning and programs of instruction. Requires the Governor to annually issue a proclamation setting the seventh day of November as Victims of Communism Day and requiring such day to be suitably observed in each public elementary and secondary school in the Commonwealth as a day honoring the approximately 100 million individuals who have fallen victim to communist regimes around the world and to be suitably observed by a public exercise in the Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor may designate in such proclamation. The bill also requires the Board of Education to include in the history and social science Standards of Learning in grades six through 12 and each school board to emphasize in its Standards-aligned program of instruction in grades six through 12 the study of the dangers of communism.
Patron - Freitas

F HB2196 Public schools; student discipline; Restorative Schools in Virginia Pilot Program; established. Establishes the Restorative Schools in Virginia Pilot Program (the Program), to be administered by the Department of Education (the Department), for the purpose of addressing school discipline issues and promoting evidence-based restorative practices, as that term is defined in the bill, in public schools in the Commonwealth by awarding grants to a school division in each superintendent's region in the Commonwealth to be used in developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to integrate evidence-based restorative practices in such school divisions in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The bill directs the Department to (i) develop the application process by which a school board may apply to receive funds pursuant to the Program; (ii) establish criteria for the selection and award of grants pursuant to the Program; and (iii) develop a process for evaluating the progress and performance of each school division selected to receive a grant pursuant to the Program in implementing such evidence-based restorative practices and satisfying the Program requirements set forth in the bill. The bill requires any such school division to (a) establish a learning collaborative for the purpose of developing a comprehensive plan for implementing evidence-based restorative practices in accordance with the provisions of the bill and (b) submit to the Department by July 1 of each year immediately following any year for which it receives a grant a report on its progress in implementing such evidence-based restorative practices for the preceding school year. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - McQuinn

F HB2231 Public schools; Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program established. Establishes the Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program, to be administered and managed by the Department of the Treasury pursuant to guidelines developed by the Board of Education in collaboration with the Department of the Treasury, for the purpose of ensuring that all children in the Commonwealth have access to quality educational opportunities by annually awarding a grant in the amount of $5,000 per eligible student, as that term is outlined in the bill, for up to 10,000 eligible students each year. The bill requires the grant funds awarded pursuant to the Program to be used to support qualified educational expenses of attending an accredited private school in the Commonwealth, as enumerated by the bill. The bill also (i) directs the Board of Education, in collaboration with the Department of the Treasury, to develop guidelines for the implementation and administration of the Program; (ii) requires the Board of Education to develop and make available to each school board and each school board to make available to parents at the start of each school year informational materials relating to the Program; and (iii) requires the Department of Education to annually collect data on and include as a part of the Board of Education's Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia the total student participation in the Program.
Patron - Cherry

F HB2257 School safety; employment of school security officers; criteria. Modifies the criteria that an individual employed as a school security officer, as defined by applicable law, must satisfy in order to carry a firearm in the performance of his duties by eliminating the requirement that within 10 years immediately prior to being hired, he was either an active law-enforcement officer, as defined by applicable law, in the Commonwealth or was employed by a law-enforcement agency of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof. The bill instead requires any such individual to be age 75 or younger at the time he is hired to be a school security officer, in addition to the other requirements set forth in applicable law, in order to carry a firearm in the performance of his duties.
Patron - Kent

F HB2286 Department of Education; paid parental and family leave program for certain school board employees. Requires the Department of Education (the Department) to establish and administer a paid parental and family leave program in which school boards may opt to participate and by which any individual employed full time for at least the immediately preceding three months by such a participating school board shall, after submitting to the school board an application form approved by the Department and with such supporting documentation as may be required by the Department, receive six weeks of paid leave at 50 percent of the employee's regular salary to care for a family member facing a serious health condition or emergency or six weeks of paid leave at 100 percent of the employee's regular salary following the birth, adoption, or foster placement of such employee's child, with certain terms and conditions set forth in the bill. The bill provides that the program shall be funded with such funds as may be provided pursuant to the general appropriation act and that the Department shall reimburse participating school boards for paid parental leave and paid family leave provided pursuant to the program.
Patron - Coyner

F HB2287 Guidelines and policies on school-connected overdose; response and parental notification. Adjusts the contents of the guidelines that the Board of Education is required to establish for school-connected overdose response and parental notification policies by requiring such guidelines to include guidance and model language for the development and implementation of a policy requiring each school board to provide within 24 hours of any school-connected overdose notification to the parent of each student within the local school division and criteria for ensuring sensitivity to the privacy interests of affected individuals in issuing such notification. The bill also requires each school board to notify the parent of each student in the local school division of any school-connected overdose within 24 hours of the overdose occurring in accordance with the guidance and criteria provided by the Board of Education.
Patron - Coyner

F HB2291 Public schools; textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials. Makes several changes relating to the textbooks and other high-quality instructional

materials that are utilized as the curriculum basis for public elementary and secondary school student instruction, including (i) defining such term for the purpose of various laws and regulations relating to approval, procurement, and no-cost provision of such materials; (ii) requiring each local school board to adopt and implement textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials in English language arts for grades six through 12 and mathematics, science, and history and social studies for grades kindergarten through 12 and requiring the Department of Education to support such local adoption and implementation in several ways, including by consolidating and simplifying the applications for all state and federal programs that provide funding to local school boards into a single application; and (iii) requiring each education preparation program offered by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education or alternative certification program that provides training for any student seeking initial licensure by the Board of Education with an endorsement in early/primary education preschool through grade three, elementary education preschool through grade six, middle education grades six through eight, and secondary education grades six through 12 to include a program of coursework and clinical experience and require all such students to demonstrate mastery in identifying and implementing textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials.
Patron - Coyner

F **HB2295** **Public elementary and secondary schools; student discipline; reports of certain acts to law enforcement and parents; failure to make required reports prohibited; penalty.** Makes (i) the failure of any principal to report, in accordance with applicable law, incidents involving certain school-based offenses to (a) law enforcement or (b) the parent of any minor student who is the specific object of such an incident a Class 3 misdemeanor and (ii) any subsequent conviction under the provisions of the bill or any conviction for a substantially similar offense under the law of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, any state or territory of the United States or any political subdivision thereof, the District of Columbia, or the United States a Class 2 misdemeanor.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2297** **School boards; employment of school resource officers in each public elementary and secondary school.** Requires each school board to enter into a collaborative agreement with the local law-enforcement agency to employ at least one school resource officer in each public elementary and secondary school in the local school division and provides that no school board shall be granted any full or partial waiver from such staffing requirements. The bill contains a contingent effective date that states that the foregoing requirement shall become effective beginning with the fiscal year in which funding has been provided pursuant to the general appropriation act to fully fund such requirement.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2304** **Parents who provide home instruction; options for providing evidence of progress.** Clarifies that any parent who elects to provide home instruction for his child may elect to provide, for the purpose of satisfying the requirement to provide the division superintendent with evidence of the child's progress, any evaluation or assessment that the division superintendent determines to indicate that the child is achieving an adequate level of educational growth and progress.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2338** **Public education; concurrent enrollment; high school graduation.** Makes several changes relating to graduation from a public high school in the Commonwealth, including (i) eliminating the requirement for a student to complete one virtual course in order to graduate from high school and (ii) specifying that various career and technical education credentials earned for the purpose of satisfying high school graduation requirements are required to be high-demand career and technical education credentials. The bill also defines and thereby distinguishes the concepts of dual enrollment and concurrent enrollment in the context of high school students' participation in college-level coursework and requires the agreements for postsecondary attainment between school boards and comprehensive community colleges and certain other educational institutions to specify the credit available for dual enrollment and concurrent enrollment courses. The provisions of the bill amending the requirements for such agreements and for certain parental notification plans have a delayed effective date of August 1, 2026.
Patron - Batten

F **HB2353** **Discharge plans; copies to public elementary and secondary schools.** Provides that, prior to the discharge of any minor admitted to inpatient treatment (i) who is a student at a public elementary or secondary school and (ii) for whom the facility deems (a) such discharge poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself and others or (b) additional educational services are needed, such facility is required to provide to the school's mental health professional or school counselor the portions of such discharge plan relevant to the threat of violence or harm or the necessary additional educational services. The bill requires such facility to, prior to providing any such portions of any minor's discharge plan, provide to the parent of such minor student reasonable notice of the types of information that would be included in any portions of the discharge plan being provided and of the parent's right to, upon written request, refuse the provision of any such information.
Patron - Wilt

F **HB2364** **Advanced Emergency Training and First Aid Equipment Grant Fund and Program established.** Establishes the Advanced Emergency Training and First Aid Equipment Grant Fund and Program for the purpose of awarding grants from the Fund on a merit-based, competitive basis to school divisions to cover the cost of advanced emergency training of school board employees whose positions involve regular interaction with students and to purchase emergency first aid equipment for schools in the school division.
Patron - Wilt

F **HB2373** **Public elementary and secondary school students; parents' bill of rights established.** Establishes, consistent with § 1-240.1 of the Code of Virginia, several enumerated rights for the parents of each public elementary or secondary school student in the Commonwealth, including the right to review any books, curricula, or instructional materials being taught or made available to their child and the right to be notified of any situation that directly affects their child's safety at school.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2381** **National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund; eligibility; incentive grant awards.** Renames the National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund as the National Board Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund, expands eligibility for incentive grant awards from such Fund pursuant to such Program from solely teachers who have obtained national certification from the National Board for Professional

Teaching Standards to (i) all public school staff who are candidates for initial national certification or maintenance of national certification to cover certain costs of obtaining or maintaining such certification and (ii) all public school staff who have successfully obtained or maintained such certification. The bill also declares as eligible for an annual incentive grant award in the amount of $7,500 all public school staff who have obtained or maintained such certification and an additional $2,500 in any year during the life of certificate in which the public school staff member is employed in a Title 1 school. Current law declares as eligible for an annual incentive grant award of $5,000 in the first year and $2,500 in each subsequent year all teachers who have obtained or maintained such certification.
Patron - Maldonado

F **HB2400 Public elementary and secondary school libraries; model policies for review of print and audiovisual materials; sexually explicit visual content prohibited.** Requires the Department of Education to develop and make available to each school board model policies prohibiting any school library in any public elementary or secondary school from obtaining or possessing any print or audiovisual materials that contain sexually explicit visual content, as that term is defined in the bill. The bill requires such model policies to (i) require the review of any print or audiovisual material that is (a) made available to any such school for placement in any school library or (b) accessible to students in any school library for the purpose of determining whether such material contains sexually explicit visual content; (ii) provide for the removal or exclusion from any school library of any print or audiovisual material that, upon review, is determined to contain sexually explicit visual content; and (iii) establish guidelines for implementing such policies in accordance with the provisions of the bill to ensure compliance with the First Amendment to the Constitution of United States and Article 1, Section 12 of the Constitution of Virginia. The bill requires each school board to adopt policies that are consistent with but may be more comprehensive than the model policies adopted by the Department of Education pursuant to the bill. Finally, the bill amends the exception in current law to the prohibition of certain sales and loans to juveniles for the purchase, distribution, exhibition, or loan of certain materials to schools to clarify that the exception does not apply in the case of public school libraries as provided in the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2403 School boards; panic alarm systems in each school required.** Requires each school board to equip each public elementary and secondary school building in the local school division with a panic alarm system that includes at least one panic alarm device in each classroom or other room in the building in which students will be present and that adheres to nationally recognized industry standards. The bill defines "panic alarm system" as a silent security system by which the user manually activates a device that sends a non-audible signal to the local 9-1-1 public safety answering point that indicates a school security emergency that requires immediate response and assistance from such public safety answering point, including a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, medical emergency, or active shooter situation. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2416 Attorneys and assistant attorneys for the Commonwealth to prosecute cases involving compulsory school attendance.** Provides that the attorney for the Commonwealth and assistant attorney for the Commonwealth of the several counties and cities may, in their discretion, prosecute all cases involving compulsory school attendance pursuant to relevant law. Current law states that it shall be the duty of the attorneys for the Commonwealth of the several counties and cities to prosecute such cases.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2418 Certain applicants for employment in public schools; certain official documentation required.** Directs each school board to require on its application for employment for any individual whose position will involve the provision of direct instruction or support to elementary school students or students with disabilities, whether on a full-time or part-time or on a permanent or temporary basis, official documentation of the individual's criminal, educational, and employment history for at least the immediately preceding three years.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2424 School-connected overdoses; policies relating to parental notification and response; requirements.** Expands current law relating to school-connected overdose parental notification and response policies by, in addition to requiring the Board of Education to establish guidelines for school-connected overdose response and parental notification policies, requiring (i) each division superintendent or his designee to notify the parent of each student in the local school division of any suspected school-connected overdose, with school-connected overdose defined as any verified overdose that occurs on school premises during or after regular school hours or during school-sanctioned activities whether on or off school premises, within 24 hours of learning of the suspected overdose and requiring such notification to include as much information as is known about the circumstances surrounding the suspected overdose, to the extent that the disclosure of any such information is not prohibited by any applicable laws, rules, or regulations relating to the disclosure and protection of a minor's personal, confidential, or otherwise sensitive information, and (ii) each local school board to adopt, implement, and maintain policies consistent with the provisions of the bill and the guidelines developed by the Board of Education.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2439 Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact.** Enters the Commonwealth into the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact, the purpose of which is to facilitate the mobility of teachers across the member states, with the goal of supporting teachers through a new pathway to licensure. The Compact is presently in effect, as it has reached the enactment threshold of 10 state members.
Patron - Glass

F **HB2440 Health education and family life education; certain videos and animations relating to human development inside the uterus.** Requires health education instruction to include an oral, written, or digital lesson, lecture, or presentation about human biology relating to pregnancy and human development inside the uterus, including (i) a high-definition ultrasound video, at least three minutes in duration, showing the development of the brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in early fetal development and (ii) a high-quality, computer-generated rendering or animation showing the process of fertilization and every stage of human development inside the uterus, noting significant markers in cell growth and organ development for each significant marker of pregnancy until birth. The bill requires any family life education curriculum or similar curriculum offered by a local school division that includes any oral, written, or digital lesson, lecture, or presentation about sexual activity and pregnancy in

the context of student health or healthy relationships to also include such a video and rendering or animation.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2451 Early childhood care and education; Child Care Subsidy Program; income-based eligibility for assistance; development and implementation of phased reduction model.** Requires the Department of Education (the Department) to develop and implement a phased reduction model for the Child Care Subsidy Program (the Program) that provides for an assistance phase-out period during which the assistance for which a given family is eligible is incrementally reduced in proportion to the increase in such family's income for the purpose of ensuring that no family receiving child care assistance under the Program experiences a sudden loss in eligibility for assistance as a result of an increase in family income. The bill requires the phased reduction model developed and implemented by the Department to consist of incremental income tiers, with each increase in income tier corresponding to a proportional reduction in the percentage of assistance for which a given family is eligible under the Program. The bill directs the Board of Education to (i) promulgate regulations for the development and implementation of the phased reduction model in accordance with the provisions of the bill and (ii) submit to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services any amendments to the current Child Care and Development Fund Plan for Virginia as are necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Glass

F **HB2471 Expansion of Medicaid services for students at public schools; certain platforms, surveys, and analyses; report.** Requires the Department of Education to enter into one or more statewide contracts with providers of a platform for Medicaid billing for reimbursable services rendered at school sites that any school board may utilize at no cost to facilitate, track, and coordinate such billing. The bill requires the Department of Education to survey each local school division to determine which school divisions bill Medicaid for reimbursable services rendered at school sites, the types of services that are billed, and the amounts for which such services are billed and to report its findings to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the School Health Services Committee no later than August 1, 2025. The bill also requires the School Health Services Committee to collaborate with local school divisions and such other stakeholders as it deems necessary to identify barriers to Medicaid billing for reimbursable services rendered at school sites in each local school division, with a particular focus on local school divisions in which such Medicaid billing is unutilized or underutilized.
Patron - Rasoul

F **HB2511 Nationally Certified School Psychologist Program established; incorporation into National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund.** Establishes the Nationally Certified School Psychologist Program and incorporates such program into the existing National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program. The bill also renames the National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program Fund as the National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Nationally Certified School Psychologist Program Fund (the Fund) and expands the purpose for which disbursements may be made from the Fund to include the award of incentive grants to school psychologists obtaining national certification from the National Association of School Psychologists consisting of an initial state-funded award of $5,000 and a subsequent award of $2,500 each year for the life of the certificate.
Patron - Taylor

F **HB2538 Public education; early childhood care and education; funding formula calculations; Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established; report.** Requires the Department of Education to (i) establish and maintain a funding formula for the provision of early childhood care and education services that establishes the minimum funding and number of slots per biennium for such providers based on a cost of quality rate per child, actual data from the prior year, unserved waitlists, and a multiplier based on enrollment and parent demand growth in prior biennia; (ii) make disbursements from the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund, established in the bill, to support the provision of early childhood care and education services in accordance with the funding formula set forth in the bill; and (iii) submit to the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education a report on the status of the Fund, including the data used to calculate the minimum funding and number of slots per biennium established pursuant to the funding formula. The bill requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit to the General Assembly by November 1 of each year a report on Fund revenues, distributions, and balances. The bill contains a reenactment clause.
Patron - Bulova

F **HB2551 Home instruction; parents; criteria.** Removes the four enumerated criteria—holding a high school diploma, being a teacher of qualifications prescribed by the Board of Education, providing the child with a program of study or curriculum that may be delivered through a correspondence course or distance learning program or in any other manner, or providing evidence of the ability to provide an adequate education for the child—by which a parent is permitted to provide home instruction for his school-age child. The bill does not affect the requirement for such a parent to annually provide a description of the home instruction curriculum before the school year begins and evidence of the child's academic progress after the school year ends.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2583 Celeste's Law; Board of Education; model policy; school bathroom safety checks.** Requires the Board of Education to develop, adopt, and distribute to each local school board a model policy regarding bathroom safety checks in public elementary and secondary schools during normal school hours that includes consideration of appropriate staffing, the frequency of such checks, and any other topics that the Board of Education deems relevant.
Patron - Cordoza

F **HB2584 School boards; employment of counsel.** Clarifies that any school board, whether elected or appointed, may employ the attorney for the Commonwealth or other counsel to advise it concerning any legal matter or to represent it, any member thereof, or any school official in any legal proceeding to which the school board, member, or official may be a party when such proceeding is instituted by or against the school board or against the member or official by virtue of his actions in connection with his duties as such member or official.
Patron - Cordoza

F **HB2608 History Education Advisory Board established.** Establishes the 32-member History Education Advisory Board to advise the Governor, his cabinet members, the Board of Education, and the General Assembly on the current ways in which African American, Asian American,

Pacific Islander, Latino, Indigenous, Women's, and LGBTQ+ history are described in the relevant Standards of Learning and associated curriculum frameworks; how that content is taught in classrooms; and strategies to develop African American history and social studies elective courses, Asian American and Pacific Islander history and social studies elective courses, Latino history and social studies elective courses, Indigenous history and social studies elective courses, Women's history and social studies elective courses, and LGBTQ+ history and social studies elective courses.
Patron - Convirs-Fowler

F **HB2620 School boards; certain examinations to be made available to students who satisfy compulsory school attendance requirements.** Requires school boards to make Advanced Placement (AP), Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), and PreACT examinations available to any student whose parents satisfy the compulsory attendance requirements set forth in relevant law, including by having the student taught by a tutor or teacher of qualifications prescribed by the Board of Education and approved by the division superintendent.

Patron - Oates

F **HB2661 Public schools; student enrollment; recruitment prohibited.** Prohibits any school board, school board member, or school board employee from recruiting or otherwise incentivizing a student who resides outside of the local school division to enroll in a public school in such local school division.
Patron - O'Quinn

F **HB2706 Reports of certain incidents to school officials; recipients; subsequent reports to law enforcement.** Requires reports of eight enumerated types of school-related incidents, including incidents involving alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance, an imitation controlled substance, or an anabolic steroid on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity, including the theft or attempted theft of student prescription medications, to be made to the members of the school board in addition to the requirement in current law to report such incidents to the division superintendent and the principal or his designee. The bill also requires the school principal to subsequently report some such incidents that may involve a criminal offense to the local law-enforcement agency as soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours after receiving the report of the incident. Current law requires such reports to be made immediately but does not establish a reporting deadline of any specific length.
Patron - Runion

F **HB2731 Virtual Virginia; availability to every public middle school in the Commonwealth.** Requires Virtual Virginia to be made available to every public middle school in the Commonwealth. Under current law, Virtual Virginia is only required to be made available to every public high school in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2733 Department of Education; statewide mobile application for student reporting of suspicious activity.** Requires the Department of Education, with such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act or provided from any other source, and alone or in partnership with another state agency or a nonprofit organization, or a combination thereof, to develop or procure a multiplatform compatible mobile application that is made available at no cost to each public elementary and secondary school student and that permits each such student to report suspicious activity, including by attaching screenshots, other photographs, and videos, to the appropriate school and local law-enforcement officials for analysis and potential response. The bill requires the Department to assist each school board to coordinate student awareness of and access to such mobile application but provides that no school board shall bear any cost or additional administrative burden relating to such mobile application.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2765 Department of Education; statewide anonymous student reporting mobile application.** Requires the Department of Education, with such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act or provided from any other source, and alone or in partnership with another state agency or a nonprofit organization, or a combination thereof, to (i) develop or procure a multiplatform compatible mobile application that permits any public elementary and secondary school student to submit anonymous reports relating to the health or safety of self or others, including threats of violence that are made on social media; (ii) train or contract for the training of individuals to respond to each such anonymous report in a timely and effective manner, including responding to the student and notifying the appropriate school official, local law-enforcement agency, or public safety answering point (PSAP), as that term is defined in relevant law; (iii) train students, parents, PSAP responders, law-enforcement officials, and school officials throughout the Commonwealth on the proper use of such mobile application; and (iv) provide permissible users with access to such mobile application at no cost.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2770 School safety procedures; emergency situations; annual training; safety grants.**
Patron - Garrett

F **HB2772 Public schools; textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials.**
Patron - Convirs-Fowler

F **SB749 K-12 schools and institutions of higher education; student participation in women's sports; civil cause of action.** Requires each interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural, or club athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, or any other school that is a member of the Virginia High School League, or by a public institution of higher education to be expressly designated as one of the following based on the biological sex of the students who participate on the team or in the sport: (i) males, men, or boys; (ii) females, women, or girls; or (iii) coed or mixed if participation on such team or sport is open to both males and females. The bill requires that the biological sex of any student seeking to participate on such an expressly designated team be affirmed by a signed physician's statement. The bill prohibits any such team or sport that is expressly designated for females from being open to students whose biological sex is male.

The bill prohibits any government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, or athletic association or organization from entertaining a complaint, opening an investigation, or taking any other adverse action against any such school or institution of higher education based on a violation of the provisions of the bill and creates a cause of action for any school or institution of higher education that suffers harm as a result of a violation of the bill. Finally, the bill creates a civil cause of action for any student who suffers harm as a result of a knowing violation of a provision of the bill by a school or institution or as a result of the student's reporting a violation of

a provision of the bill by a school, institution, athletic association, or organization.

Patron - Mulchi

F **SB753** **Standards of Quality; Standards of Learning assessments in languages other than English; development and administration.** Requires (i) the Board of Education to develop Standards of Learning assessments in native languages other than English that are most commonly spoken in the Commonwealth; (ii) each school board to make available any such native language assessment to any English language learner student who speaks any such language natively and is identified as having limited English proficiency; (iii) the English language learner faculty at any such student's school to make the final determination as to whether administration of any such native language assessment is appropriate; and (iv) the provisions of the bill to be implemented by the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Education to submit to the U.S. Department of Education by August 1, 2025 any amendments to its consolidated plan under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, that are necessary to implement its provisions.

Patron - Favola

F **SB755** **School safety; employment of school security officers; criteria.** Modifies the criteria that an individual employed as a school security officer, as defined by applicable law, must satisfy in order to carry a firearm in the performance of his duties by eliminating the requirement that within 10 years immediately prior to being hired, he was either an active law-enforcement officer, as defined by applicable law, in the Commonwealth or was employed by a law-enforcement agency of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof. The bill instead requires any such individual to be age 75 or younger at the time he is hired to be a school security officer, in addition to the other requirements set forth in applicable law, in order to carry a firearm in the performance of his duties.

Patron - Mulchi

F **SB756** **Public education; early childhood care and education; funding formula calculations; Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established; report.** Requires the Department of Education to (i) establish and maintain a funding formula for the provision of early childhood care and education services that establishes the minimum funding and number of slots per biennium for such providers based on a cost of quality rate per child, actual data from the prior year, unserved waitlists, and a multiplier based on enrollment and parent demand growth in prior biennia; (ii) make disbursements from the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund (the Fund), established in the bill, to support the provision of early childhood care and education services in accordance with the funding formula set forth in the bill; (iii) make certain funding calculations, in consultation with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, to be included in the funding formula, for the purpose of determining the number of slots to be added to support local or regional economic development efforts; and (iv) submit to the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education a report on the status of the Fund, including the data used to calculate the minimum funding and number of slots per biennium established pursuant to the funding formula. The bill requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit to the Generally Assembly by November 1 of each year a report on Fund revenues, distributions, and balances.

Patron - Locke

F **SB786** **Nationally Certified School Psychologist Program established; incorporation into National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund.** Establishes the Nationally Certified School Psychologist Program and incorporates such program into the existing National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program. The bill also renames the National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program Fund as the National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Nationally Certified School Psychologist Program Fund (the Fund) and expands the purpose for which disbursements may be made from the Fund to include the award of incentive grants to school psychologists obtaining national certification from the National Association of School Psychologists consisting of an initial state-funded award of $5,000 and a subsequent award of $2,500 each year for the life of the certificate.

Patron - Mulchi

F **SB820** **Public schools; Virginia School Improvement Grant Program established; report.** Establishes the Virginia School Improvement Grant Program (the Program) for the purpose of providing additional support to public schools identified based on their school performance score as "off track" or "needs intensive support," as those terms are defined by the bill, by awarding three-year grants to eligible schools for the development and implementation of school improvement plans. The bill (i) provides that the Department of Education shall be responsible for the administration of the Program and that the Office of School Improvement shall be responsible for the implementation and oversight of the Program; (ii) provides that any public school identified as "off track" or "needs intensive support" is eligible to apply for such three-year grant disbursed in annual installments; and (iii) permits any participating school that is identified as "off track" or "needs intensive support" for the school year coinciding with or subsequent to such participating school's final year in the three-year grant period to reapply for another grant pursuant to the Program. The bill requires any eligible school, in order to receive any grant funds pursuant to the Program, to develop and submit a school improvement plan or, in the case of a participating school receiving a grant upon reapplication pursuant to clause (iii), a revised school improvement plan outlining specific strategies for improving academic outcomes and addressing identified performance gaps for such school.

Patron - Favola

F **SB829** **Public school teachers; teacher compensation; Professionally Licensed Teacher Supplemental Pay Program established.** Establishes the Professionally Licensed Teacher Supplemental Pay Program (the Program) for the purpose of addressing shortages of professionally licensed teachers and reducing reliance on provisionally licensed teachers in public schools in the Commonwealth by providing, with such funds as are appropriated for such purpose, an annual supplemental payment to each professionally licensed teacher, as that term is defined by the bill, employed in any high-vacancy public school in the Commonwealth, defined as any public school that, based on the most recent data in the positions and exits collection, has a teacher vacancy rate that places it in the top 10 percent of public schools with the highest teacher vacancy rates in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Department of Education to administer and oversee the Program and, in doing so, requires it to (i) identify and develop a list, every four years, of each high-vacancy public school in the Commonwealth; (ii) ensure that, each year, such funds are disbursed in a timely manner and in an amount sufficient to provide the supplemental payment to each professionally

licensed teacher employed in a high-vacancy public school in each school division; and (iii) annually submit to the Governor and publish on its website a report detailing the effect of the Program on recruitment and retention of professionally licensed teachers and the overall success of the Program in addressing teacher vacancy rates.
Patron - Locke

F **SB855 Board of Education; Standards of Learning assessments and related student assessment methods; assessment development, implementation, and administration reform.** Modifies provisions relating to assessment methods for determining the level of achievement of the Standards of Learning objectives by all students, including (i) requirements relating to assessment administration aimed at maximizing instructional time and optimizing time used for assessment administration; (ii) criteria and guidelines for the structure and content of Standards of Learning assessments and alternative assessments developed by local school boards, including criteria for the types of assessment items that shall be included; (iii) provisions relating to eligibility and timelines for students to retake assessments; and (iv) the scoring of Standards of Learning assessments and related assessments, including a requirement that all such assessments be scored on a 100-point scale. The bill requires the Board of Education to provide any teacher who participates in the scoring of Standards of Learning assessments professional development points toward renewal of his license for the time spent scoring such assessments. The bill also requires the Board of Education to develop and make available to each school board certain templates and guidelines relating to assessment content and structure and assessment scoring.
Patron - VanValkenburg

F **SB859 School boards; policies relating to volunteer student life counseling and support services; guidelines and requirements.** Permits any school board to adopt a policy permitting certain individuals or groups to provide, on a volunteer basis, student life counseling or support services, as defined by the bill, on school property after regular school hours, in accordance with the requirements in the bill. The bill (i) requires a school board to hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed policy prior to adopting such policy, to ensure that each student is free from pressure from the Commonwealth to engage in or refrain from religious observation on school property, and to ensure that the constitutional principles of freedom of religion and separation of church and state are observed at all times and (ii) requires such policy (a) to include background and criminal records check requirements for individuals volunteering to provide such support services; (b) to require written parental consent before any minor student participates in or receives such support services; (c) to require any approved individual or group to include on materials provided to students and parents information a parent or student may need in order to provide full and informed consent; (d) to be neutral with regard to religious preference, affiliation, or belief, or lack thereof, in the approval of an individual or group to provide such services and in the administration, oversight, or supervision of such services; and (e) to ensure that no such services are provided during regular school hours or in any manner that could cause conflict with instructional time.
Patron - Reeves

F **SB898 Teachers; employment and licensure; locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credentials.** Establishes, enumerates criteria for, and permits a division superintendent or a comprehensive community college to issue a locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credential, valid for a period not to exceed three years, to any individual who demonstrates expertise in content or subject matter area in order for such individual to provide instruction or coursework in a corresponding non-core subject or course, as that term is defined in the bill, in grades six through 12 at any public school in the Commonwealth or at a comprehensive community college in the Commonwealth, including dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment courses. The bill delineates the criteria for issuance of such locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credential. The bill also contains several provisions relating to the employment of individuals under a locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credential, including (i) permitting any school division or institution of higher education to hire any such individual on a full-time or part-time basis to teach a non-core subject or course; (ii) requiring any such individual to be subject to a background clearance check and the fingerprinting and criminal history records check requirements required as a condition of employment of any applicant who is offered or accepts employment at a school division pursuant to applicable law; (iii) requiring each employing school board to assign an individual employed by such school board as a mentor to supervise any individual issued a subject matter expert teaching credential; and (iv) permitting any division superintendent to renew an individual's locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credential for a period not to exceed three additional years, provided that such individual receives satisfactory performance evaluations for each year of the original three-year locally awarded subject matter teaching credential. Finally, the bill requires each school division to annually report to the Department of Education the number of locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credentials issued for part-time and full-time teaching positions.
Patron - Craig

F **SB931 Obscene materials; restrictions on purchase, distribution, exhibition, or loan; exceptions; libraries and schools.** Modifies the exception to restrictions on the purchase, distribution, exhibition, or loan of any book, magazine, or other printed or manuscript material that contains obscene materials by providing that schools supported by public appropriation are not subject to the exception and limiting the exception applicable to libraries supported by public appropriation only to obscene material that is available exclusively in a section of the library to which access is restricted by age.
Patron - Head

F **SB977 Public schools; Standards of Quality; certain calculations; support services.** Requires the Department of Education (the Department) (i) in calculating nonpersonal costs in the Standards of Quality funding formula, to include the costs associated with work-related employee travel and leased facilities; (ii) in calculating the deduction of federal funds in the Standards of Quality funding formula, to examine actual school division spending on support costs as a percentage of actual school division spending on all public education costs, with certain exceptions such as food service; (iii) in calculating the costs in the Standards of Quality funding formula beginning with fiscal year 2029, to include all employee benefit costs incurred by a majority of school divisions; (iv) in calculating the cost of salaries under the Standards of Quality funding formula, to include facilities staff and transportation staff salaries in the calculation of any cost of competing adjustment to salaries for instructional and support positions; and (v) in estimating the cost of any compensation supplement for instruction and support positions under the Standards of Quality funding formula, to include and estimate the cost of such a compensation supplement for facilities staff. The bill also prohibits the Department from applying any cap

on inflation rate adjustments to non-personal cost categories during the biennial process of re-benchmarking the aid to the public education budget. The bill (a) requires a per-pupil Standards of Quality funding add-on to be provided for each special education student; (b) requires support services positions to be funded based on a calculation of prevailing costs and prohibits such positions from being subject to any method of funding calculation that caps the number of funded support services positions based on a ratio of such positions to students enrolled in the school division, with the exception of certain support services positions enumerated in the bill; and (c) establishes the At-Risk Program for the purpose of supporting programs and services for students who are educationally at-risk, including programs and services of prevention, intervention, or remediation.

Patron - Hashmi

F **SB978** **Public elementary and secondary education; Office of Mathematics Improvement established; mathematics improvement and advancement policies and programs.** Establishes several new programs and policies for the purpose of improving mathematics instruction and student learning outcomes in public elementary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth, including (i) directing the Department of Education (the Department) to establish the Office of Mathematics Improvement (the Office) as an office within the Department; (ii) directing the Director of the Office, in collaboration with the Department, to establish an Elementary School Mathematics Advisory Task Force, a Middle School Mathematics Advisory Task Force, and a High School Mathematics Advisory Task Force; (iii) creating several grant programs aimed at incentivizing, encouraging, and expanding opportunities for improving mathematics instruction for educators and mathematics learning outcomes for students, including the Summer Mathematics Intervention Grant Program, the Advance Placement Mathematics Exam Fee Elimination Fund and Program, the Mathematics Improvement and School Support Grant Program, and the Advanced Mathematics Teacher Incentive and Support Grant Program; (iv) making several changes to staffing requirements relating to teachers providing mathematics instruction, including creating a mathematics specialist microcredential program and establishing staffing ratios for mathematics specialists in public schools and permitting schools to use state funding appropriated to support meeting such staffing ratios to support teachers in completing the professional development or training necessary to receive the requisite licensure or endorsements; and (v) requiring the Department to expand the advanced mathematics courses offered through Virtual Virginia, as established pursuant to applicable law, for the purpose of ensuring that students attending public schools across the Commonwealth have access to a full range of advanced mathematics courses. The bill also (a) directs the Board of Education (the Board) to modify its regulations to increase the flexibility of receiving an Algebra I add-on endorsement for teachers; (b) directs the Board, in collaboration with the Office, to develop and approve a Geometry add-on endorsement for teachers; (c) requires the development and dissemination of various guidance documents for school boards and school counselors and online training programs and modules for educators relating to expanding and encouraging mathematics instruction and education, particularly advanced mathematics instruction and education; and (d) requires the Department to compile and post in a publicly accessible location on its website by August 1 of each year a report detailing the impact of the provisions of the bill on expanding mathematics offerings and improving mathematics learning outcomes in public schools across the Commonwealth. The bill provides timelines for modifying regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB979** **Department of Education; public school accountability; delayed implementation and review of revised public school accountability system; report; emergency.** Directs the Department of Education to delay for a period of one year the implementation of the revised public school accountability system adopted pursuant to applicable Board of Education regulations in order to conduct a review of and establish a stakeholder advisory committee to solicit input on such revised public school accountability system for the purpose of ensuring that such accountability system is designed to achieve fair, transparent, and actionable results aimed at improving student growth and learning outcomes across the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Department to, by April 1, 2026, (i) publish a report on the process and findings of the review conducted in accordance with the provisions of the bill and (ii) submit to the Governor, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the House Committee on Education a plan for modifying and implementing the revised public school accountability system that incorporates the findings of the review conducted and the input from the stakeholder advisory committee established in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The bill contains an emergency clause.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1031** **Public elementary and secondary schools; compulsory attendance requirements; religious exemption; requirements.** Amends the provisions permitting any child and his parents to receive an exemption from school attendance by reason of bona fide religious training or belief, as defined in relevant law, to require the parent of any such child, in order to receive such exemption, to provide (i) evidence of the parent's ability to provide an adequate education for his child; (ii) notice to the division superintendent by August 15 of each year, or as soon as practicable in the event that such child and his parents move into the school division or seek to receive an exemption after the start of the school year, of such child and his parents' intention to receive such an exemption and certification that the child will receive an alternative form of instruction, including a description of the curriculum to be studied in the coming year; and (iii) evidence of the child's progress in accordance with the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Pekarsky

F **SB1033** **Local school boards; powers and duties; binding arbitration agreements.** Permits any school board to enter into a written agreement to submit any existing controversy to binding arbitration and to execute a contract, including a collective bargaining agreement, that contains a provision to submit to binding arbitration any controversy arising thereunder. This bill is incorporated into SB 917.
Patron - Pekarsky

F **SB1063** **Department of Education; Virginia Community College System; College and Career Ready Virginia Program.** Makes the following changes to the College and Career Ready Virginia Program (the Program) and the duties of certain entities relating to the Program: (i) modifies the provisions requiring both the Virginia Community College System (the System) and the Online Virginia Network Authority to offer each school board access to certain courses, including virtual courses, at each high school by eliminating all references to the Online Virginia Network Authority, thereby requiring only the System to offer each school board such courses pursuant to the Program; (ii)

provides that the provisions of the Program requiring the System to offer each school board access to certain programs at no cost to the school board do not apply to any advance college academy or early college academy; (iii) removes from the membership of the advisory committee that the Department of Education and the System are directed to establish pursuant to applicable law representatives of Richard Bland College and representatives of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; and (iv) delays from course registration for the fall term of the 2025 academic year to course registration for the fall term of the 2026 academic year the effective date of provisions of applicable law requiring the System to offer each school board access to certain courses.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1066** **Programs of instruction; family life education; instruction on human reproduction; inclusion of certain materials relating to human gestation required.** Requires the curriculum guidelines developed by the Board of Education for a comprehensive, sequential family life education curriculum in accordance with applicable law to include, as a part of the guidelines for instruction on human reproduction, the viewing of a video recording of an ultrasound of a live human fetus in the uterus at (i) six to eight weeks' gestation, (ii) 15 to 17 weeks' gestation, and (iii) 27 weeks' gestation.
Patron - Peake

F **SB1079** **Elementary and secondary schools; athletics; participation in female sports; civil cause of action.** Requires each public elementary or secondary school and each private elementary or secondary school that competes in sponsored athletic events against such public schools to designate all athletic teams and intramural athletic teams sponsored by such school based on biological sex as follows: (i) as "males," "men," or "boys"; (ii) as "females," "women," or "girls"; or (iii) as "coed" or "mixed" if such team is open to participation by (a) males, men, or boys and (b) females, women, or girls. The bill prohibits any student whose biological sex is male and who has not physically transitioned to female prior to puberty from participating on any school athletic team or squad designated for "females," "women," or "girls." Finally, the bill creates a civil cause of action for students and schools that suffer harm as a result of a violation of the provisions of the bill, provided that such action is initiated within two years of the harm occurring.
Patron - Peake

F **SB1102** **Board of Education; programs of instruction; Safety First Comprehensive Drug Education Pilot Program established.** Establishes the Safety First Comprehensive Drug Education Pilot Program, to be administered by the Department of Education, for the purpose of providing public school students scientifically accurate, interactive, and compassionate instruction relating to drugs by providing for the implementation of the Safety First: Comprehensive Drug Education and Intervention Curriculum developed by the Halpern-Felsher REACH Lab in the Department of Pediatrics at Stanford Medicine in each public secondary school located in Superintendent's Region 7. The bill requires the Department of Education to (i) coordinate with each school board that governs a school division located in Superintendent's Region 7 to implement such curriculum; (ii) develop guidelines to assist school boards, school administrators, and instructional personnel with the implementation of such curriculum in public secondary schools located in Superintendent's Region 7; and (iii) make available to each such school board any instructional materials, curriculum guidelines, or other resources developed by the Halpern-Felsher REACH Lab for the purpose of implementing and providing instruction based on such curriculum. Finally, the bill requires the Board of Education to amend its regulation relating to the provision of health education program instruction in drugs and drug abuse to require public schools to emphasize drug prevention, intervention, and harm reduction. The Program has a sunset date of July 1, 2027.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1111** **Public schools; student support services; student personal information and data security; registration; requirements; grants; report.** Requires any student support agency, as defined by the bill, to register with the Department of Education (the Department) in order to provide any student support programs, as defined by the bill, to students enrolled in any public elementary or secondary school in the Commonwealth. The bill establishes several requirements for the registration of any student support agency relating to the protection of any student personal information collected by the student support agency, including (i) requiring such agencies to adopt certain policies, procedures, and protocols designed to ensure the continued security, integrity, and confidentiality of student personal information; (ii) requiring the Department to ensure any student support agency obtains informed consent from the parent of any student or, if such student is 18 years of age or older, the student prior to collecting or using any student personal information; (iii) requiring the Department to develop a standard memorandum of understanding and each student support agency and school board to execute a memorandum of understanding establishing authorizations and limitations relating to the transmission, collection, and use of student personal information; (iv) requiring the Department to establish and administer a grant program for the purpose of awarding grants to certain student support agencies for data security upgrades, training for staff, and third-party audits; (v) prohibiting any student support agency from using or sharing student personal information for certain purposes set forth in the bill, including sharing any such student personal information for use in targeted advertising; (vi) requiring the Department to establish certain programs and provide certain resources to support certain registered student support agencies and school boards in effectively and efficiently providing student support programs in compliance with the provisions of the bill; and (vii) requiring the Department to conduct an annual audit of a certain percentage of registered student support agencies to ensure compliance with the provisions of the bill and establishing provisions relating to consequences for failure of the audit or otherwise being found in violation of the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Williams Graves

F **SB1126** **Students with individualized education programs or Section 504 Plans; emergency protocol and guide.** Requires each individualized education program implemented for a public school student with a disability in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and each Section 504 Plan implemented for a public school student in accordance with § 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to contain an addendum that has been reviewed and signed by the student's parent and that includes a protocol for individualized accommodations and supports for the student during emergency situations at school and a step-by-step guide on how to execute such protocol. The bill requires such addendum to be provided to all of such student's teachers for implementation.
Patron - Boysko

F **SB1129** **National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund; eligibility; incentive grant awards.** Renames the National Teacher Certification

Incentive Reward Program and Fund as the National Board Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund, expands eligibility for incentive grant awards from such Fund pursuant to such Program from solely teachers who have obtained national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to (i) all public school staff who are candidates for initial national certification or maintenance of national certification to cover certain costs of obtaining or maintaining such certification and (ii) all public school staff who have successfully obtained or maintained such certification. The bill also declares as eligible for an annual incentive grant award in the amount of $7,500 all public school staff who have obtained or maintained such certification and an additional $2,500 in any year during the life of certificate in which the public school staff member is employed in a Title 1 school. Current law declares as eligible for an annual incentive grant award of $5,000 in the first year and $2,500 in each subsequent year all teachers who have obtained or maintained such certification.

Patron - Boysko

F **SB1130 School boards; school-based mental health teletherapy services; increasing accessibility of mental health teletherapy services; policies and requirements.** Directs the Department of Education (the Department) to include in the model memorandum of understanding between a school board and a nationally recognized school-based telehealth provider that it is required to develop and distribute to each school board pursuant to applicable law parameters for the provision of mental health teletherapy for students outside of regular school hours and during regular school hours on school property. The bill also requires each school board to, for the purpose of increasing the accessibility of mental health services for public school students, (i) permit any student enrolled in the school division to schedule and participate in mental health teletherapy services during regular school hours on the same basis as such students are permitted to participate in school counseling services; (ii) enter into a memorandum of understanding, consistent with the model memorandum of understanding developed by the Department, with a nationally recognized school-based telehealth provider that ensures and sets forth parameters for the provision of such mental health teletherapy services during regular school hours; (iii) develop and implement policies and procedures for permitting any student to participate in such mental health teletherapy services during regular school hours; and (iv) develop, post in a publicly accessible location on its website, and make available to all administrative and instructional personnel in the school division at the beginning of each school year informational materials relating to such mental health teletherapy policies.

Patron - Perry

F **SB1143 Discharge plans; copies to public elementary and secondary schools.** Provides that, prior to the discharge of any minor admitted to inpatient treatment (i) who is a student at a public elementary or secondary school and (ii) for whom the facility deems (a) such discharge poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself and others or (b) additional educational services are needed, such facility is required to provide to the school's mental health professional or school counselor the portions of such discharge plan relevant to the threat of violence or harm or the necessary additional educational services. The bill requires such facility to, prior to providing any such portions of any minor's discharge plan, provide to the parent of such minor student reasonable notice of the types of information that would be included in any portions of the discharge plan being provided and of the parent's right to, upon written request, refuse the provision of any such information.
Patron - Obenshain

F **SB1149 Public school funding; composite index of local ability-to-pay; use value of real estate devoted to certain uses.** Requires, for the purpose of determining the state and local shares of basic aid funding, that the composite index of local ability-to-pay utilize the use value of all applicable real estate (i) devoted to agricultural use, horticultural use, forest use, and open-space use in each locality that has adopted an ordinance by which it provides for the use valuation and taxation of such real estate and (ii) used in agricultural and forestal production within an agricultural district, forestal district, agricultural and forestal district, or agricultural and forestal district of local significance in each locality that provides for the use valuation and taxation of such real estate, regardless of whether it has adopted a local land-use plan or local ordinance for such valuation and taxation.
Patron - French

F **SB1236 Public schools; Standards of Quality; certain calculations; support services.** Requires the Department of Education, (i) in calculating the deduction of federal funds in the Standards of Quality funding formula, to examine actual school division spending on support costs as a percentage of actual school division spending on all public education costs, with certain exceptions such as food service, and (ii) in calculating the costs in the Standards of Quality funding formula beginning with fiscal year 2029, to include all employee benefit costs incurred by a majority of school divisions, including costs related to retirement, health care, life insurance, and payout of earned but unused leave. The bill also requires support services positions to be funded based on a calculation of prevailing costs and prohibits such positions from being subject to any method of funding calculation that caps the number of funded support services positions based on a ratio of such positions to students enrolled in the school division, with the exception of certain support services positions enumerated in the bill.
Patron - Aird

F **SB1262 Public schools; student discipline; Restorative Schools in Virginia Pilot Program; established.** Establishes the Restorative Schools in Virginia Pilot Program (the Program), to be administered by the Department of Education (the Department), for the purpose of addressing school discipline issues and promoting evidence-based restorative practices, as that term is defined in the bill, in public schools in the Commonwealth by awarding grants to an eligible school in each superintendent's region in the Commonwealth to be used in developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to integrate evidence-based restorative practices in such schools in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The bill directs the Department to (i) develop the application process by which a school board may apply on behalf of an eligible school, as defined in the bill, in the applicable school division to receive funds pursuant to the Program; (ii) establish criteria for the selection and award of grants pursuant to the Program; and (iii) develop a process for evaluating the progress and performance of each eligible school selected to receive a grant pursuant to the Program in implementing such evidence-based restorative practices and satisfying the Program requirements set forth in the bill. The bill requires any eligible school selected to receive funds pursuant to the Program, in collaboration with the applicable school board, to (a) establish a learning collaborative for the purpose of developing a comprehensive plan for implementing evidence-based restorative practices in such school in accordance with the provisions of the bill and (b) submit to the

Department by July 1 of each year a report on the school's progress in implementing such evidence-based restorative practices for the preceding school year. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.
Patron - Pekarsky

F **SB1264 Board of Education; career and technical education courses, pathways, and credentials; biennial review; report.** Requires the Board of Education and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development, with the assistance of the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement and the Virginia Office of Education Economics, the Department of Education, the Virginia Community College System, and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, to conduct, beginning with the fiscal year starting July 1, 2025, and each odd-numbered year thereafter, a biennial review of all career and technical education course, pathway, and credential offerings available to public school students across the Commonwealth for the purpose of ensuring that all such career and technical education course, pathway, and credential offerings are (i) aligned with current and emerging industry and workforce needs, demands, and standards and (ii) designed to effectively prepare students for postsecondary success through gainful employment in a high-demand industry or field, enrollment in postsecondary education, or enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. The bill requires the Board of Education and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development to develop and submit to the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Labor, and the chairs of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by October 1 of each odd-numbered year, beginning with October 1, 2025, a report on each such biennial review.
Patron - Bagby

F **SB1284 Public institutions of higher education; presence of or material aid or support to terrorist activities, organizations, and states prohibited.** Prohibits from accessing, occupying, or otherwise having a physical presence on any campus of a public institution of higher education any (i) terrorist organization, state or non-state sponsor of terrorism, or representative of a terrorist organization, as those terms are defined by the bill, or (ii) individual who, knowingly and with the intent set forth in the bill, solicits or attempts to solicit any individual to engage in terrorist activity, become a member of a terrorist organization, or provide funds or other material support or resources, as that term is defined by the bill, to support, facilitate, or aid or abet terrorist activity or a terrorist organization. The bill prohibits any public institution of higher education from (a) granting access to campus, (b) providing or facilitating the provision of funds or other material supports or resources, (c) making or facilitating the donation of material support or resources, or (d) entering into any contract providing for the exchange of services or material support or resources to any of the individuals or organizations described in clauses (i) and (ii). Finally, the bill sets forth certain exceptions for individuals that lack the requisite intent and knowledge, as set forth in the bill, to be subject to the prohibitions.
Patron - Stanley

F **SB1346 Public schools; Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program established.** Establishes the Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program, to be administered and managed by the Department of the Treasury pursuant to guidelines developed by the Board of Education in collaboration with the Department of the Treasury, for the purpose of ensuring that all children in the Commonwealth have access to quality educational opportunities by annually awarding a grant in the amount of $5,000 per eligible student, as that term is outlined in the bill, for up to 10,000 eligible students each year. The bill requires the grant funds awarded pursuant to the Program to be used to support qualified educational expenses of attending an accredited private school in the Commonwealth, as enumerated by the bill. The bill also (i) directs the Board of Education, in collaboration with the Department of the Treasury, to develop guidelines for the implementation and administration of the Program; (ii) requires the Board of Education to develop and make available to each school board and each school board to make available to parents at the start of each school year informational materials relating to the Program; and (iii) requires the Department of Education to annually collect data on and include as a part of the Board of Education's Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia the total student participation in the Program.
Patron - Jordan

F **SB1354 Department of Education; Medicaid billing navigator positions; report.** Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish within the Department of Education two Medicaid billing navigator positions for the purpose of providing school divisions with guidance and assistance to effectively navigate the laws, policies, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing Medicaid billing for reimbursable services rendered at school sites and ensuring that all school divisions are able to fully leverage Medicaid funding opportunities to enhance student health services. The bill establishes the qualifications for and duties of such navigators and requires such navigators to annually report certain data to the Secretary of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health.
Patron - Srinivasan

F **SB1381 Department of Education; mental health first aid training program.** Directs the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, to develop a mental health first aid training program consisting of an adult component and an adolescent and youth component. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1382 Department of Education; development of guidelines and information relating to virtual or online learning; public health emergencies.** Provides for the Department of Education to develop and post on its official website guidelines and information relating to virtual or online learning. Such guidelines and information shall include (i) statewide policies relating to virtual learning, (ii) the availability of online or virtual learning options and pertinent information on such options, and (iii) guidelines for educators and schools relating to online or virtual learning policies and best practices. In addition, the bill requires each K-12 school in the Commonwealth to include as a component of its annual safety audit a review of the school's plan for school closures due to public health emergencies. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1404 School boards; method of selection; election required.** Requires election as the method of selecting the members of each school board in the Commonwealth and makes several changes to eliminate provisions relating to appointed school boards. Current law requires such members

to be appointed but permits their election under certain circumstances.
Patron - Pekarsky

F **SB1414 Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program.** Establishes the Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program (the Program) to provide matching funds to employers in order to incentivize employers to contribute to the child care costs of their employees. The Program shall be administered by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (the Foundation). To participate in the Program, an employer shall agree to make child care contributions to the eligible mixed-delivery provider on behalf of the employee and shall provide any other information deemed necessary by the Foundation. To the extent funds are available, the Foundation shall issue a state match directly to such eligible mixed-delivery provider or to a third-party administrator. Program funds shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis; however, the Foundation is encouraged to prioritize awards to proposals involving contributions from small businesses. The bill requires the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation to provide an interim report to the General Assembly by September 1, 2026, and a summative report to the General Assembly by September 1, 2027, on the effectiveness and impact of the Program.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1437 Standards of Quality; class size limits; exception for certain ensemble music classes.** Exempts any ensemble music class offered in grade six from the provision limiting the size of any class offered in grades four through six to no larger than 35 students and, instead, permits any such ensemble music class to have up to 45 students.
Patron - Durant

F **SB1441 Public middle schools; programs of instruction; Middle School Mathematics Innovation Program established.** Establishes the Middle School Mathematics Innovation Program, to be administered by the Department of Education (the Department), for the purpose of assisting school divisions, in partnership with a certain provider, to be selected by the Department in accordance with criteria set forth in the bill, in the implementation of personalized, competency-based mathematics education and evidence-based mathematics learning models in mathematics courses offered in grades six through eight in any public middle school designated as a mathematics innovation school. Any public middle school may apply for the mathematics innovation school designation. The bill directs the Department to give preference to public middle schools that (i) demonstrate a need for support based on data from the immediately preceding school year on the Standards of Learning mathematics assessment results for grades six, seven, and eight; (ii) are located in rural areas; or (iii) are located in economically disadvantaged areas.
Patron - Durant

Elections

Passed

P **HB1657 Voter registration, regular periodic review of registration records; 90-day quiet period before all primary and general elections.** Requires the Department of Elections to complete not later than 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election any program the purpose of which is to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the voter registration system. This restriction is not to be construed to preclude (i) the removal of names from the voter registration system at the request of the registrant or as provided by existing law by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity or the death of the registrant or (ii) the correction of registration records pursuant to existing law. Under current law, such restriction only applies to federal primaries and federal general elections. The bill also extends (a) the period of time registrars have to cancel registrations from 30 days to 60 days after notification of the need to cancel by the Department of Elections and (b) the period of time a registered voter has to respond to a notice of cancellation related to citizenship status from 14 days to 28 days. This bill is identical to SB 813. This bill was vetoed by the Governor. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Henson

P **HB1735 Voter registration; time period for closing registration records before certain elections.** Reduces from 21 to 10 days the number of days during which registration records are closed before primary and general elections and from 13 to 10 days the number of days during which registration records are closed before special elections that are not called by the Governor, Speaker of the House of Delegates, or President pro tempore of the Senate. This bill is identical to SB 991.
Patron - Cole

P **HB1794 Elections; primary dates; presidential year primaries.** Provides that all primaries for offices to be filled at the November election in presidential election years shall be held on the date of the presidential primary. With respect to candidates for election in November of a presidential election year, the bill also lifts the requirement that petition signatures must be collected after January 1 of the presidential election year. The bill adjusts campaign finance filing deadlines for candidates in presidential year elections to account for the March primary date. This bill is identical to SB 1119. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Helmer

P **HB2002 Voter registration; cancellation of registration; sources of data.** Requires that, except for a written request from the voter to have his registration cancelled, the general registrar may not cancel the registration of any voter based on data or reports provided to him by any source other than the Department of Elections or a state agency approved to provide such data or reports by the State Board of Elections. The bill also reinstates a provision prohibiting the general registrar from cancelling the registration of (i) certain members of the uniformed service of the United States who are on active duty; (ii) certain persons who reside temporarily outside of the United States; or (iii) any spouse or dependent residing with such persons. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Laufer

P **HB2056 Absentee voting in person; voter satellite offices; days and hours of operation.** Authorizes the governing body of any county or city establishing voter satellite offices for absentee voting in person to prescribe, by ordinance, the dates and hours of operation for such offices. The bill requires the governing body to provide notice to the general registrar of the county or city at least two weeks prior to the enactment of any such ordinance. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Reaser

P **HB2165 Campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions.** Prohibits any person from

converting contributions to a candidate or his campaign committee for personal use. Current law only prohibits such conversion of contributions with regard to disbursement of surplus funds at the dissolution of a campaign or political committee. The bill provides that a contribution is considered to have been converted to personal use if the contribution, in whole or in part, is used to fulfill any commitment, obligation, or expense that would exist irrespective of the person's seeking, holding, or maintaining public office but allows a contribution to be used for the ordinary and accepted expenses related to campaigning for or holding elective office, including the use of campaign funds to pay for the candidate's dependent care expenses that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity. The bill provides that any person subject to the personal use ban may request an advisory opinion from the State Board of Elections on such matters. The foregoing provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. The bill directs the State Board of Elections to adopt emergency regulations similar to those promulgated by the Federal Election Commission to implement the provisions of the bill and to publish an updated summary of Virginia campaign finance law that reflects the State Board of Elections' and Attorney General's guidance on the provisions of such law that prohibit the personal use of campaign funds and any new regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elections. This bill incorporates HB 1686 and is identical to SB 1002.
Patron - Cole

P **HB2276** **Voter registration; list maintenance activities; cancellation procedures; record matches; required identification information; data standards.** Requires certain, specified identification information to be included on the lists or records received by the Department of Elections for list maintenance purposes and requires the Department, upon receiving any such list or record, to do an initial comparison of the information included on such list or record with the list of registered voters and determine the confidence score for any match. The bill specifies that only records with matches with a confidence score of at least 80 are transmitted to the appropriate general registrars. The bill prohibits the use of voter data received from another state or jurisdiction or through a list comparison for list maintenance purposes when the data file does not include a unique identifier for each individual whose information is contained in the data file. The bill requires the Department to annually review all sources of data utilized for list maintenance activities for the purpose of determining the validity, completeness, accuracy, and reliability of the data received from each source, and to include the results of such review in its annual report to the House and Senate Committees on Privileges and Elections regarding its list maintenance activities. The bill prohibits the cancellation within 90 days of any election of any registration identified as belonging to a person no longer residing in the Commonwealth or otherwise no longer entitled to vote by a data match program conducted using lists of registered voters exchanged with other states. The bill requires the general registrars to send notice prior to cancelling a voter's record regardless of the reason for cancellation. Lastly, the bill clarifies that when a voter's registration is canceled, a cancellation record must be created and that such records are public in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the National Voter Registration Act. The bill includes numerous technical amendments for organizational purposes. Certain provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Price

P **HB2277** **Elections administration; duties of local electoral board; certification of election; grounds for removal; civil penalty.** Provides that the certification of the results of an election is a clear ministerial duty of the local electoral boards and that a member of the local electoral board who neglects or refuses to perform such duty in accordance with law shall be subject to removal proceedings by the State Board of Elections and assessed a penalty not exceeding $1,000. The bill also authorizes the State Board of Elections to intervene and carry out the duties related to election certification in the event a local electoral board fails or refuses to do so. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Price

P **HB2479** **Elections; political campaign advertisements; synthetic media; penalty.** Prohibits electioneering communications containing synthetic media, as those terms are defined in the bill, from being published or broadcast without containing the following conspicuously displayed statement: "This message contains synthetic media that has been altered from its original source or artificially generated and may present conduct or speech that did not occur." The bill creates a civil penalty not to exceed $25,000 for a violation of such prohibition and, for a willful violation, a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill permits any registered voter who receives an electioneering communication in violation of this requirement to institute an action for preventative relief to prohibit the publication or dissemination of such electioneering communication, including an application for a permanent or temporary injunction. This bill is identical to SB 775. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Sickles

P **HB2668** **Elections; procedures for removal of electoral board members and general registrars.** Allows the State Board of Elections to remove any member of an electoral board or general registrar by a recorded two-thirds majority vote of all its members after a public hearing on related matters. The bill provides that any such removal or any removal proceedings instituted against an electoral board member or general registrar by the State Board shall be based on neglect of a clear ministerial duty of the office, misuse of the office, or incompetence in the performance of the duties of the office, or an unambiguous indication of a future refusal or failure to carry out the duties of the office where such refusal or failure is likely to have a material adverse effect upon the conduct of the office. Such decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. The bill also allows an electoral board to remove a general registrar by a unanimous vote of all its members after a public hearing on related matters. A registrar who is so removed may file an appeal to the State Board. The bill provides that any such removal or any removal proceedings instituted against a general registrar by the electoral board shall be based on the same standards as required for removals by the State Board. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Simon

P **SB760** **Elections; deadline for receipt of absentee ballots and certain other information; 5:00 p.m. on the third day after the election.** Moves the deadline for receipt of absentee ballots, information required to cure an absentee ballot, or proof of identification to accompany a provisional ballot provided for lack of identification from noon to 5:00 p.m. on the third day after the election. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Favola

P **SB775** **Elections; political campaign advertisements; synthetic media; penalty.** Prohibits electioneering communications containing synthetic media, as those terms are defined in the bill, from being published or broadcast without containing the following conspicuously

displayed statement: "This message contains synthetic media that has been altered from its original source or artificially generated and may present conduct or speech that did not occur." The bill creates a civil penalty not to exceed $25,000 for a violation of such prohibition and, for a willful violation, a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill permits any registered voter who receives an electioneering communication in violation of this requirement to institute an action for preventative relief to prohibit the publication or dissemination of such electioneering communication, including an application for a permanent or temporary injunction. This bill is identical to HB 2479. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB813** **Voter registration, regular periodic review of registration records; 90-day quiet period before all primary and general elections.** Requires the Department of Elections to complete not later than 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election any program the purpose of which is to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the voter registration system. This restriction is not to be construed to preclude (i) the removal of names from the voter registration system at the request of the registrant or as provided by existing law by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity or the death of the registrant or (ii) the correction of registration records pursuant to existing law. Under current law, such restriction only applies to federal primaries and federal general elections. The bill also extends (a) the period of time registrars have to cancel registrations from 30 days to 60 days after notification of the need to cancel by the Department of Elections and (b) the period of time a registered voter has to respond to a notice of cancellation related to citizenship status from 14 days to 28 days. This bill is identical to HB 1657. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Rouse

P **SB814** **Election of certain governing bodies; conversion to single-member districts.** Allows the governing body of a locality that has been subject to a court order imposing a remedial election system under voting rights laws to adopt an ordinance to convert one or more at-large seats of such body to single-member districts, provided that the governing body also adopts and implements the remedial election system contained in the court order. The bill provides that members of such governing body in office on the effective date of such ordinance shall complete their terms of office. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Rouse

P **SB945** **Campaign finance; appeal of penalties.** Provides for an appeal process for any person or committee assessed a civil penalty under the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act of 2006. Upon petition, the State Board of Elections may provide relief to the petitioner for good cause shown. Such relief may include forgiveness of all or a portion of an assessed civil penalty, the retroactive extension of a deadline, or other appropriate remedy. For each appeal that it hears, the State Board shall publish a written opinion, which shall include the facts put before the State Board, the State Board's decision, and the State Board's rationale for reaching such decision.
Patron - DeSteph

P **SB991** **Voter registration; time period for closing registration records before certain elections.** Reduces from 21 to 10 days the number of days during which registration records are closed before primary and general elections and from 13 to 10 days the number of days during which registration records are closed before special elections that are not called by the Governor, Speaker of the House of Delegates, or President pro tempore of the Senate. This bill is identical to HB 1735.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB1002** **Campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions.** Prohibits any person from converting contributions to a candidate or his campaign committee for personal use. Current law only prohibits such conversion of contributions with regard to disbursement of surplus funds at the dissolution of a campaign or political committee. The bill provides that a contribution is considered to have been converted to personal use if the contribution, in whole or in part, is used to fulfill any commitment, obligation, or expense that would exist irrespective of the person's seeking, holding, or maintaining public office but allows a contribution to be used for the ordinary and accepted expenses related to campaigning for or holding elective office, including the use of campaign funds to pay for the candidate's dependent care expenses that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity. The bill provides that any person subject to the personal use ban may request an advisory opinion from the State Board of Elections on such matters. The foregoing provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. The bill directs the State Board of Elections to adopt emergency regulations similar to those promulgated by the Federal Election Commission to implement the provisions of the bill and to publish an updated summary of Virginia campaign finance law that reflects the State Board of Elections' and Attorney General's guidance on the provisions of such law that prohibit the personal use of campaign funds and any new regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elections. This bill is identical to HB 2165.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1009** **Elections; conduct of election; ranked choice voting; report.** Makes the decision to conduct an election by ranked choice voting subject to a determination of feasibility by the State Board of Elections. The bill provides procedures for tabulating and reporting results of elections conducted using ranked choice voting, including procedures for duplicating damaged or defective ballots. The bill requires the State Board of Elections to provide standards for and to approve vote tabulating software for use with existing voting systems in elections conducted by ranked choice voting and to produce generalized voter education materials on ranked choice voting. The bill permits the State Board of Elections to create and modify recount procedures to the extent necessary to accommodate a recount of an election conducted by ranked choice voting. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Elections to review the testing and approval framework for voting equipment in the Commonwealth and submit a report of such review no later than the first day of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Salim

P **SB1044** **Elections; election results; reporting; provisional ballots.** Requires the general registrar of each locality to report to the Department of Elections for each precinct in his locality the total number of provisional ballots cast, the number of those provisional ballots determined to be valid by the electoral board, and the results of such valid provisional ballots by voters assigned to such precinct. The bill specifies that results from provisional voting and voting at the precinct on election day must be reported separately. The bill directs the Department to establish standards for ascertaining and reporting such information and provides that such

standards must direct that all results be posted promptly and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the tenth day after the election day.
Patron - Roem

P **SB1119 Elections; primary dates; presidential year primaries.** Provides that all primaries for offices to be filled at the November election in presidential election years shall be held on the date of the presidential primary. With respect to candidates for election in November of a presidential election year, the bill also lifts the requirement that petition signatures must be collected after January 1 of the presidential election year. The bill adjusts campaign finance filing deadlines for candidates in presidential year elections to account for the March primary date. This bill is identical to HB 1794. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SB1174 Elections; prohibited activities; distribution of referendum materials.** Adds "referendum" to the description of materials that are prohibited from being distributed within certain areas while voting and registration activities are being conducted.
Patron - Suetterlein

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F **HB1566 Elections; absentee ballot security measures; watermark.** Requires that any ballot mailed to an absentee voter must be printed on security paper that incorporates a visible watermark that identifies the ballot as an official ballot in a manner that preserves the absolute secrecy of the ballot.
Patron - Green

F **HB1573 Absentee voting; absentee voting in person; available beginning 10 days prior to election.** Limits the availability of absentee voting in person to 10 days before the election. Under current law, absentee voting in person is available beginning 45 days prior to the election.
Patron - Green

F **HB1574 Absentee voting; absentee voting in person; available beginning 10 days prior to primary election.** Limits the availability of absentee voting in person in a primary election to 10 days before the election. Under current law, absentee voting in person is available beginning 45 days prior to any election, including primary elections.
Patron - Green

F **HB1575 Campaign fundraising; legislative sessions; enforcement of civil penalty.** Provides that violations of the prohibition on campaign fundraising during legislative sessions are to be reported to the Attorney General who shall initiate civil proceedings to enforce the civil penalty currently assessed for such violations. The bill provides that in the case of an alleged violation by the Attorney General, the State Board of Elections shall request the Supreme Court of Virginia to appoint outside counsel to receive such violation report and such outside counsel shall be responsible for initiating civil proceedings to enforce the civil penalty.
Patron - Cherry

F **HB1576 Campaign fundraising; legislative sessions; enforcement of civil penalty.** Provides that violations of the prohibition on campaign fundraising during legislative sessions are to be reported to the Attorney General, who shall initiate civil proceedings to enforce the civil penalty currently assessed for such violations. The bill provides that in the case of an alleged violation by the Attorney General, the State Board of Elections shall request the Supreme Court of Virginia to appoint outside counsel to receive such violation report and such outside counsel shall be responsible for initiating civil proceedings to enforce the civil penalty.
Patron - Cherry

F **HB1652 Elections; voter identification containing photograph required; who may register up to and including the day of the election; absentee ballot application requirements; absentee voting in person availability; return of absentee ballots.** Requires presentation of a form of identification containing a photograph in order to vote and provides that a voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification is entitled to cast a provisional ballot. The bill repeals a provision that would permit any person who is qualified to register to vote to do so in person up to and including the day of the election and limits the persons who are entitled to register to vote after the close of registration records to members of a uniformed service on active duty, persons who are residing temporarily outside of the United States, and their spouses and dependents. The bill limits the period during which absentee voting in person is available from 45 days preceding the date of the election to the 14 days preceding the date of the election. The bill requires that absentee ballots returned by mail be returned to the office of the general registrar by the close of polls on election day and be postmarked on or before the Saturday preceding the date of the election. The bill eliminates the use of drop-off locations for the return of absentee ballots. The bill requires absentee ballot applications to contain the last four digits of the applicant's social security number.
Patron - Wyatt

F **HB1686 Campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions.** Prohibits any person from converting contributions to a candidate or his campaign committee for personal use. Current law only prohibits such conversion of contributions with regard to disbursement of surplus funds at the dissolution of a campaign or political committee. The bill provides that a contribution is considered to have been converted to personal use if the contribution, in whole or in part, is used to fulfill any commitment, obligation, or expense that would exist irrespective of the person's seeking, holding, or maintaining public office but allows a contribution to be used for the ordinary and accepted expenses related to campaigning for or holding elective office, including the use of campaign funds to pay for the candidate's dependent care expenses that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity. The bill provides that any person subject to the personal use ban may request an advisory opinion from the State Board of Elections on such matters. The bill directs the State Board of Elections to adopt emergency regulations similar to those promulgated by the Federal Election Commission to implement the provisions of the bill and to publish an updated summary of Virginia campaign finance law that reflects the State Board of Elections' and Attorney General's guidance on the provisions of such law that prohibit the personal use of campaign funds and any new regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elections. This bill was incorporated into HB 2165.
Patron - Convirs-Fowler

F **HB1744 Candidates for office; persons entitled to have name printed on ballot; required campaign finance reports.** Provides that a person who fails to file at least one of the campaign finance reports required by law to be filed in an election year by July 20 is not entitled to have his name

printed on the ballot at the general election for the office sought.
Patron - Watts

F **HB1751 Elections; general provisions; loudspeakers prohibited at polls and certain other locations; penalty.** Extends the prohibition on loudspeakers at the polls on election day to the office of the general registrar, a central absentee voter precinct, or a voter satellite office on election day and during hours when such facilities are open for the purpose of casting absentee ballots.
Patron - Ennis

F **HB1761 Public campaign financing; counties and cities may establish for certain offices.** Authorizes the governing body of a county or city to establish by ordinance a system of public campaign financing for elected local offices. The bill specifies certain requirements for a system of public campaign financing established by a governing body, including the provision of a public election fund to be administered by the treasurer of the county or city. A system of public campaign financing established by a county or city is permitted to more stringently regulate the campaign finance activity of participating candidates and shall be subject to regulation and oversight by the State Board of Elections to ensure its conformity with state law and policy to the extent practicable.
Patron - Simon

F **HB1862 Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to primary election.** Limits the availability of absentee voting in person for primary elections to beginning 14 days prior to such election. Under current law, absentee voting in person is available beginning 45 days prior to any election.
Patron - Bloxom

F **HB1863 Voter registration; time period for closing registration records before elections; five days.** Provides that registration records be closed during the five days before any election. Under current law registration records are close during the 21 days before a primary or general election and, if the registration records have not been closed previously for a primary or general election, during the six days before a special election called by the Governor, Speaker of the House of Delegates, or President pro tempore of the Senate, or pursuant to rule or resolution of either house of the General Assembly and during the 13 days before any other special election.
Patron - Bloxom

F **HB1938 Elections; general provisions; prohibited area.** Adds the five feet beyond any area designated for voting outside the polling place to the prohibited area where campaigning and certain other activities are unlawful during elections.
Patron - Reid

F **HB1952 Voter registration; lists of registered voters and persons voting; publication of costs.** Requires the Department of Elections to publish on its website the cost of purchasing lists of registered voters and lists of persons voting at elections.
Patron - Wachsmann

F **HB1953 Elections; general provisions; prohibited area; within 10 feet of the curbside voting area.** Adds the 10 feet beyond any area designated for voting outside the polling place to the prohibited area where campaigning and certain other activities are unlawful during elections.
Patron - Wachsmann

F **HB2011 Voter registration; cancellation of registration by voter; effective for the immediately proceeding election.** Provides that any valid authorization for cancellation submitted by a registered voter prior to the day of the immediately proceeding election shall be effective in such election. Under current law, when submitted by any means other than when notarized or in person, such cancellation must be made at least 22 days prior to an election in order to be valid in that election.
Patron - Walker

F **HB2057 Voter registration; automatic registration of hunting, fishing, and milk distributor license and concealed handgun permit applicants; penalty.** Provides for automatic voter registration by the clerk of any circuit court of the Commonwealth, the Department of Wildlife Resources, and the Milk Commission upon the application for any hunting, fishing, or milk distributor license or Virginia resident concealed handgun permit.
Patron - Green

F **HB2139 Elections; form of ballot; party identification; option for candidates for local offices.** Provides that, for local offices only, each candidate who has been nominated by a political party or in a primary election may be identified by the name of his political party at the discretion of the candidate.
Patron - Walker

F **HB2140 Elections; campaign finance disclosure reports; searchable electronic database.** Requires the Department of Elections to provide an interface for the campaign finance database maintained by the Department that allows users to easily search for and sort information by individual candidates and types of elections, offices, committees, other spenders, and contributors; contributions, receipts, disbursements, expenditures, loans, and other categories of information included in campaign finance reports; and late filings, incomplete filings, and other violations. The bill specifies that the interface shall also provide users tools for manipulating and exporting data. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Krizek

F **HB2173 Campaign finance; coordination and required independent expenditure committee disclosure; civil penalties.** Provides a more detailed definition of the term "coordinated" or "coordination" in the context of campaign finance than current law. The bill also requires all persons making independent expenditures to file statements of organization and to file campaign finance reports thus making such persons subject to existing civil penalties for violations of filing laws.
Patron - Clark

F **HB2216 State Board of Elections; appointment of Commissioner of Elections.** Changes the appointing authority of the Commissioner of Elections from the Governor to the State Board of Elections, with an affirmative vote of four of the five State Board members required for the appointment or removal of the Commissioner, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The bill also changes the start of the four-year term of the Commissioner from July 1 of the year following a gubernatorial election to the second year following such election. The bill exempts the Department of Elections from provisions allowing the Governor to appoint a chief deputy and a confidential assistant for policy or administration. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Commissioner, the bill provides that the

Director of Operations of the Department will perform the duties of the Commissioner until such vacancy is filled by the State Board. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - O'Quinn

F **HB2337 Voter registration; time period for closing registration records before certain elections.** Reduces from 21 to 10 days the number of days during which registration records are closed before primary and general elections and from 13 to 10 days the number of days during which registration records are closed before special elections that are not called by the Governor, Speaker of the House of Delegates, or President pro tempore of the Senate.
Patron - Batten

F **HB2357 Voter registration; jury commissioners; list of unqualified persons transmitted to general registrars; list maintenance.** Requires jury commissioners to collect information obtained from those persons not qualified to serve as a result of a condition that would also make them unqualified to register to vote. The sheriff, clerk of court, or other official responsible for maintaining such information provided by the commissioners is required to regularly transmit such information to the general registrar for the locality or localities served by such official. The bill requires general registrars to utilize such information to identify voters who are no longer qualified to vote and to initiate list maintenance procedures. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Wilt

F **HB2388 Voter registration; jury commissioners; list of unqualified persons transmitted to general registrars; list maintenance.** Requires jury commissioners to collect information obtained from those persons not qualified to serve as a result of a condition that would also make them unqualified to register to vote. The sheriff, clerk of court, or other official responsible for maintaining such information provided by the commissioners is required to regularly transmit such information to the general registrar for the locality or localities served by such official. The bill requires general registrars to utilize such information to identify voters who are no longer qualified to vote and to initiate list maintenance procedures. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2390 Elections; absentee voting in person; availability and affirmation statement in lieu of identification.** Limits the availability of absentee voting in person to beginning 14 days prior to any election. Under current law, absentee voting in person is available beginning 45 days prior to any election. The bill also removes the ability of a voter voting by absentee ballot in person to sign a statement that he is the named registered voter he claims to be in lieu of showing one of the permitted forms of identification.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2395 Voter registration; exchange of registered voter lists with other states; list of states posted to the Internet.** Requires the Department of Elections to post to its official Internet website a list of states with which it has an agreement to exchange data for voter registration list maintenance purposes.
Patron - Oates

F **HB2402 Elections; conduct of election; affirmation statement in lieu of identification; additional information required.** Requires a person voting absentee in person or at the polls on election day who signs a statement in lieu of providing a valid form of identification to also provide his full name, year of birth, and the last four digits of his social security number, if any. The form containing the statement and voter information is required to be retained as election materials.
Patron - Oates

F **HB2434 Elections; voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.** Requires presentation of a form of identification containing a photograph in order to vote. The bill repeals the provisions of law permitting a voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification to vote after signing a statement, subject to felony penalties for false statements, that he is the named registered voter he claims to be. Instead, the bill provides that such voter is entitled to cast a provisional ballot.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2444 Voter registration; list of registered voters and persons voting at elections.** Requires the Department of Elections to provide digital lists of all registered voters and of persons who voted at any primary, special, or general election held in the four preceding years at no cost and manually prepared paper lists of such voters and persons at actual cost to certain persons. Under current law such lists are provided at a reasonable price and no format is specified.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2445 Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to election; hours of operation.** Limits the availability of absentee voting in person to beginning 14 days prior to any election. During these two weeks, the bill requires that absentee voting in person be available Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. Under current law, absentee voting in person is available during regular business hours of the office of the general registrar beginning 45 days prior to any election with a requirement to be open a minimum of eight hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the first and second Saturdays immediately preceding the election.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2478 Elections; absentee voting; drop-off locations for return of absentee ballots; 24-hour video surveillance requirement.** Requires 24-hour video surveillance of all absentee ballot drop-off locations.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2484 Campaign finance; coordination and required independent expenditure committee disclosure; civil penalties.** Provides a more detailed definition of the term "coordinated" or "coordination" in the context of campaign finance than current law. The bill also requires all persons making independent expenditures to file statements of organization and to file campaign finance reports thus making such persons subject to existing civil penalties for violations of filing laws.
Patron - Henson

F **HB2508 Voter registration; high school registration activities and parental consent.** Prohibits any person or organization, except a high school administrator, teacher, or staff person or a general registrar or his staff, from facilitating voter registration activities at a public high school. The bill also requires the form of the application to register to vote to include a statement of consent that must be signed by the parent or legal guardian of any applicant who is younger than the age of 18 at the time of his application. The bill specifies that such statement must include an

acknowledgement that the minor applicant's personally identifiable information is required for voter registration.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2513 Voter registration; cancellation of registration; notice of cancellation; new address if available.** Requires general registrars to cancel the registration of any person for whom a notice has been submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with the Driver License Compact and forwarded to the general registrar that the voter has moved from the Commonwealth, provided that the registrar mail notice of such cancellation to the person at his new address, as reported to the DMV, if available, and the address at which the person most recently had been registered in Virginia. Under current law, such cancellation is permissive and there is no provision for availability regarding the notice of cancellation required to be mailed to the person's new address.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2586 Voter registration; automatic registration; hunting and fishing license applicants; resident concealed handgun permit applicants.** Provides for automatic voter registration by the clerk of any circuit court of the Commonwealth and the Department of Wildlife Resources upon the application for any hunting or fishing license or Virginia resident concealed handgun permit. The bill also requires any such applicant be offered a separate application to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list.
Patron - Cordoza

F **HB2607 Campaign finance; prohibited contributions to candidates; Phase I Utility and Phase II Utility.** Prohibits candidates, campaign committees, and political committees from soliciting or accepting contributions from any public utility, as defined in the bill, and prohibits any public utility or any political committee established by such public utility from making any such contribution.
Patron - Ware

F **HB2624 Local officers; removal of officer appointed for a term certain; officers compensated by the appointing authority.** Allows any officer appointed to an office for a term established by law and who receives compensation for his services by the appointing authority to be removed from office if the officer fails to perform his duties as outlined in the description of his position or the rules of the public body to which he has been appointed. The bill specifies that, prior to removal, the officer must be issued a warning from the appointing authority that includes a description of the violation committed and that if an additional violation occurs after the warning, the officer may be removed by a majority vote of the appointing authority upon the motion of the supervisor or council member representing the district for which the officer serves.
Patron - Fowler

F **HB2670 Campaign finance; campaign required tax-exempt organization disclosure; work group; report; civil penalties.** Establishes campaign finance reporting requirements for tax-exempt organizations making contributions or independent expenditures for the purpose of advocating for the election or defeat of a clearly identified Virginia candidate. Committees are prohibited from accepting contributions from tax-exempt organizations that do not file required campaign finance disclosure reports. Civil penalties for violations of the limits established by the bill may equal up to four times the excess contribution amounts. The bill also requires electronically filed independent expenditure reports to be made publicly available within 48 hours of being filed and to be entered into a publicly available campaign finance database accessible through the Internet. Finally, the bill requires that the Chair of the House Privileges and Elections Committee and the Chair of the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee convene a work group to evaluate campaign finance contribution limits and disclosure requirements among the various states and at the federal level and to report their findings by November 30, 2025.
Patron - Sickles

F **HB2672 Elections; administration; electoral board appointments; up to five party recommendations.** Allows the political party entitled to the appointment of an electoral board member to make recommendations of up to five qualified voters for each appointment. Under current law, the political party entitled to the appointment of an electoral board member must make recommendations of at least three qualified voters for each appointment.
Patron - Phillips

F **HB2701 Campaign finance; campaign contribution limits; civil penalty.** Prohibits persons from making any single contribution, or any combination of contributions, that exceeds $20,000 to any one candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, or the Senate of Virginia or $10,000 to any one candidate for the House of Delegates in any one election cycle. The bill does not place any limits on in-kind contributions to such candidates from political party committees. The bill establishes thresholds for any candidates making contributions to their own campaign in excess of $400,000 in a race for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, or the Senate of Virginia or $200,000 in a race for House of Delegates. The bill also prohibits persons from making any single contribution, or any combination of contributions, that exceeds $10,000 to any one political committee in any calendar year. Civil penalties for violations of the limits established by the bill may equal up to two times the excess contribution amounts.
Patron - Bulova

F **SB764 Elections; voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.** Requires presentation of a form of identification containing a photograph in order to vote. The bill repeals the provisions of law permitting a voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification to vote after signing a statement, subject to felony penalties for false statements, that he is the named registered voter he claims to be. Instead, the bill provides that such voter is entitled to cast a provisional ballot.
Patron - McDougle

F **SB856 Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to election.** Limits the availability of absentee voting in person to beginning 14 days prior to any election. Under current law, absentee voting in person is available beginning 45 days prior to any election.
Patron - French

F **SB906 Campaign advertisements; independent expenditures; electioneering communications; disclaimer requirements.** Broadens the scope of disclaimer requirements for campaign advertisements to include electioneering communications, as defined in the bill, and messages advocating for the passage or defeat of a referendum. The bill also requires an advertisement that is an independent expenditure to contain a disclaimer providing the names of the advertisement sponsor's three largest contributors. The bill also requires independent expenditure reports to be filed electronically. Current law allows such reports to be filed either electronically or in writing. The bill increases the reporting and disclosure thresholds for independent expenditures from

$1,000 or more for a statewide election or $200 or more for any other election to $5,000 or more for a statewide election or $1,000 or more for any other election and exempts the sponsor of an independent expenditure from disclosing its top three contributors if its independent expenditures aggregate to less than $20,000 in an election cycle. Finally, the bill includes in the definition of "political action committee" any organization holding tax-exempt status that expressly advocates for or against candidates, solicits donations for such purpose, and makes contributions or independent expenditures in excess of $20,000 for such purpose.
Patron - Stanley

F **SB988** **Elections; general provisions; prohibited area; within 40 feet of the curbside voting area.** Adds the 40 feet beyond any area designated for voting outside the polling place to the prohibited area where campaigning and certain other activities are unlawful during elections.
Patron - Williams Graves

F **SB994** **Elections; general provisions; prohibited area; 100 feet.** Increases from 40 feet to 100 feet the areas around polling places, certain electoral board meetings, and recount locations within which certain activities or conduct are prohibited.
Patron - Williams Graves

F **SB1050** **Campaign finance; contributions from corporations prohibited; civil penalty.** Prohibits any corporation from making any contribution to any committee organized under the provisions of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act of 2006 and prohibits any such committee from soliciting or accepting any contribution from any corporation. Any committee that knowingly accepts, or any person who knowingly makes to such committee, contributions in violation of the prohibition is subject to a civil penalty of up to two times the amount of the contribution, as assessed by the State Board of Elections.
Patron - Roem

F **SB1070** **Elections; voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.** Requires presentation of a form of identification containing a photograph in order to vote. The bill repeals the provisions of law permitting a voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification to vote after signing a statement, subject to felony penalties for false statements, that he is the named registered voter he claims to be. Instead, the bill provides that such voter is entitled to cast a provisional ballot.
Patron - Peake

F **SB1072** **Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to election.** Limits the availability of absentee voting in person to beginning 14 days prior to any election. Under current law, absentee voting in person is available beginning 45 days prior to any election.
Patron - Peake

F **SB1073** **Voter registration; verification of social security numbers; provisional registration status.** Requires the general registrar to verify that the name, date of birth, and social security number provided by an applicant on the voter registration application match the information on file in the Social Security Administration database or any other database approved by the State Board of Elections before registering such applicant. The bill specifies that if the information provided by the applicant does not match the information on file in such database, the applicant (i) is provisionally registered to vote and notified as to what steps are needed to be fully registered to vote and (ii) is permitted to vote by provisional ballot but such ballot shall not be counted until the voter presents certain information. The bill also requires the general registrar to verify annually no later than August 1 that the name, date of birth, and social security number in the registration record of each registered voter in the registrar's jurisdiction match the information on file with the Social Security Administration or any other database approved by the State Board and, in accordance with current law, to initiate the cancellation of the registration of any voter whose registration record information does not match such database information. The State Board is authorized by the bill to approve the use of any government database to the extent required to enable each general registrar to carry out the provisions of the bill and to promulgate rules for the use of such database. The bill requires the Department of Elections to provide each general registrar access to the Social Security Administration database and any other database approved by the State Board and to enter into any agreement with any federal or state agency to facilitate such access. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.
Patron - Peake

F **SB1175** **Elections; absentee voting in person; uniform availability.** Requires absentee voting in person to be available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during early voting and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the first Saturday and second Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding all elections. Under current law, local electoral boards have some discretion to decide certain hours and days when absentee voting in person is available.
Patron - Suetterlein

F **SB1185** **Campaign finance; coordination and required independent expenditure committee disclosure; civil penalties.** Provides a more detailed definition of the term "coordinated" or "coordination" in the context of campaign finance than is provided in current law. The bill also requires all persons making independent expenditures to file statements of organization and to file campaign finance reports thus making such persons subject to existing civil penalties for violations of filing laws.
Patron - Carroll Foy

F **SB1454** **Voter registration; systematic citizenship verification program.** Provides that the Department of Elections is required to implement policies and procedures necessary to ensure that processes are in place to validate voter registrations and prevent noncitizens from registering to vote. Such processes must include (i) cooperation with state agencies to ensure that noncitizen registrations are not included in the registrations forwarded to the Department; (ii) effective utilization of all data available for identifying noncitizens, including data provided by state and federal agencies; (iii) a monthly systematic review of the voter registration system to identify noncitizens; and (iv) display of messages communicating the citizenship requirements for registration and penalties for violation. The bill also requires jury commissioners to collect information obtained from those persons not qualified to serve on a jury as a result of a condition that would also make them unqualified to register to vote. The sheriff, clerk of court, or other official responsible for maintaining such information provided by the commissioners is required to regularly transmit such information to the general registrar for the locality or localities served by such official. The bill requires general registrars to utilize such information to identify voters who are no longer qualified to vote and to initiate list maintenance procedures.
Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB1469** **Campaign finance; campaign contribution limits; civil penalty.** Prohibits persons from making any single contribution, or any combination of contributions, that exceeds $5,000 to any one candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, or the Senate of Virginia or $3,000 to any one candidate for the House of Delegates in any one election cycle. The bill does not place any limits on in-kind contributions to such candidates from political party committees. The bill establishes thresholds for any candidates making contributions to their own campaign in excess of $400,000 in a race for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, or the Senate of Virginia or $200,000 in a race for House of Delegates. The bill also prohibits persons from making any single contribution, or any combination of contributions, that exceeds $10,000 to any one political committee in any calendar year. Civil penalties for violations of the limits established by the bill may equal up to two times the excess contribution amounts. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.

Patron - Deeds

F **SB1494** **Registration of lobbyists and conflict of interest; disclosure by those making political contributions.** Requires any person who makes or anticipates making contributions in the aggregate during a calendar year of $1 million or more to candidates for office or political committees to register as a lobbyist and make disclosures of his personal financial interests.

Patron - Marsden

Eminent Domain

Passed

P **HB1690** **Eminent domain; documents provided to landowner.** Provides that a report showing all matters that affect the current ownership, existing liens, encumbrances, and other matters affecting title as of the date of the title report shall be provided by the condemnor to a landowner in a condemnation action.

Patron - Convirs-Fowler

P **SB1158** **Eminent domain; condemnation proceedings.** Makes various changes to provisions governing eminent domain, primarily relating to procedures in condemnation proceedings and the transfer of a defeasible title by certificate. The bill specifies that, in a condemnation proceeding initiated by an authorized condemnor or the Commissioner of Highways, a certificate transferring a defeasible title shall include certain information describing the property and any rights to the property being taken or damaged. Finally, the bill repeals the requirement that the court refer a matter initiating a condemnation proceeding to a dispute resolution orientation. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Obenshain

Financial Institutions and Services

Passed

P **HB1942** **Financial institutions; regulation of money transmitters; penalty.** Replaces existing state law regulating money transmitters with comprehensive provisions aimed at standardizing the regulation of money transmitters across the 50 states. The bill includes provisions for the licensure of money transmitters, supervision and implementation by the State Corporation Commission, acquisition of control of a licensee, mandatory disclosures, reporting and records requirements, authorized delegates, mandatory disclosures, prudential standards, and enforcement. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Cole

P **SB1252** **Financial institutions; loans and legal rate of interest.** Provides that for the purposes of provisions governing usury and the legal rate of interest, "make" or "making," when used in reference to a loan, means advancing, offering to advance, or making a commitment to advance funds to a borrower for a loan. The bill provides that the prohibition against a contract for the payment of interest on a loan at a rate that exceeds 12 percent per year applies to any person who seeks to evade its application by any device, subterfuge, or pretense whatsoever, including (i) making loans disguised as personal property sale and leaseback transactions; (ii) disguising loan proceeds as a cash rebate for the pretextual installment sale of goods or services; and (iii) making, offering, assisting, or arranging a debtor to obtain a loan with a greater rate of interest, consideration, or charge than permitted through any method, including mail, telephone, Internet, or any electronic means, regardless of whether the person has a physical location in the state. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Bagby

Failed

F **HB2073** **Financial institutions; discrimination prohibited; penalty.** Prohibits a financial institution from denying or cancelling its services to or otherwise discriminating against a person in making available services on the basis of factors including the person's political opinions, speech, or affiliations and other factors enumerated in the bill. The bill provides that a violation of its provisions constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.
Patron - Garrett

F **SB759** **Contracts assigning rights to earned wages; legal rate of interest.** Provides that any contract entered into on or after July 1, 2025, pursuant to which a person receives a cash advance for assigning to a company or other entity a portion of such person's rights to receive earned wages, salary, commissions, or other compensation for services shall be considered a loan and that any additional funds such person is obligated to pay under the terms of the contract shall be considered interest. The bill provides that such contract shall be subject to the legal rate of interest.
Patron - Locke

F **SB1452** **Certain restrictions on conveyance or assumption; prohibited.** Prohibits the holder of the obligation

secured by a mortgage or deed of trust on certain residential real estate from imposing, agreeing to, or enforcing a legal restriction on conveyance or restriction on the assumption of a residential mortgage or deed of trust. The bill requires a holder, if a mortgage or deed of trust requires approval of the holder for a conveyance or assumption, to approve the sale or transfer of all or part of the encumbered property, or the sale or transfer of a beneficial interest in a trust all or part of the property, if (i) at least one of the people acquiring ownership is determined to be creditworthy under generally accepted mortgage underwriting standards; (ii) the seller retains an ownership interest in the property; or (iii) the transfer is by devise or descent. The bill provides that legal restrictions on conveyance are acceptable if the restriction is part of an eligible governmental or nonprofit program if the program is designed to assist the purchase of low-income or moderate-income housing.
Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB1453** **Financial institutions; discrimination prohibited; penalty.** Prohibits a financial institution from denying or cancelling its services to or otherwise discriminating against a person in making available services on the basis of factors including the person's political opinions, speech, or affiliations and other factors enumerated in the bill. The bill provides that a violation of its provisions constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.
Patron - Sturtevant

Fire Protection

Passed

P **HB2642** **Statewide Fire Prevention Code Act; counterfeit and unsafe lighters prohibited.** Prohibits the offering or sale to the public of unsafe lighters or counterfeit lighters, defined in the bill, regardless of whether such offering or sale is conducted on a retail basis or wholesale basis.
Patron - Austin

P **SB1248** **Fire Prevention Code; prohibition on permit fees for fire departments and emergency medical services agencies in certain localities.** Prohibits the State Fire Marshal from charging a fee for the approval and administration of certain permits issued to fire departments and emergency medical services agencies in localities with a total population of less than 10,000 as determined by the most recent federal decennial census by the United States Census Bureau.
Patron - Hackworth

Failed

F **HB2067** **Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer fireworks; penalties.** Authorizes the use of consumer fireworks in the Commonwealth and distinguishes by definition consumer fireworks from display fireworks and permissible fireworks. The bill provides that the storage and transportation of consumer fireworks are to be considered the same hazard class as the storage and transportation of 1.4G explosives under the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) and Uniform Statewide Building Code. The bill requires any locality authorizing the sale of consumer fireworks to require annual permits for any business offering consumer fireworks for retail sale and provides that the State Fire Marshal or other issuing authority may charge a fee for the retail sale of fireworks on a permanent basis or on a temporary basis in localities that do not employ a local fire marshal. The bill excludes from the provisions of the SFPC, unless prohibited by a local ordinance, (i) the sale of consumer or permissible fireworks; (ii) any person using, igniting, or exploding consumer or permissible fireworks on private property with the consent of the owner of such property; or (iii) such consumer or permissible fireworks when they are being transported from a locality where they were legally obtained to a locality where they are legally permitted. Current law only excludes the sale of permissible fireworks or the use of such fireworks on private property. The bill also directs 13 percent of the sales and use tax revenue generated by the local sales and use tax on the sale of consumer or permissible fireworks to be allocated to a special fund and specifies that, of such 13 percent, 10 percent will be used for providing funding for first responders, as defined in the bill, and three percent will be allocated to the local fire marshal or, for localities that do not appoint a fire marshal, to the State Fire Marshal to be used solely on behalf of the locality that transferred such funds. The bill contains technical amendments and has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - Garrett

Fisheries and Habitat of the Tidal Waters

Passed

P **HB1697** **Fishing with trawl nets and drag nets; shrimp and horseshoe crab; license fee; penalty.** Allows the Marine Resources Commission to issue licenses or permits to any person to take or catch fish, shellfish, or marine organisms with a trawl net, drag net, or similar device within the three-mile limit of the Virginia Atlantic shoreline for the shrimp and horseshoe crab fisheries. The bill specifies that such license or permit shall be accompanied by a fee of $100 or as subsequently revised by the Commission for each boat so employed. Current law allows any person to fish with trawl nets and drag nets for fish, shellfish, or marine organisms, provided such person has a license issued by the Commission to trawl within the three-mile limit from Cape Charles north to the Maryland line, except during September and October and from 36°40' north latitude south to the North Carolina line at any time, and from Cape Henry south to 36° 40' north latitude between October 1 and May 1. This bill is identical to SB 933.
Patron - Askew

P **HB1810** **Marine Resources Commission; encroachment on subaqueous beds; permitting requirements.** Increases the maximum total value of projects eligible for a permit to trespass upon or over or encroach upon a subaqueous bed belonging to the Commonwealth from $500,000 to $1,000,000. The bill requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to update the total project value every five years using the Consumer Price Index and publish such increase or decrease on the Marine Resource Commission's website. This bill is identical to SB 1169.
Patron - Bloxom

P **HB1834** **Marine Resources Commission; Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Program and Fund.** Transfers from the Virginia Port Authority to the Marine Resources Commission the administration of the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Program and Fund and

requires the Commission to utilize the existing Municipal Dredging Operating Program and Municipal Dredging Operating Agreement adopted by the Authority for the administration of the Municipal Dredge Pilot Program operated by the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority. The bill also requires the Commission to utilize the Fast-Track Permitting Program for Disposal of Dredged Material when applicable for dredged material disposal in its implementation of the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Program.
Patron - Bloxom

P **SB933** **Fishing with trawl nets and drag nets; shrimp and horseshoe crab; license fee; penalty.** Allows the Marine Resources Commission to issue licenses or permits to any person to take or catch fish, shellfish, or marine organisms with a trawl net, drag net, or similar device within the three-mile limit of the Virginia Atlantic shoreline for the shrimp and horseshoe crab fisheries. The bill specifies that such license or permit shall be accompanied by a fee of $100 or as subsequently revised by the Commission for each boat so employed. Current law allows any person to fish with trawl nets and drag nets for fish, shellfish, or marine organisms, provided such person has a license issued by the Commission to trawl within the three-mile limit from Cape Charles north to the Maryland line, except during September and October and from 36° 40' north latitude south to the North Carolina line at any time, and from Cape Henry south to 36° 40' north latitude between October 1 and May 1. This bill is identical to HB 1697.
Patron - Stuart

P **SB1169** **Marine Resources Commission; encroachment on subaqueous beds; permitting requirements.** Increases the maximum total value of projects eligible for a permit to trespass upon or over or encroach upon a subaqueous bed belonging to the Commonwealth from $500,000 to $1,000,000. The bill requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to update the total project value every five years using the Consumer Price Index and publish such increase or decrease on the Marine Resource Commission's website. This bill is identical to HB 1810.
Patron - Salim

Failed

F **HB1908** **Virginia Institute of Marine Science; study of the cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries; report.** Directs the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to study the cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries. The bill requires VIMS to submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor, the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, and the House Committee on Appropriations no later than October 1, 2028.
Patron - Kent

F **HB1950** **Living Shoreline Grant Fund established.** Establishes the Living Shoreline Grant Fund to be administered by the Marine Resources Commission for the purpose of awarding grants to a local government or a federally recognized tribe in the Commonwealth to match federal or other matching funds. The bill requires such grants be used for the construction, renovation, or improvement of living shorelines greater than 1.5 miles in any shore angle direction. The bill requires the Commission to give priority to projects that (i) are located on public lands, (ii) demonstrate the ability for the living shoreline to migrate upland over time through documented control of upland properties, or (iii) are identified as priorities in the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan.
Patron - Hernandez

F **HB2326** **Commercial fishing pier; public fishing pier owned by a political subdivision; exclusion.** Excludes a political subdivision that operates a public fishing pier over or upon the subaqueous beds of the Commonwealth from commercial fishing pier licensing fees and permitting requirements.
Patron - Hodges

F **HB2453** **Living Shoreline Grant Fund established.** Establishes the Living Shoreline Grant Fund to be administered by the Marine Resources Commission for the purpose of awarding grants to a local government or a federally recognized tribe in the Commonwealth to match federal or other matching funds. The bill requires such grants be used for the construction, renovation, or improvement of living shorelines greater than 1.5 miles in any shore angle direction. The bill requires the Commission to give priority to projects that (i) are located on public lands, (ii) demonstrate the ability for the living shoreline to migrate upland over time through documented control of upland properties, or (iii) are identified as priorities in the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan.
Patron - Hodges

F **HB2521** **Virginia Institute of Marine Science and Marine Resources Commission; oyster stock assessment; report.** Directs the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) in collaboration with the Marine Resources Commission to conduct a stock assessment of the oyster population in the waters of the Commonwealth. The bill requires VIMS to provide a report on its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources no later than April 1, 2026.
Patron - Lopez

F **HB2629** **Fishing license requirements; exemptions; free fishing days.** Increases from three to six days the maximum number of free fishing days, during which a person is allowed to fish without a fishing license, that the Board of Wildlife Resources may designate for inland waters in the Commonwealth and the Commissioner of Marine Resources may designate for saltwater recreational fishing in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Fowler

F **HB2713** **Marine Resources Commission; Virginia Institute of Marine Science; study of ecology, fishery impacts, and economic importance of Atlantic menhaden; report.** Directs the Marine Resources Commission in collaboration with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and certain stakeholders, as provided in the bill, to conduct a three-year study of the ecology, fishery impacts, and economic importance of the Atlantic menhaden population in the waters of the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Commission to provide a report on its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural

Resources and the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources no later than October 1, 2028.
Patron - Milde

F **SB930 Virginia Institute of Marine Science; study of the cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries; report.** Directs the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to study the cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries. The bill requires VIMS to submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor, the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, and the House Committee on Appropriations no later than October 1, 2028.
Patron - Stuart

General Assembly

Passed

P **HB2372 Joint Commission on Health Care; duty to study proposed health insurance mandates.** Shifts the duty to assess, analyze, and evaluate the social and economic costs and benefits of any proposed mandated health insurance benefit or mandated provider that is currently assigned to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to the Joint Commission on Health Care.
Patron - Sickles

P **HB2617 Commission on Women's Health established; report.** Establishes the Commission on Women's Health as a permanent commission in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of studying and making recommendations on issues related to women's and maternal health. The Commission consists of 15 members, 10 of whom are legislative members and five of whom are nonlegislative citizen members with significant experience or expertise in women's or maternal health policy.
Patron - Mundon King

P **SB774 Essential health benefits benchmark plan review; stakeholder work group.** Requires that the stakeholder work group convened by the Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission for the essential health benefits benchmark plan review consist of members who possess demonstrated and acknowledged expertise in health benefit plan design, actuarial science, population health, patient advocacy, or advocating for or assisting enrollees in individual or small group health coverage. The bill requires the work group to consider factors including (i) coverage denial rates of benefits that are not covered under the current benchmark plan; (ii) the utilization of mandated benefits; (iii) the projected impact of a proposed mandate on the prevalence of medical need, the urgency of such medical need, and any disproportionate disease burden borne by different subpopulations; (iv) the projected cost of each proposed mandate; and (v) other data as determined by the work group. This bill is a recommendation of the Health Insurance Reform Commission.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB799 School Health Services Committee; sunset.** Extends from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2028, the sunset date for the School Health Services Committee.
Patron - Favola

P **SB878 Commission on Unemployment Compensation; membership; compensation; powers and duties.** Adds two nonlegislative citizen members to the membership of the Commission on Unemployment Compensation and transfers the powers and duties of the subcommittee on unemployment insurance, which is removed by the bill, to the Commission. The bill provides that existing nonlegislative members of the subcommittee on unemployment compensation shall serve as the two nonlegislative citizen members added to the Commission until July 1, 2026, and thereafter, one such member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and one by the Senate Committee on Rules.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1120 Commission on Women's Health established; report.** Establishes the Commission on Women's Health as a permanent commission in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of studying and making recommendations on issues related to women's and maternal health. The Commission consists of 15 members, 10 of whom are legislative members and five of whom are nonlegislative citizen members with significant experience or expertise in women's or maternal health policy.
Patron - Lucas

P **SB1219 General Assembly; Legislator Compensation Commission established.** Establishes the Legislator Compensation Commission, to be formed every four years for the purpose of reviewing the salaries, expense allowances, retirement benefits, and other emoluments received by members of the General Assembly and determining whether any adjustments to salaries or allowances are needed. The 11-member Commission shall be appointed as follows: two former members of the Senate of Virginia and four former members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Joint Rules Committee, and five nonlegislative citizen members, with the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the House Minority Leader, and the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders each appointing one such member. Any adjustments made to salaries, expense allowances, or other emoluments or benefits enacted in a budget bill based upon the recommendation of the Commission shall not be effective until January 1 of the year immediately following the general election for all members of the General Assembly. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Reeves

Failed

F **HB1739 General Assembly Military and Veterans Commission established.** Establishes the General Assembly Military and Veterans Commission as a standing commission for the purpose of reviewing legislation related to veterans, military service members, and their families and advising on how such legislation aligns with the 2024 Veterans Strategic Plan. The Commission shall consist of 16 legislators, eight from each house of the General Assembly, all of whom must either (i) be a veteran or military service member or the spouse of a veteran or military service member or (ii) represent a district with a significant military or veteran population relative to the rest of the Commonwealth. The Commission is directed to meet weekly during any regular session of the General Assembly and quarterly in the interim, to review and

analyze proposed legislation and budget amendments to ensure alignment with the priorities outlined in the 2024 Veterans Strategic Plan, to revise and update the goals and priorities outlined in the 2024 Veterans Strategic Plan, and to host an annual Military Appreciation Night.
Patron - Reid

F **HB1838 General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act; definition of "gift."** Excludes from the definition of a gift, for purposes of the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act, food and beverages that are consumed by a legislator while sitting and sharing a meal with at least one legislator of a different political party.
Patron - Bloxom

F **HB2285 Study; Autism Advisory Council; establishment of an autism data dashboard in the Commonwealth; report.** Directs the Autism Advisory Council to study and advise the General Assembly on the establishment of an autism data dashboard for the purpose of promoting greater public transparency and access to information and resources on autism spectrum disorders. The Council is directed to submit a report with recommendations for such dashboard's development, including the types of data and resources that should be included, to the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than November 1, 2025.
Patron - Coyner

F **SB1138 General Assembly; intergovernmental affairs; delegates to convention for proposing amendments held pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States; penalties.** Provides for the selection by the General Assembly of delegates to attend a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States held pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States. The bill grants the General Assembly the power to recall delegates, appoint new delegates, and convene an advisory committee to oversee the conduct of delegates. The bill provides that delegates must take an oath to adhere to the instructions of the General Assembly and any delegate who votes or otherwise acts beyond the authority granted in such instructions is guilty of a Class 5 felony.
Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB1170 Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council; disclosure of digital assets.** Directs the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council to require the disclosure of digital assets on the Statement of Economic Interests form. The bill defines "digital assets" to mean any digital representation of value recorded on a cryptographically secured distributed ledger or similar technology.
Patron - Salim

F **SB1232 Autism Advisory Council; name change; membership; staffing; powers and duties.** Provides for the Autism Advisory Council to be reconstituted as a permanent, independently staffed agency in the legislative branch of state government. Currently, the Autism Advisory Council is set to expire on July 1, 2027. The bill repeals that expiration date and renames the agency as the Autism Commission. The bill also modifies the membership of the Commission to more closely align with the membership makeup of other independently staffed legislative agencies and directs the Commission to appoint and employ an executive director and other staff to assist in carrying out the duties of the Commission.
Patron - Aird

General Provisions

Passed

P **HB1649 Board of Medicine; continuing education; unconscious bias and cultural competency.** Directs the Board of Medicine to require unconscious bias and cultural competency training as part of the continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure. The bill specifies requirements for the training and requires the Board of Medicine to report the number of licensees who have successfully completed such training to the Department of Health and the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative. This bill is identical to SB 740. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Hayes

P **HB1675 Board of Medicine; continuing education; unconscious bias and cultural competency.** Directs the Board of Medicine to require unconscious bias and cultural competency training as part of the continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure. The bill specifies requirements for the training and requires the Board of Medicine to report on the training to the Department of Health. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Hayes

P **HB1760 Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Act; report.** Directs the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Education, to convene a work group to develop a plan to (i) create a mental health screening and assessment tool for children in early childhood care and (ii) provide mental health consultation resources and training to early childhood education providers, pediatric health providers, and families. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Gardner

P **HB1779 Carbon-free energy or clean energy; fusion energy; definitions.** Adds fusion energy, as defined in the bill, to the list of generation sources that qualify as carbon-free energy or clean energy. This bill is identical to SB 1338.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB2109 Task Force on Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures; report.** Directs the State Health Commissioner to reestablish the Task Force on Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures for the purpose of evaluating maternal health data collection processes to guide policies in the Commonwealth to improve maternal care, quality, and outcomes for all birthing people in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Task Force to report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1 of each year regarding its activities. The bill directs the Task Force to conclude its work by November 1, 2026. This bill reestablishes the Task Force on Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures that concluded on

December 1, 2023. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Herring

P **HB2446 Postpartum Depression Education Act; report.** Directs the Department of Health to establish a public awareness campaign, develop and distribute educational materials, and create an online resource hub focused on perinatal and postpartum depression. The bill requires the Department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the implementation of the bill, with the first annual report due by November 1, 2026. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2503 Virginia coordinate systems; federal updates.** Updates several references in Code to the Virginia Coordinate System of 2022 and aligns state law with federal changes with respect to measurement standards. The bill replaces the U.S. survey foot with the international foot. The provisions of the bill become effective upon the official release by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Geodetic Survey of the State Plane Coordinate System of 2022 and certification in writing to the Virginia Code Commission that such contingency has been met. This bill is identical to SB 1173.

Patron - Wiley

P **HB2610 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state pharmacy benefits manager; independent evaluation.** Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services, by July 1, 2026, to select and contract with a third-party administrator to serve as the state pharmacy benefits manager to administer all pharmacy benefits for Medicaid recipients, including recipients enrolled in a managed care organization. The bill enumerates requirements for the Department's contract with the state pharmacy benefits manager. In addition, the bill directs the Department to engage an independent consultant to evaluate the implementation of a contract with a third-party pharmacy benefits manager pursuant to the bill. This bill incorporates HB 2209 and is identical to SB 875. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Callsen

P **SB740 Board of Medicine; continuing education; unconscious bias and cultural competency.** Directs the Board of Medicine to require unconscious bias and cultural competency training as part of the continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure. The bill specifies requirements for the training and requires the Board of Medicine to report the number of licensees who have successfully completed such training to the Department of Health and the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative. This bill is identical to HB 1649. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Locke

P **SB875 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state pharmacy benefits manager; independent evaluation.** Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services, by July 1, 2026, to select and contract with a third-party administrator to serve as the state pharmacy benefits manager to administer all pharmacy benefits for Medicaid recipients, including recipients enrolled in a managed care organization. The bill enumerates requirements for the Department's contract with the state pharmacy benefits manager. In addition, the bill directs the Department to engage an independent consultant to evaluate the implementation of a contract with a third-party pharmacy benefits manager pursuant to the bill. This bill is identical to HB 2610. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Rouse

P **SB1173 Virginia coordinate systems; federal updates.** Updates several references in Code to the Virginia Coordinate System of 2022 and aligns state law with federal changes with respect to measurement standards. The bill replaces the U.S. survey foot with the international foot. The provisions of the bill become effective upon the official release by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Geodetic Survey of the State Plane Coordinate System of 2022 and certification in writing to the Virginia Code Commission that such contingency has been met. This bill is identical to HB 2503.
Patron - Suetterlein

P **SB1338 Carbon-free energy or clean energy; fusion energy; definitions.** Adds fusion energy, as defined in the bill, to the list of generation sources that qualify as carbon-free energy or clean energy. This bill is identical to HB 1779.

Patron - Marsden

Failed

F **HB2001 Time zone of the Commonwealth.** Provides that the Commonwealth shall observe Eastern Daylight Time (Eastern Standard Time, advanced one hour) year-round upon the enactment by Congress of a law allowing states to observe Eastern Daylight Time year-round.
Patron - McNamara

F **HB2666 Attorney General; distribution of 599 funding to distressed localities with high crime and poverty rates; advisory work group.** Directs the Attorney General to convene a work group for the purpose of advising on the distribution of 599 funding to distressed localities with high crime and poverty rates. The work group shall include legislators and local elected officials who represent distressed localities and other persons with relevant experience and expertise.
Patron - Taylor

F **HB2739 Time zone; permanent standard time in Virginia.** Exempts Virginia from observing daylight saving time, thereby making Eastern Standard Time the standard time in Virginia year-round.
Patron - Freitas

F **SB1184 Virginia Economic Development Partnership; evaluation of new economic development incentives for companies engaging in the microchip and semiconductor and related equipment and material supplies sector; report.** Directs the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, in collaboration with the Department of Taxation, to evaluate the benefits and impacts of new economic development incentives for companies engaging in the microchip and semiconductor and related equipment and material supplies sector. The bill requires VEDP to provide a report on its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the House Committee on Appropriations no later than November 30, 2025.
Patron - Carroll Foy

Health

Passed

P **HB1552 Certificate of public need; exception; critical access hospitals; swing beds; sunset.** Allows critical access hospitals to utilize an average of up to 10 swing beds per day, calculated over the hospital's fiscal year, without obtaining a certificate of public need. Under current law, critical access hospitals may only use up to 10 percent of beds as swing beds. The bill directs the State Commissioner of Health to collect data annually from critical access hospitals that use fiscal year averaging for swing beds and make such data publicly available. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028. This bill is identical to SB 1177.
Patron - Wiley

P **HB1571 Funeral directors; requirement to report certain statistics removed.** Removes the requirement that funeral directors report monthly to the State Registrar a list showing all caskets furnished, bodies prepared for disposition and transportation, and funerals performed where no casket was furnished by the funeral director for the preceding month.
Patron - Runion

P **HB1614 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; postpartum doula care; report.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment for up to 10 doula visits, with up to four doula visits during pregnancy and up to six doula visits during the 12 months after the individual gives birth. The bill requires the Department to report to the Governor and General Assembly annually on the implementation and outcomes of the provision, and requires the first such report to be submitted by December 31, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 1418. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - McClure

P **HB1716 Contraception; right to contraception; applicability; enforcement.** Establishes a right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception, as such terms are defined in the bill. The bill clarifies that none of its provisions shall be construed to permit or sanction the performance of any sterilization procedure without a patient's voluntary and informed consent. The bill creates a cause of action that may be instituted against anyone who infringes on such right. This bill is identical to SB 1105. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Price

P **HB1724 Prescription Drug Affordability Board established; drug cost affordability review.** Establishes the Prescription Drug Affordability Board for the purpose of protecting the citizens of the Commonwealth and other stakeholders within the health care system from the high costs of prescription drug products. The bill requires the Board to meet in open session at least four times annually, with certain exceptions and requirements enumerated in the bill. Members of the Board are required to disclose any conflicts of interest, as described in the bill. The bill also creates a stakeholder council for the purpose of assisting the Board in making decisions related to drug cost affordability. The bill tasks the Board with identifying prescription, generic, and other drugs, as defined in the bill, that are offered for sale in the Commonwealth and, at the Board's discretion, conducting an affordability review of any prescription drug product. The bill lists factors for the Board to consider that indicate an affordability challenge for the health care system in the Commonwealth or high out-of-pocket costs for patients. The bill also provides that any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board may request an appeal of the Board's decision and that the Attorney General has authority to enforce the provisions of the bill. The bill provides that the Board shall establish no more than 12 upper payment limit amounts annually between July 1, 2026, and January 1, 2029.
The bill requires the Board to annually report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, beginning on December 31, 2026. Provisions of the bill apply to state-sponsored and state-regulated health plans and health programs and obligate such policies to limit drug payment amounts and reimbursements to an upper payment limit amount set by the Board, if applicable, following an affordability review. The bill specifies that Medicare Part D plans are not bound by such decisions of the Board.
The bill also requires the nonprofit organization contracted by the Department of Health to provide prescription drug price transparency to provide the Board access to certain data reported by manufacturers. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Delaney

P **HB1731 Services for sexual assault patients; provision of information for sexual assault patients; Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault; work group; report.** Changes instances of "sexual assault survivor" and its variations to "sexual assault patient." The bill requires health care facilities to provide information on local or statewide sexual and domestic violence advocacy services to adult and pediatric patients. The bill removes language requiring hospitals to enter into a memorandum of understanding with rape crisis centers, removes language allowing sexual assault patients to be transferred to clinics, and repeals the statute establishing the Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault. The bill directs the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services to convene a work group to address sustainable funding for sexual assault medical forensic examinations and services. The bill requires the work group to submit a report with recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by November 1, 2025. This bill is identical to SB 1005.
Patron - Delaney

P **HB1782 Newborn screening requirements; federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel; evaluation; rulemaking; report.** Directs the Department of Health (the Department) to determine whether testing for disorders included on the federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) recommended by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services should be included in the Commonwealth's newborn screening requirements. The bill directs the Department to evaluate disorders included on the RUSP within 12 months of their addition to the RUSP and commence rulemaking procedures for adding such disorders to the Commonwealth's screening program if their inclusion is appropriate. The bill also requires the Department to determine annually whether disorders not included in the Commonwealth's newborn screening program should be reevaluated for inclusion. The bill requires the Department to submit a status report to the General Assembly annually containing information on the disorders included, evaluated, not recommended for inclusion, and not recommended for reevaluation. The bill contains an enactment

clause requiring the Department to conduct such evaluation and, if applicable, commence rulemaking procedures for the addition of disorders within 12 months of the effective date of the bill for any disorders that are listed on the RUSP as of January 1, 2025.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB1804 Department of Medical Assistance Services; application for medical assistance; eligibility for Medicaid Works.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek the necessary approvals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend its application for medical assistance to gather all necessary information to determine an applicant's eligibility for the Medicaid Works program.
Patron - Cohen

P **HB1861 Department of Health Professions; health regulatory boards; regulations; licensure by endorsement.** Directs each health regulatory board regulated by the Department of Health Professions to enact regulations to provide a licensure by endorsement pathway for qualified applicants as practitioners of the particular profession or professions regulated by such board. The bill specifies that the Board of Medicine shall be the first health regulatory board to enact regulations to provide a licensure by endorsement pathway. This bill is identical to SB 1438.
Patron - Price

P **HB1900 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; rapid whole genome sequencing; emergency.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to add a provision to the state plan for medical assistance services allowing payment of medical assistance for rapid whole genome sequencing, as defined in the bill, for children three years of age or younger who are receiving inpatient hospital services in an intensive care unit. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 1461.
Patron - Willett

P **HB1902 Board of Health; Department of Health Professions; Prescription Monitoring Program; overdose information.** Directs the Board of Health to report patient level data on patients who overdose on opioids to the Department of Health Professions for use in the Prescription Monitoring Program. The bill requires practitioners to obtain such data when prescribing opioids.
Patron - Willett

P **HB1904 Department of Health; coverage for nursery services; certified nurse midwives; licensed certified midwives; pediatric nurse practitioners.** Directs the Department of Health to amend its regulations on coverage for nursery services to (i) allow certified nurse midwives, licensed certified midwives, or pediatric nurse practitioners with pediatric privileges and a neonatal resuscitation certification from the American Academy of Pediatrics, including endotracheal intubation training, to be on the 24-hour on-call duty roster for nursery care if a physician is not available and (ii) permit physicians to provide consultation via telehealth when a certified nurse midwife, licensed certified midwife, or pediatric nurse practitioner is providing coverage for the 24-hour on-call duty roster and a physician is incapable of arriving on site within 30 minutes of notification.
Patron - Willett

P **HB1918 Women's Menstrual Health Program established; provision of education, training, and information.** Directs the Commissioner of Health to establish the Women's Menstrual Health Program within the Department of Health. The bill directs the Department, in administering the Program, to provide (i) education and training concerning menstrual health, menstrual health screening, and menstrual health care to health care providers, hospital staff who encounter patients in emergency situations, and the public and (ii) on the Department's website, clinical practice guidelines for health care providers related to menstrual disorders and educational materials for health care providers and the public concerning menstrual disorders. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - LeVere Bolling

P **HB1923 Health insurance; reimbursement for services rendered by certain practitioners other than physicians.** Requires health insurers and health service plan providers whose policies or contracts cover services that may be legally performed by a licensed certified midwife or licensed midwife to provide equal coverage for such services. The bill requires the reimbursement for a service provided by a licensed certified midwife or licensed midwife to be in the same amount as the reimbursement paid under the policy to a certified nurse midwife performing such service in the area served, subject to certain conditions. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Ward

P **HB1929 Department of Medical Assistance Services; pregnancy mobile application.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to partner with a mobile pregnancy application to promote awareness of state government maternal and infant health programs and information available to prenatal, pregnant, and postpartum individuals who are eligible for Medicaid. The bill requires the Department to submit a request for proposal within 180 days of the bill's effective date. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - LeVere Bolling

P **HB1976 Department of Medical Assistance Services; remote patient monitoring; high-risk pregnant patients.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend its regulations, guidance, and provider manuals to clarify that remote patient monitoring services for high-risk pregnant patients include pregnant patients with maternal diabetes and maternal hypertension. The bill requires the Department to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2025, on the number of persons receiving remote patient monitoring services for maternal diabetes and maternal hypertension and the cost of providing such services.
Patron - Laufer

P **HB2082 Department of Medical Assistance Services; appeals of agency determinations.** Allows health care providers to appeal any adverse action or determination by the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) or a DMAS contractor. Under current law, such appeal is allowed for a determination of overpayment to a provider by DMAS. The bill adds provisions allowing for DMAS and an appealing provider to stay the deadline for their appeal decision to facilitate settlement discussions. The bill further specifies that DMAS contractors are required to represent themselves during appeal proceedings. This bill is identical to SB 1237. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Hope

P **HB2119 Certificate of public need; expedited application and review; medical deserts.** Instructs the State Health Commissioner to direct the State Health Services Plan

Task Force to develop recommendations for establishing an expedited application and review process for projects requiring a certificate of public need in medical deserts. This bill is identical to SB 1203.
Patron - Walker

P **HB2198 Prescribed pediatric extended care centers; licensure; regulation.** Authorizes the State Board of Health to license prescribed pediatric extended care centers, defined as nonresidential health care service centers that provide a link in the continuum of care for medically dependent or technologically dependent children. The bill establishes the scope of services offered by such centers and requirements for operation, management, staffing, facilities, and maintenance and directs the Board to promulgate emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - McQuinn

P **HB2253 Nursing homes; sanctions; civil penalty.** Establishes procedures for the implementation of sanctions by the State Health Commissioner on any nursing home that is licensed pursuant to the laws regulating medical care facilities and services. The bill specifies the forms of sanctions that the Commissioner may impose, the nursing home's continued responsibility for persons under its care, the use of funds remunerated in accordance with such sanctions, the process for the imposition of such sanctions, and the Commissioner's ability to revoke such nursing home's license. The bill specifies that sanctions shall not be imposed on a nursing home that is sanctioned by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This bill is identical to SB 1383.
Patron - Wachsmann

P **HB2255 Hospitals and nursing homes; licensure and inspection fees; Hospital and Nursing Home Licensure and Inspection Program Fund established.** Directs the State Board of Health to require in its regulations the establishment of fees for the issuance, change, or renewal of a hospital or nursing home license to cover the costs of operating the hospital and nursing home licensure and inspection program in a manner that ensures timely completion of inspections. The bill requires the Board to distribute the costs of operating the hospital and nursing home licensure and inspection program in an equitable manner across all hospitals and nursing homes and specifies that the amount of such fees shall change no more frequently than annually. Such fee changes shall only be initiated under the bill if the expenses are more than 10 percent greater or less than the annual costs of operating the licensure and inspection program in a manner that ensures timely completion of inspections. The bill also creates the Hospital and Nursing Home Licensure and Inspection Program Fund to be used for the purposes of supporting the activities of the licensure and inspections requirements administered pursuant to current law. The bill directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill related to the establishment of such fees and specifies that the provisions pertaining to the creation of the Fund shall not become effective until the Board adopts such emergency regulations. This bill is identical to SB 1484.
Patron - Wachsmann

P **HB2269 Hospitals; reports of threats or acts of violence against health care providers.** Requires hospitals in the Commonwealth to establish a workplace violence incident reporting system to document, track, and analyze any incident of workplace violence reported. The bill requires each hospital to (i) report the data collected via the reporting system to the chief medical officer and the chief nursing officer of such hospital on, at minimum, a quarterly basis and (ii) send a report to the Department of Health on an annual basis that includes, at a minimum, the number of incidents of workplace violence voluntarily reported by an employee. The bill also requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Criminal Justice Services, to convene a stakeholder work group for the purpose of making recommendations on the workplace violence system and policies adopted pursuant to the bill. This bill is identical to SB 1260.
Patron - Tran

P **HB2309 Department of Health; local health districts and local health departments; guidance for onsite sewage system and private well permits.** Directs the Department of Health to develop guidance directing local health districts and local health departments to evaluate and recommend solutions to problems with a valid onsite sewage system or private well permit prior to issuing a revocation for such valid onsite sewage system or private well permit.
Patron - Hodges

P **HB2375 Prescription drug price transparency; pharmacy services administrative organizations.** Requires pharmacy services administrative organizations to submit information on reimbursement rates and fees to the nonprofit data services organization that contracts with the Department of Health to provide prescription drug price transparency information. Under the bill, a pharmacy services administrative organization that solely generates revenue from charging flat service fees to pharmacies and does not charge pharmacies for services based on prescription drug prices or volume is exempt from submitting such information.
Patron - Sickles

P **HB2384 State Board of Health to adopt regulations related to emergency medical vehicle restrictions and specifications.** Directs the State Board of Health to adopt a regulation allowing certain Emergency Medical Services (EMS) vehicles belonging to a combination fire and EMS agency to have the fire department logo and lettering appear larger than the lettering identifying the EMS agency.
Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2489 Study; Department of Health Professions; expanding scope of practice for physician assistants; report.** Directs the Department of Health Professions to conduct a study on expansion of the scope of practice for physician assistants in the Commonwealth as a means to increase autonomy in the profession. In addition to reviewing the education and training requirements for physician assistants in the Commonwealth and the other states, the study includes an analysis of the costs and benefits to patients of increased autonomy for physician assistants. The Department is directed to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Henson

P **HB2500 Florence Neal Cooper Smith Sickle Cell Research Endowment Fund established.** Establishes the Florence Neal Cooper Smith Sickle Cell Research Endowment Fund to support medical and biomedical sickle cell disease research conducted in institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth that relates to the causes and potential cures of sickle cell disease. The Fund shall be administered by the Commonwealth Health Research Board.
Patron - McQuinn

P **HB2534** **Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; crisis stabilization services for nonhospitalized individuals; emergency.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek the necessary federal approvals to remove the prohibition against the use of crisis stabilization services for nonhospitalized individuals in institutions for mental disease and, upon receiving federal approval, (i) authorizes the Department of Medical Assistance Services to implement such change through agency guidance documents prior to the completion of any regulatory review process and (ii) directs it to promulgate regulations to implement such change to be effective within 280 days of receiving federal approval. This bill is identical to SB 1304.
Patron - Sewell

P **HB2539** **Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; dental care services for pregnant women; report.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment for comprehensive dental care services for pregnant women. The bill requires the Department to report to the Governor and General Assembly annually on the implementation and outcomes of the provision, and requires the first such report to be submitted by November 1, 2026.
Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2742** **Malcolm's Law; hospitals; urine drug screening; fentanyl.** Requires hospitals with an emergency department, when conducting a urine drug screening, as defined in the bill, to assist in diagnosing a patient's condition, to include testing for fentanyl in such urine drug screening. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - Shin

P **HB2748** **Department of Veterans Services; provision of copies of veteran vital records.** Requires the Board of Health to provide a copy of a veteran's vital records to the Department of Veterans Services upon the Department's request when a veteran or his surviving spouse requires a certified copy of a vital record to obtain service-connected benefits. This bill incorporates HB 2016.
Patron - Laufer

P **HB2749** **Department of Health; waterworks; mandatory reporting.** Requires owners of waterworks to report any critical equipment failure or malfunction or contaminant release to the Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water as soon as practicable but no more than six hours after discovery. The bill also requires owners of waterworks that are required to submit a monthly operating report to the Office to include any noncritical equipment failure or malfunction that could adversely affect water quality, public health, or service continuity in such report. This bill incorporates HB 2407 and is identical to SB 1408. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - LeVere Bolling

P **HB2753** **Maternal health; protocols and resources for hospitals and outpatient providers; report.** Requires all hospitals with an emergency department or labor and delivery, freestanding emergency departments, and birthing centers to implement standardized protocols for identifying and responding to obstetric emergencies, including obstetric hemorrhage, preeclampsia, and eclampsia. Such standardized protocols shall be based on protocols established by the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative for inpatient and outpatient providers regarding the treatment of obstetric emergencies, the recognition of urgent maternal warning signs, and the transfer of pregnant and postpartum patients. The bill requires the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative to collect data and submit an annual report to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the General Assembly with data relating to the implementation of standardized protocols and maternal health outcomes. This bill incorporates HB 2518 and is identical to SB 1279.
Patron - Hayes

P **SB780** **Health insurance; coverage for contraceptive drugs and devices.** Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage, under any health insurance contract, policy, or plan that includes coverage for prescription drugs on an outpatient basis, for contraceptive drugs and contraceptive devices, as defined in the bill, including those available over-the-counter. The bill prohibits a health insurance carrier from imposing upon any person receiving contraceptive benefits pursuant to the provisions of the bill any copayment, coinsurance payment, or fee, except in certain circumstances. This bill is identical to HB 2371. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Carroll Foy

P **SB821** **Nursing facilities; electronic monitoring in resident rooms.** Permits residents of nursing facilities to have electronic monitoring devices placed in their rooms. The bill defines "electronic monitoring" as the use of a surveillance device with a fixed position video camera or audio recording device, or combination thereof, that is installed in a resident's room and broadcasts or records activities or sounds occurring within the confines of the room. The bill contains several provisions establishing the requirements for the placement and utilization of any such electronic monitoring device in any resident's room, including requirements relating to ensuring that residents or their legal representatives and residents' roommates or their legal representatives consent to the placement and utilization of electronic monitoring devices in their rooms. The bill directs the Virginia Board of Health to promulgate regulations consistent with the bill, and the provisions of the bill become effective when such regulations become effective.
Patron - Craig

P **SB843** **Department of Medical Assistance Services; remote patient monitoring for patients with chronic conditions; report.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to develop a plan and estimate costs for expanding eligibility criteria under Medicaid for remote patient monitoring for individuals with chronic conditions and to report such plan and cost estimate to the Joint Commission on Health Care by October 1, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.
Patron - Favola

P **SB851** **Local ordinances for the use of certain rainwater harvesting systems.** Provides that existing local ordinances adopted prior to July 1, 2025, governing rainwater harvesting systems shall continue in force; however, in the event of a conflict between a Board of Health regulation and a local ordinance adopted prior to July 1, 2025, the Board regulation shall govern, except when the conflicting local ordinance is more stringent. The bill prohibits a locality from adopting any local ordinance requiring owners of Tier 4 rainwater harvesting systems to connect to any municipal water supply or impose any penalty, including condemnation proceedings, on such owner for failing to connect to a municipal water supply.
Patron - Diggs

P **SB981 Certified community health workers; annual report.** Directs the Department of Health to submit a report on certified community health workers to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the House Committee on Appropriations and the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget by November 1, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.
Patron - Hashmi

P **SB1005 Services for sexual assault patients; provision of information for sexual assault patients; Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault; work group; report.** Changes instances of "sexual assault survivor" and its variations to "sexual assault patient." The bill requires health care facilities to provide information on local or statewide sexual and domestic violence advocacy services to adult and pediatric patients. The bill removes language requiring hospitals to enter into a memorandum of understanding with rape crisis centers, removes language allowing sexual assault patients to be transferred to clinics, and repeals the statute establishing the Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault. The bill directs the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services to convene a work group to address sustainable funding for sexual assault medical forensic examinations and services. The bill requires the work group to submit a report with recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by November 1, 2025. This bill is identical to HB 1731.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1019 Department of Health; WIC applications; information.** Directs the Department of Health to provide information, resources, and education to food banks regarding providing assistance to individuals completing a Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) application.
Patron - Roem

P **SB1038 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; best practice training; telehealth visits for patients with disabilities.** Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to develop and disseminate best practice educational training for health care providers on how to conduct telehealth visits for patients with disabilities. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1064 Relocation, conversion, and addition of beds in medical care facilities; application for certificate of public need; expedited review.** Expands the State Board of Health's procedures for expedited review of applications for certificates of public need for certain projects to include the relocation or conversion of beds from, or the addition of beds to, an already existing medical facility, as well as the establishment of a new psychiatric medical care facility by an existing medical care facility.
Patron - Hashmi

P **SB1105 Contraception; right to contraception; applicability; enforcement.** Establishes a right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception, as such terms are defined in the bill. The bill clarifies that none of its provisions shall be construed to permit or sanction the performance of any sterilization procedure without a patient's voluntary and informed consent. The bill creates a cause of action that may be instituted against anyone who infringes on such right. This bill is identical to HB 1716. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Hashmi

P **SB1152 Nursing homes and certified nursing facilities; professional liability insurance.** Specifies that the required minimum amount of professional liability coverage and general liability coverage for nursing homes and certified nursing facilities is the amount per occurrence. The bill requires nursing homes and certified nursing facilities to provide at licensure renewal or have available to the Board of Health proof of such coverage.
Patron - Obenshain

P **SB1177 Certificate of public need; exception; critical access hospitals; swing beds; sunset.** Allows critical access hospitals to utilize an average of up to 10 swing beds per day, calculated over the hospital's fiscal year, without obtaining a certificate of public need. Under current law, critical access hospitals may only use up to 10 percent of beds as swing beds. The bill directs the State Commissioner of Health to collect data annually from critical access hospitals that use fiscal year averaging for swing beds and make such data publicly available. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028. This bill is identical to HB 1552.
Patron - Suetterlein

P **SB1203 Certificate of public need; expedited application and review; medical deserts.** Instructs the State Health Commissioner to direct the State Health Services Plan Task Force to develop recommendations for establishing an expedited application and review process for projects requiring a certificate of public need in medical deserts. This bill is identical to HB 2119.
Patron - Head

P **SB1234 Private well permit applications.** The bill requires any permit application for private well construction to include (i) an indication as to whether such permit is for new construction of a well, repair of an existing well, or modification of an existing well and (ii) if such permit is for new construction of a well that will replace an existing well, an indication as to the reason such existing well will no longer be used. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1237 Department of Medical Assistance Services; appeals of agency determinations.** Allows health care providers to appeal any adverse action or determination by the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) or a DMAS contractor. Under current law, such appeal is allowed for a determination of overpayment to a provider by DMAS. The bill adds provisions allowing for DMAS and an appealing provider to stay the deadline for their appeal decision to facilitate settlement discussions. The bill further specifies that DMAS contractors are required to represent themselves during appeal proceedings. This bill is identical to HB 2082. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1260 Hospitals; reports of threats or acts of violence against health care providers.** Requires hospitals in the Commonwealth to establish a workplace violence incident reporting system to document, track, and analyze any incident of workplace violence reported. The bill requires each hospital to (i) report the data collected via the reporting system to the chief medical officer and the chief nursing officer of such hospital on, at minimum, a quarterly basis and (ii) send a report to the Department of Health on an annual basis that includes, at

a minimum, the number of incidents of workplace violence voluntarily reported by an employee. The bill also requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Criminal Justice Services, to convene a stakeholder work group for the purpose of making recommendations on the workplace violence system and policies adopted pursuant to the bill. This bill is identical to HB 2269.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1279 Maternal health; protocols and resources for hospitals and outpatient providers; report.** Requires all hospitals with an emergency department or labor and delivery, freestanding emergency departments, and birthing centers to implement standardized protocols for identifying and responding to obstetric emergencies, including obstetric hemorrhage, preeclampsia, and eclampsia. Such standardized protocols shall be based on protocols established by the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative for inpatient and outpatient providers regarding the treatment of obstetric emergencies, the recognition of urgent maternal warning signs, and the transfer of pregnant and postpartum patients. The bill requires the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative to collect data and submit an annual report to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the General Assembly with data relating to the implementation of standardized protocols and maternal health outcomes. This bill is identical to HB 2753.
Patron - Jordan

P **SB1304 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; crisis stabilization services for nonhospitalized individuals; emergency.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek the necessary federal approvals to remove the prohibition against the use of crisis stabilization services for nonhospitalized individuals in institutions for mental disease and, upon receiving federal approval, (i) authorizes the Department of Medical Assistance Services to implement such change through agency guidance documents prior to the completion of any regulatory review process and (ii) directs it to promulgate regulations to implement such change to be effective within 280 days of receiving federal approval. This bill is identical to HB 2534.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1379 Health; Research and Clinical Trial Cancer Consortium Initiative established; report.** Establishes the Research and Clinical Trial Cancer Consortium Initiative for the purpose of coordinating, maximizing the efficiency of, and facilitating cancer clinical research and treatment efforts across the Commonwealth. The bill establishes the membership of the Initiative to include three nonlegislative citizen members and representatives of the following institutions relating to cancer clinical research and treatment: (i) the Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, (ii) the University of Virginia Medical Center, (iii) the Leroy T. Canoles Jr. Cancer Research Center at the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University, (iv) the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech Carilion, (v) Hampton University, and (vi) the Inova Schar Cancer Institute. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1383 Nursing homes; sanctions; civil penalty.** Establishes procedures for the implementation of sanctions by the State Health Commissioner on any nursing home that is licensed pursuant to the laws regulating medical care facilities and services. The bill specifies the forms of sanctions that the Commissioner may impose, the nursing home's continued responsibility for persons under its care, the use of funds remunerated in accordance with such sanctions, the process for the imposition of such sanctions, and the Commissioner's ability to revoke such nursing home's license. The bill specifies that sanctions shall not be imposed on a nursing home that is sanctioned by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This bill is identical to HB 2253.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1384 Childbirth; postpartum process.** Requires health care facilities providing services related to labor and childbirth to develop policies to (i) allow every birthing person to have a companion or doula with the person during birth in addition to a partner or spouse; (ii) at the discretion of the treating physician, allow every birthing person to have a companion or doula with the person during birth when a partner or spouse is not permitted to be present; (iii) prioritize newborns bonding with their families in order to facilitate the postpartum process; (iv) prohibit excluding from care any person giving birth or prohibit interrupting the process of birth without the informed consent of the birthing person; (v) detail the facility's process related to receiving a pregnant person's patient information from any provider who has provided care for the pregnant person; (vi) establish processes to transfer and receive pregnant persons across levels of care of licensed facilities within the facility's capacity and capability; and (vii) establish a process to receive individuals who are pregnant, giving birth, or in the postpartum process from locations other than licensed facilities.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1393 Department of Medical Assistance Services; pregnancy mobile application.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to partner with a mobile pregnancy application to promote awareness of state government maternal and infant health programs and information available to prenatal, pregnant, and postpartum individuals who are eligible for Medicaid. The bill also directs the Department to develop an in lieu of service or setting that expands access to nutritious food for pregnant and postpartum Medicaid managed care members. The bill requires the Department to submit a request for proposal within 180 days of the bill's effective date. This bill incorporates SB 1457. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB1408 Department of Health; waterworks; mandatory reporting.** Requires owners of waterworks to report any critical equipment failure or malfunction or contaminant release to the Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water as soon as practicable but no more than six hours after discovery. The bill also requires owners of waterworks that are required to submit a monthly operating report to the Office to include any noncritical equipment failure or malfunction that could adversely affect water quality, public health, or service continuity in such report. This bill is identical to HB 2749. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Reeves

P **SB1418 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; postpartum doula care; report.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment for up to 10 doula visits, with up to four doula visits during pregnancy and up to six doula visits during the 12 months after the individual gives birth. The bill requires the Department to report to the Governor and General Assembly annually on the

implementation and outcomes of the provision, and requires the first such report to be submitted by December 31, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 1614. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1438 Department of Health Professions; health regulatory boards; regulations; licensure by endorsement.** Directs each health regulatory board regulated by the Department of Health Professions to enact regulations to provide a licensure by endorsement pathway for qualified applicants as practitioners of the particular profession or professions regulated by such board. The bill specifies that the Board of Medicine shall be the first health regulatory board to enact regulations to provide a licensure by endorsement pathway. This bill is identical to HB 1861.
Patron - Durant

P **SB1461 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; rapid whole genome sequencing; emergency.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to add a provision to the state plan for medical assistance services allowing payment of medical assistance for rapid whole genome sequencing, as defined in the bill, for children three years of age or younger who are receiving inpatient hospital services in an intensive care unit. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to HB 1900.
Patron - Jordan

P **SB1484 Hospitals and nursing homes; licensure and inspection fees; Hospital and Nursing Home Licensure and Inspection Program Fund established.** Directs the State Board of Health to require in its regulations the establishment of fees for the issuance, change, or renewal of a hospital or nursing home license to cover the costs of operating the hospital and nursing home licensure and inspection program in a manner that ensures timely completion of inspections. The bill requires the Board to distribute the costs of operating the hospital and nursing home licensure and inspection program in an equitable manner across all hospitals and nursing homes and specifies that the amount of such fees shall change no more frequently than annually. Such fee changes shall only be initiated under the bill if the expenses are more than 10 percent greater or less than the annual costs of operating the licensure and inspection program in a manner that ensures timely completion of inspections. The bill also creates the Hospital and Nursing Home Licensure and Inspection Program Fund to be used for the purposes of supporting the activities of the licensure and inspections requirements administered pursuant to current law. The bill directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill related to the establishment of such fees and specifies that the provisions pertaining to the creation of the Fund shall not become effective until the Board adopts such emergency regulations. This bill is identical to HB 2255.
Patron - Srinivasan

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F **HB1555 Health Care Regulatory Sandbox Program established.** Requires the Department of Health to establish the Health Care Regulatory Sandbox Program to enable a person to obtain limited access to the market in the Commonwealth to temporarily test an innovative health care product or service on a limited basis without otherwise being licensed or authorized to act under the laws of the Commonwealth. Under the Program, an applicant requests the waiver of certain laws, regulations, or other requirements for a 24-month testing period, with an option to request an additional six-month testing period. The bill provides application requirements, consumer protections, procedures for exiting the Program or requesting an extension, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The bill requires the Department of Health to provide an annual report to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health that provides information regarding each Program participant and recommendations regarding the effectiveness of the Program. The bill directs the Board of Health to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill and has an expiration date of July 1, 2030.
Patron - Williams

F **HB1596 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; telemedicine services.** Changes the definition of "telemedicine services" as it is used in the state plan for medical assistance services to include two-way, real-time, audio-only communication technology for any telehealth service furnished to a patient in his home.
Patron - Clark

F **HB1618 Commissioner of Health; work group to study the occurrence of microplastics in the Commonwealth's public drinking water; report.** Directs the Commissioner of Health to convene a work group to study the occurrence of microplastics in the Commonwealth's public drinking water and develop recommendations for the reduction of microplastics in the Commonwealth's public drinking water. The bill requires the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and Health and Human Services and the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and Education and Health by December 1, 2025.
Patron - Clark

F **HB1710 Department of Medical Assistance Services; reimbursement rates for Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities; work group; report.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to assess and make recommendations related to reimbursement rates for the federal Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities. The bill requires the work group to report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Gardner

F **HB1720 State plan for medical assistance services; violence prevention services benefit; work group.** Directs the Board of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment of medical assistance for violence prevention services, defined in the bill, provided by a qualified violence prevention professional to an individual who receives medical treatment for an injury sustained as a result of community violence, defined in the bill, and who is determined by a health care provider to be at risk of repeat injury or retaliation. The bill directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to convene a work group to advise the Board on the design and implementation of the violence prevention services benefit and to post on its website the date upon which violence prevention services may be provided and billed pursuant to the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Price

HB1732 Health records; disclosure of laboratory test results. Requires health care entities to wait 72 hours before disclosing test results that could indicate malignancy or genetic markers as part of a patient's health records. The bill permits health care entities to disclose health records to an electronic health information exchange to comply with the 21st Century Cures Act.
Patron - Price

HB1738 Deaths by suicide of veterans or military service members; inquiry by State Registrar of Vital Records; Department of Veterans Services annual report. Requires the State Registrar of Vital Records, when a death certificate is filed and lists suicide as the cause of death, to make an inquiry into whether the decedent was a veteran or military service member and to provide any information concerning the suicide of such veteran or military service member to the Department of Veterans Services. The bill also provides that the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services may request, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall deliver to the Commissioner, a copy of an autopsy report of a veteran or military service member whose cause and manner of death is determined to be a suicide. The bill also reestablishes the position of Suicide Prevention Coordinator as the Suicide Prevention Program and requires such Program to, in coordination with the State Police, compile and analyze data relating to such suicides to be included in the annual report submitted by the Department to the Governor and the General Assembly.
Patron - Reid

HB1753 Department of Health; regulations; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' final rule; Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities. Directs the Department of Health to develop regulations to implement the requirements of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' final rule for Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting. The bill also repeals Chapters 482 and 483 the Acts of Assembly of 2023, which are made obsolete by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' final rule.
Patron - Watts

HB1762 Department of Medical Assistance Services; Medicaid; Social Security Disability Insurance. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek federal authorization to provide Medicaid coverage, regardless of income or assets, to individuals who receive Social Security Disability Insurance but are not yet eligible for Medicare coverage.
Patron - Morefield

HB1811 Department of Medical Assistance Services; income exemption for personal care assistants. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek the appropriate approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to create an income exemption for licensed providers of personal care assistance.
Patron - Campbell

HB1893 State plan for medical assistance services; recovery residences; work group; report. Directs the Board of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment of care provided at certain recovery residences for individuals diagnosed with a substance use disorder. The bill also directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to (i) convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to (a) establish a monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the effectiveness and impact of recovery residences on long-term recovery outcomes and (b) study the economic impact of recovery residences on the Commonwealth and (ii) in consultation with such work group, promulgate regulations to ensure recovery residences are operating in compliance with American Society of Addiction Medicine standards. The bill directs the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Seibold

HB1903 Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority; Virginia Nursing Workforce Center established; reporting and monitoring of health care workforce programs; residency slots; work group; report. Establishes the Virginia Nursing Workforce Center under the auspices of the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority (the Authority) for the purpose of working toward ensuring a quality nursing workforce for all Virginians. The bill also changes the name of the Virginia Health Care Career and Technical Training and Education Fund to the Virginia Health Workforce Innovation Fund and directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend its regulations to increase supplemental payments for qualifying residency slots from $100,000 to $160,000. The bill directs the Authority to convene work groups for the purpose of developing a long-term vision for the health workforce and to develop a plan to increase capacity for reporting and monitoring of health care workforce programs.
Patron - Willett

HB1906 Department of Social Services; Department of Health; local departments of social services; local health districts; screening for unmet social needs; service referrals. Directs the Department of Social Services and Virginia Department of Health to require local departments of social services and local health districts to screen clients seeking services for unmet social needs and refer clients to services for such unmet needs.
Patron - Willett

HB1927 Department of Medical Assistance Services; remote monitoring services for pregnant and postpartum patients; reimbursement. Expands provision for payment of medical assistance for remote patient monitoring services provided via telemedicine to include all pregnant and postpartum persons. Under current law, only high-risk pregnancies are covered.
Patron - LeVere Bolling

HB1975 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance; patient-initiated consultation; provider-to-provider consultation. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to modify state plan provisions covering provider-to-provider consultations to also include patient-generated consultations. The bill specifies that consultations provided through telemedicine services, including audio-only telemedicine services where applicable, shall be included in such provision.
Patron - Laufer

HB2016 Department of Veterans Services; provision of copies of veteran vital records. Requires the Board of Health to provide a copy of a veteran's vital records to the Department of Veterans Services upon the Department's request when a veteran or his surviving spouse requires a

certified copy of a vital record to obtain service-connected benefits. This bill was incorporated into HB 2748.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2023 Independent Pharmacy Support Program established; report; sunset.** Directs the Department of Health to establish the Independent Pharmacy Support Program to fund independent pharmacies, as defined by the bill, that operate in rural and medically underserved areas. The bill specifies the requirements for pharmacies to receive funds through the Program and the purposes for which funds can be used. The bill requires the Department to administer the Program and compile and submit an annual report to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1 of each year. The provisions of the bill will expire in 2035 unless renewed by an act of the General Assembly.
Patron - Anthony

F **HB2031 Sewage disposal; alternative onsite sewage systems; elimination of report filing fee.** Eliminates the $1 filing fee required for the filing of site visit reports by licensed operators of alternative onsite sewage systems.
Patron - Orrock

F **HB2093 Adult adoptee access to original birth certificate; contact preference form.** Allows the State Registrar to provide, upon written request, any adult adopted person access to his original birth certificate. The bill allows a birth parent to indicate whether they would like to be contacted by an adoptee on a contact preference form provided by the State Registrar that shall accompany the adoptee's original birth certificate, which shall be released to an adopted person when he requests his original birth certificate.
Patron - Walker

F **HB2102 Department of Medical Assistance Services; presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals; qualified entities; performance standards for qualified entities.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek federal authority to implement presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals, in addition to the existing hospital presumptive eligibility program and, if the Department receives such authority, allows the Department to authorize qualified entities to make determinations of presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals. The bill directs qualified entities to provide (i) the necessary applications for medical assistance on the day in which the presumptive eligibility decision is made and (ii) assistance with completing such applications through available modalities. Under the bill, qualified entities are authorized to make determinations of presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals who meet eligibility criteria for certain medical assistance programs and have not had a presumptive eligibility period during the current pregnancy. The bill also sets forth certain performance standards that qualified entities must meet to remain a qualified entity, described in the bill.
Patron - Feggans

F **HB2160 Department of Medical Assistance Services; 1915(c) Home and Community Based Waivers; program rule amendments; direct support professionals.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek the necessary approvals to amend the program rules for the Community Living and Family and Individual Supports Waivers to provide for compensation of a direct support professional for a waiver recipient in an acute care hospital under certain circumstances.
Patron - Carr

F **HB2183 Abortion; born alive infant; treatment and care; penalty.** Requires every health care provider licensed by the Board of Medicine who attempts to terminate a pregnancy to (i) exercise the same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of a human infant who has been born alive following such attempt as a reasonably diligent and conscientious health care practitioner would render to any other child born alive at the same gestational age and (ii) take all reasonable steps to ensure the immediate transfer of the human infant who has been born alive to a hospital for further medical care. A health care provider who fails to comply with the requirements of the bill is guilty of a Class 4 felony and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board. The bill also requires every hospital licensed by the Department of Health to establish a protocol for the treatment and care of a human infant who has been born alive following an attempt to terminate a pregnancy and for the immediate reporting to law enforcement of any failure to provide such required treatment and care.
Patron - Freitas

F **HB2189 Immunizations; authority of the Commissioner of Health; religious exception.** Exempts a person, including a parent or guardian on behalf of a child, who objects to administration of a vaccine on religious grounds from mandatory immunization requirements issued by the State Health Commissioner during an epidemic. Currently, exemption from mandatory immunization requirements during an epidemic is available only to those persons to whose health the administration of a vaccine would be detrimental, as certified in writing by a licensed physician.
Patron - Freitas

F **HB2209 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state pharmacy benefits manager.** Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services by December 31, 2025, to select and contract with a third-party administrator to serve as the state pharmacy benefits manager to administer all pharmacy benefits for Medicaid recipients, including recipients enrolled in a managed care organization. The bill enumerates requirements for the Department's contract with the state pharmacy benefits manager and prevents the state pharmacy benefits manager from having a business conflict of interest with any Medicaid provider or vendor. This bill was incorporated into HB 2610.
Patron - Kilgore

F **HB2300 Drinking water; maximum contaminant levels; water treatment or filtration systems; Residential Well Water Testing and Treatment Program and Program Fund established.** Directs the State Board of Health to adopt regulations to utilize point-of-use or point-of-entry drinking water treatment or filtration systems to remove or significantly reduce concentrations of contaminants of concern that meet or exceed any maximum contaminant level or health advisory for the same contaminant adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The bill also establishes the Residential Well Water Testing and Treatment Program and Program Fund to allow the Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water to test and treat contaminated drinking water through grants for the use of eligible treatment or filtration systems in private residential wells.
Patron - Campbell

F **HB2394 Department of Medical Assistance Services; Medicaid; long-term services and supports; presumptive eligibility; sunset.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to provide presumptive eligibility

for Medicaid, including long-term services and supports where appropriate, to individuals who meet certain criteria. The provision of presumptive eligibility is conditional on the Department obtaining all necessary approvals and federal financial participation. The bill sunsets on July 1, 2026, if such approval and federal financial participation is not obtained.
Patron - Sickles

F **HB2398 Abortion; born alive infant; treatment and care; penalty.** Requires every health care provider licensed by the Board of Medicine who attempts to terminate a pregnancy to (i) exercise the same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of a human infant who has been born alive following such attempt as a reasonably diligent and conscientious health care practitioner would render to any other child born alive at the same gestational age and (ii) take all reasonable steps to ensure the immediate transfer of the human infant who has been born alive to a hospital for further medical care. A health care provider who fails to comply with the requirements of the bill is guilty of a Class 4 felony and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board. The bill also requires every hospital licensed by the Department of Health to establish a protocol for the treatment and care of a human infant who has been born alive following an attempt to terminate a pregnancy and for the immediate reporting to law enforcement of any failure to provide such required treatment and care.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2399 Parental access to minor's health records.** Requires health care entities that provide access to health records of minors through a secure website to make such health records available to the minor's parent or guardian through the same secure website.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2405 Prohibition of gender reassignment surgery on individuals younger than 18 years of age.** Prohibits gender reassignment surgery, as defined in the bill, for individuals younger than 18 years of age. The bill establishes enforcement procedures for violations of the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2407 Department of Health; waterworks; mandatory reporting of anomalies; negligence.** Requires owners of waterworks to report any operational anomaly that could affect water quality, public health, or service continuity to the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water (the Office) within 24 hours of discovery. The bill requires any critical equipment failure, including a pump failure or any other malfunction that poses an immediate risk to public health or disrupts water service to be reported to the Office within six hours of discovery. Under the bill, failure to comply with the reporting requirements constitutes negligence and failure to comply with the critical equipment failure reporting requirements constitutes gross negligence.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2518 Hospitals, freestanding emergency departments, and birthing centers; standardized protocols for obstetric emergencies.** Requires all hospitals with an emergency department for labor and delivery, freestanding emergency departments, and birthing centers to implement standardized protocols for identifying and responding to obstetric emergencies, including obstetric hemorrhage, preeclampsia, and eclampsia. The bill requires the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative to work collaboratively with these hospitals, departments, and centers to provide training related to obstetrical services, recognizing urgent maternal warning signs, and establishing protocols for transfer of any pregnant or recently delivered women who present for care and for such hospitals, departments, and centers to participate in and submit data with no protected health information or identifiers to the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Patient Safety Bundle.
Patron - Taylor

F **HB2605 Medical Conscience Protection Act established.** Establishes the right of a health care professional not to participate in any medical procedure or service that violates such health care professional's conscience, as those terms and conditions are defined in the bill. The bill provides protections for health care professionals who disclose violations of the bill or report violations of laws or ethical guidelines for the safe provision of any medical procedure or service. The bill also provides a private right of action for any party harmed by violations of the bill.
Patron - Ware

F **HB2616 Regional emergency medical services councils.** Provides that 55 percent of certain funds distributed to the Department of Health from motor vehicle registration fees shall be distributed to the designated regional emergency medical services councils for their operational support. The bill also specifies that there shall be 11 designated regional emergency medical services councils. Under current law, there is no specified number.
Patron - Ennis

F **HB2662 Health care credentialing and billing oversight; Hospital Oversight Fund established; Independent Credentialing Review Board established; Medicaid Billing Oversight Task Force established; reports.** Establishes a Hospital Oversight Fund, Independent Credentialing Review Board, and Medicaid Billing Oversight Task Force to fund and carry out oversight of credentialing, as that term is defined in the bill, for health care providers and Medicaid billing. The bill establishes protections for whistleblowers that report unsafe medical practices, fraudulent billing, or noncompliance with credentialing standards to the Department of Health; directs the Department to establish and maintain a statewide database for health care provider credentialing; and authorizes the Department to enter into public-private partnerships to conduct compliance audits.
Patron - Anthony

F **HB2698 Certificate of public need; hospitals that provide maternity care; exception.** Specifies that hospitals that solely provide maternity care are not considered to be medical care facilities subject to provisions requiring such facilities to obtain a certificate of public need.
Patron - Oates

F **HB2757 Department of Medical Assistance Services; sickle cell disease; feasibility of Medicaid benefit and Medicaid Health Homes; report.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to determine the feasibility of participating in an optional Medicaid benefit for sickle cell disease and establishing Medicaid Health Homes to coordinate care and provide treatment for individuals with sickle cell disease. The bill requires the Department to report its findings in its annual review of sickle cell disease treatment and submit such review to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the Joint Commission on Health Care by November 15, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.
Patron - Mundon King

F **SB758 Department of Medical Assistance Services; remote monitoring services for pregnant and postpartum patients; reimbursement.** Expands provision for payment of medical assistance for remote patient monitoring services provided via telemedicine to include all pregnant and postpartum persons. Under current law, only high-risk pregnancies are covered.
Patron - Locke

F **SB831 Department of Medical Assistance Services; presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals; qualified entities.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek federal authority to implement presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals, in addition to the existing hospital presumptive eligibility program and, if the Department receives such authority, allows the Department to authorize qualified entities to make determinations of presumptive eligibility for pregnant individuals.
Patron - Locke

F **SB910 Certificate of public need program; phased elimination.** Creates a three-phase process to eliminate the certificate of public need requirements for many categories of medical care facilities and projects, with elimination of the requirement for a certificate of public need (i) for all medical care facilities other than nursing homes or specialized centers or clinics or that portion of a physician's office developed for the provision of outpatient or ambulatory surgery, cardiac catheterization, computed tomographic (CT) scanning, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), positron emission tomographic (PET) scanning, radiation therapy, certain stereotactic radiotherapy, or proton beam therapy effective July 1, 2025; (ii) for all such services as described in clause (i) at any existing medical care facility other than nursing homes or specialized centers or clinics or that portion of a physician's office developed for the provision of outpatient or ambulatory surgery, cardiac catheterization, computed tomographic (CT) scanning, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), positron emission tomographic (PET) scanning, radiation therapy, certain stereotactic radiotherapy, or proton beam therapy located outside of a metropolitan statistical area or in a rural census tract within a metropolitan statistical area effective July 1, 2026; and (iii) for all medical care facilities effective July 1, 2027.
Patron - Stanley

F **SB980 Department of Medical Assistance Services; work group; state plan amendment; reimbursement for services by certified community health workers.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to convene a work group to (i) design a state plan amendment to provide reimbursement for services provided by certified community health workers, (ii) identify opportunities to expand the use of community health workers by Medicaid managed care organizations, and (iii) determine the feasibility of developing flexible training and certification standards that allow community health workers to use their education and experience to satisfy some of the requirements for qualification as a doula or registered peer recovery specialist. The bill requires the Department to report the work group findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by October 1, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1074 Youth Health Protection Act established; civil penalty.** Creates the Youth Health Protection Act, which makes it unlawful for any individual to provide gender transition procedures, defined in the bill, for minors and prohibits the use of public funds for gender transition procedures. The bill allows parents, guardians, or custodians to withhold consent for any treatment, activity, or mental health care services that are designed or intended to form their child's conceptions of sex and gender or to treat gender dysphoria or gender nonconformity. The bill prohibits government agents, other than law-enforcement personnel, from encouraging or coercing a minor to withhold information from the minor's parent. The bill establishes a duty for a government agent with knowledge that a minor has exhibited symptoms of gender dysphoria or gender nonconformity or otherwise demonstrates a desire to be treated in a manner incongruent with the minor's sex to immediately notify each of the minor's parents, guardians, or custodians in writing, with descriptions of relevant circumstances. The bill prohibits discrimination against persons (i) providing information regarding violations of the Act to their employer or specified public entities or (ii) who make disclosures under the Act of information that evinces any violation of law, rule, or regulation; any violation of any standard of care or other ethical guidelines for the provision of health care service; or gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety. The bill establishes a civil action for any violation of the Act by a clinic, health care system, medical professional, or other responsible person with a two-year statute of limitations. The bill prohibits political subdivisions of the Commonwealth from enacting, adopting, maintaining, or enforcing any measure that interferes with the professional conduct and judgment of a mental health care professional or counselor undertaken within the course of treatment and communication with clients, patients, other persons, or the public. The bill provides for enforcement by the Attorney General or a mental health care professional or counselor through an action for injunctive relief and allows a mental health care professional to recover reasonable attorney fees and reasonable costs incurred in obtaining an injunction. The bill waives sovereign immunity to suit and immunity from liability under this statute.
Patron - Peake

F **SB1090 Drinking water; maximum contaminant levels; water treatment or filtration systems; Residential Well Water Testing and Treatment Program and Program Fund established.** Directs the State Board of Health to adopt regulations to utilize point-of-use or point-of-entry drinking water treatment or filtration systems to remove or significantly reduce concentrations of contaminants of concern that meet or exceed any maximum contaminant level or health advisory for the same contaminant adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The bill also establishes the Residential Well Water Testing and Treatment Program and Program Fund to allow the Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water to test and treat contaminated drinking water through grants for the use of eligible treatment or filtration systems in private residential wells.
Patron - Perry

F **SB1098 Protected health care activities; prohibition on extradition for certain crimes.** Provides that no demand for extradition of a person charged with a criminal violation of law of another state shall be recognized by the Governor if such alleged violation involves protected health care activity within the Commonwealth unless the alleged criminal violation would also constitute a criminal offense under the laws of the Commonwealth. Protected health care activity is defined in the bill as the provision or receipt, attempted provision or receipt, or assistance or attempted assistance in the provision or receipt of any health care that is lawful in the Commonwealth by a health care provider licensed

under the laws of the Commonwealth and physically present in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1101 Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Advisory Council.** Establishes the Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to provide assistance to and advise the Department of Health on methods to support clinical research and implementation of treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, treatment-resistant depression, major depressive disorder, and traumatic brain injury.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1164 Office of Medicaid Financial Oversight established.** Establishes the Office of Medicaid Financial Oversight as an independent agency to provide financial oversight and fiscal accountability for the Commonwealth's Medicaid and children's health insurance programs.
Patron - McDougle

F **SB1186 Donor human milk banks; health insurance; coverage for donor human milk; penalty.** Prohibits any person from establishing or operating a donor human milk bank, as defined in the bill, without first obtaining a license from the State Health Commissioner and makes it a Class 6 felony for any person to establish or operate a donor human milk bank in the Commonwealth without obtaining such license. The bill also establishes requirements, policies, and procedures, for the operation and administration of licensed human donor milk banks, including procedures relating to disciplinary actions, application fees, and inspections and interviews related to such donor human milk banks. The bill directs (i) the State Board of Health to establish a regulatory and statutory scheme for the licensure and regulation of donor human milk banks operating or doing business in the Commonwealth and (ii) the Commissioner to implement and enforce numerous regulations relating to the issuance, renewal, denial, suspension, and revocation of such licenses. The bill requires (a) health insurers, corporations providing health care coverage subscription contracts, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for expenses and (b) the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment of medical assistance services incurred in the provision of pasteurized donor human milk for any infant that is younger than the age of six months and who satisfies certain criteria enumerated in the bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Carroll Foy

F **SB1213 Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy; autopsy protocol; information; training.** Requires the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to take certain actions upon the finding that an individual died from Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP), defined in the bill. The bill directs the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to publish information on SUDEP and a SUDEP death investigation form on its website. Additionally, the bill requires the Chief Medical Examiner and local medical examiners to complete training in the investigation of SUDEP on a triennial basis. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - Pekarsky

F **SB1294 Regional emergency medical services councils.** Provides that 55 percent of certain funds distributed to the Department of Health from motor vehicle registration fees shall be distributed to the designated regional emergency medical services councils for their operational support. The bill also specifies that there shall be 11 designated regional emergency medical services councils. Under current law, there is no specified number.
Patron - Diggs

F **SB1328 Department of Medical Assistance Services; Medicaid waivers; consumer-directed services; employer of record.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to modify the program rules for consumer-directed services available through certain Medicaid waivers to allow an individual receiving services to serve as the employer of record (EOR) for his own service delivery and designate another individual to perform all or a portion of the duties of the EOR on the individual's behalf when the individual receiving services is unable to perform such duties or direct his own care. The bill specifies that when an individual (i) has not yet reached the age of majority, (ii) is ineligible to use his existing employer identification number (EIN) to facilitate the taxation of benefits, or (iii) is otherwise determined to be ineligible by DMAS by administrative rule, the EIN shall be assigned to the individual receiving services and shall not be transferred to another individual. Under the bill, DMAS has the authority to limit such amendments to specify that an individual receiving services may make such designation no more than twice per calendar year.
Patron - Durant

F **SB1347 Maternal Health Coordinator Program; purpose.** Creates the Maternal Health Coordinator Program to serve preconception, pregnant, postpartum, and interconception women and their families within clinical, community, virtual, and home settings. Under the bill, the Department shall appoint a maternal health coordinator in each of the 35 health districts to conduct (i) case finding and outreach, (ii) assessment of risk factors, (iii) case management, (iv) home visitation, (v) childbirth and parenting education, and (vi) father engagement activities. The bill directs the Department to also appoint a regional coordinator in each of the five health regions of the Commonwealth to provide consultation and assistance to the district maternal health coordinators and collect data on the Program for each local health district and compile a report to be submitted to the Department no later than December 1, 2026, and annually thereafter.
Patron - Jordan

F **SB1385 Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Health to study the makeup and composition of the emergency management regions, state health regions, and local health districts; report.** Directs the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Health to study the makeup and composition of the seven emergency management regions, the five Virginia health regions, and the 35 local health districts to determine the feasibility of mutually beneficial alignment of such regions and districts. The bill directs the Departments to complete their work and report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Favola

F **SB1390 Postpartum Depression Education Act; report.**

Patron - Srinivasan

F **SB1451 Department of Medical Assistance Services; supplemental payment for transportation.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek federal

authority to provide supplemental payments to Medicaid members to be used for transportation to medical appointments when other transportation options are not available.
Patron - Srinivasan

F **SB1457** **Department of Health; Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program; pregnancy mobile application; report.** Directs the Department of Health to contract with a mobile application developer to create a membership-based mobile application to deliver education, resources, and support to prenatal, pregnant, and postpartum individuals who are eligible for Medicaid. The bill also creates the Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program to offer remote patient monitoring for maternal hypertension and maternal diabetes. The Department shall select a managed care organization and technology vendor to administer the Pilot Program to no less than 300 eligible participants. The bill requires the Department to submit requests for proposals within 180 days of the bill's effective date.
Patron - Carroll Foy

F **SB1480** **Department of Medical Assistance Services; consumer-directed services employees; removal of limitation on hours worked per day.** Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend regulations related to community waiver services for individuals with developmental disabilities to remove the limitation that consumer-directed services employees shall work no more than 16 hours per day. The bill directs the Department to seek all necessary federal approval to effectuate such change.
Patron - Suetterlein

F **SB1493** **Contraception; right to access.**
Patron - Suetterlein

Highways and Other Surface Transportation Systems

Passed

P **HB1603** **Commonwealth Rail Fund; Shortline Railway Preservation and Development Fund.** Removes the $4 million cap on those Commonwealth Rail Fund (Fund) moneys distributed to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation that may be applied to the Shortline Railway Preservation and Development Fund and instead provides that up to 50 percent of such Fund moneys may be applied to the Shortline Railway Preservation and Development Fund. The bill retains the current provisions granting 93 percent of Fund moneys to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority and seven percent to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. This bill is identical to SB 1144.
Patron - Runion

P **HB1793** **Captain Matthew "Chevy" Chiaverotti Memorial Bridge.** Designates the bridge on Interstate 264 over South Rosemont Road in Virginia Beach the "Captain Matthew "Chevy" Chiaverotti Memorial Bridge."
Patron - Feggans

P **HB1853** **Deputy Hunter D. Reedy Memorial Bridge.** Designates the bridge on Adwolfe Road and U.S. Route 11/State Route 660 over Interstate 81 in Smyth County the "Deputy Hunter D. Reedy Memorial Bridge." This bill is identical to SB 1428.
Patron - Arnold

P **HB2234** **Transportation Trust Fund; investments; personal liability.** Extends the limitation on personal liability for loss in investments from moneys in the Transportation Trust Fund to an individual's actions taken while serving on or employed by certain entities, even if such individual no longer serves on or is employed by any such entity. The bill also applies such limitation on personal liability for loss in investments to members and employees of the Central Virginia Transportation Authority. This bill is identical to SB 1250.
Patron - Cousins

P **HB2254** **Outdoor advertising in sight of public highways; license.** Removes the requirement for a license for certain outdoor advertising in the sight of public highways.
Patron - Wachsmann

P **HB2466** **Hampton Roads Interstate Highway Corridor Improvement Program and Fund; Hampton Roads Highway Coastal Resilience Program and Fund; Planning District 23.** Creates (i) the Hampton Roads Interstate Highway Corridor Improvement Program for the purpose of planning, developing, financing, building, constructing, and otherwise making infrastructure and safety improvements to, or maintaining the infrastructure of, certain new or existing highway corridors, highways, bridges, and tunnels in Planning District 23 (Hampton Roads) and (ii) the Hampton Roads Highway Coastal Resilience Program for the purpose of planning, developing, financing, building, constructing, and maintaining infrastructure to address transportation infrastructure that is at risk due to recurrent and coastal flooding in Planning District 23. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Glass

P **HB2619** **Private companies providing public transportation services; employee protections.** Requires the governing body or transportation district commission of any county or city that contracts with a private company to provide transportation services to (i) require such company to provide any employee of such company providing such services compensation and benefits that are, at a minimum, equivalent to the compensation and benefits provided to a public employee, as defined in the bill, with a position requiring equivalent qualifications and years of service; (ii) provide transportation services through such company's own employees; and (iii) if such transportation district commission, county, or city subsequently elects to provide its own system of public transportation, adopt an ordinance or resolution providing for collective bargaining, ensure all employees of such private company are offered employment with such subsequent public transportation system without loss of compensation or benefits, and ensure the recognition of any lawful collective bargaining representative of such private company's employees. This bill is identical to SB 919. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Helmer

P **SB919** **Private companies providing public transportation services; employee protections.** Requires the governing body or transportation district commission of any county or city that contracts with a private company to provide transportation services to (i) require such company to provide any employee of such company providing such services compensation and benefits that are, at a minimum, equivalent to the compensation and benefits provided to a public

employee, as defined in the bill, with a position requiring equivalent qualifications and years of service; (ii) provide transportation services through such company's own employees; and (iii) if such transportation district commission, county, or city subsequently elects to provide its own system of public transportation, adopt an ordinance or resolution providing for collective bargaining, ensure all employees of such private company are offered employment with such subsequent public transportation system without loss of compensation or benefits, and ensure the recognition of any lawful collective bargaining representative of such private company's employees. This bill is identical to HB 2619. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Salim

P **SB1082 Transportation; Commonwealth Transportation Special Structures Program Revenue Bond Act of 2025.** Authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board to issue revenue bonds to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of Virginia Special Structures Program Revenue Bonds." The bill provides that the aggregate principal amount of such bonds shall not exceed $1 billion and shall not exceed $200 million in any single fiscal year. The bonds shall be payable solely (i) first from revenues received from the Special Structure Fund; (ii) second and to the extent required, from revenues legally available from the Transportation Trust Fund; and (iii) then to the extent required, from any other legally available funds.
Patron - McDougle

P **SB1144 Commonwealth Rail Fund; Shortline Railway Preservation and Development Fund.** Removes the $4 million cap on those Commonwealth Rail Fund (Fund) moneys distributed to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation that may be applied to the Shortline Railway Preservation and Development Fund and instead provides that up to 50 percent of such Fund moneys may be applied to the Shortline Railway Preservation and Development Fund. The bill retains the current provisions granting 93 percent of Fund moneys to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority and seven percent to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. This bill is identical to HB 1603.
Patron - Obenshain

P **SB1250 Transportation Trust Fund; investments; personal liability.** Extends the limitation on personal liability for loss in investments from moneys in the Transportation Trust Fund to an individual's actions taken while serving on or employed by certain entities, even if such individual no longer serves on or is employed by any such entity. The bill also applies such limitation on personal liability for loss in investments to members and employees of the Central Virginia Transportation Authority. This bill is identical to HB 2234.
Patron - Bagby

P **SB1317 Transportation district commissions; contracts or agreements.** Expands the localities and entities with which transportation district commissions may enter into contracts or agreements to provide transit facilities and services and other modes of transportation.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1340 Commissioner of Highways; prequalification program for self-bonding program; certain reports; repealed.** Removes (i) the biennial report requirement for the Commissioner of Highways regarding the use of funds in the Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund; (ii) the requirement for a prequalification program agreed upon by the Commissioner of Highways and the Department of the Treasury for the self-bonding program for transportation-related construction projects; and (iii) reporting requirements for the Department of Transportation regarding certain information related to performance or payment bonds, waivers, and self-bonding program enrollment.
Patron - Marsden

P **SB1428 Deputy Hunter D. Reedy Memorial Bridge.** Designates the bridge on Adwolfe Road and U.S. Route 11/State Route 660 over Interstate 81 in Smyth County the "Deputy Hunter D. Reedy Memorial Bridge." This bill is identical to HB 1853.
Patron - Hackworth

Failed

F **HB1615 Transportation infrastructure and projects; noise analysis.** Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board or the Department of Transportation to begin a noise analysis within one year of receipt of a valid petition for a noise analysis. The bill also requires a noise analysis for any retrofit noise abatement project undertaken or considered by the Board or the Department.
Patron - Feggans

F **HB1750 Department of Transportation; maintenance on components of the Interstate System.** Authorizes the Department of Transportation to perform nonemergency work on the Interstate System with its own employees or agents. Current law requires nonemergency maintenance on components of the Interstate System to be carried out by contractors unless the Commissioner of Highways provides good and sufficient reasons for not doing so.
Patron - Ennis

F **HB1967 Commonwealth Aviation Fund; allocations.** Changes (i) the allocation amounts from the Commonwealth Aviation Fund, (ii) the entity to which certain funds from such Fund are allocated from air carrier airports to commercial service airport sponsors, and (iii) the classification of airports from air carrier airport and reliever airport to commercial service airport and regional business airport, respectively.
Patron - Delaney

F **HB1982 Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.** Creates a new allocation from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund for the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, adjusts the amounts of certain other allocations from such Fund, and removes the light rail system operated by the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads from eligibility for funds from such other allocations from such Fund. The bill requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to withhold 20 percent of the funds from such new allocation unless the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads submits to it certain information annually. The bill directs the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, for fiscal year 2027, to reserve and utilize certain funds in amounts necessary to provide certain supplemental operating assistance to certain transit providers that would experience a reduction in allocable funds due to the reallocations in this bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Askew

F **HB2020 Highway maintenance; Town of New Market.** Adds the Town of New Market to the list of localities

authorized to receive state funds for the performance of certain highway maintenance projects.
Patron - Gilbert

F **HB2025 Wildlife corridors or crossings; action plan and programs; Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan; Wildlife Corridor Action Plan; wildlife carcass removal tracking; report.** Requires the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan created by the Department of Wildlife Resources to address the financial needs of the Plan and implement certain additional initiatives. The bill directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to include in the Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan a directive to encourage opportunities to incorporate wildlife-friendly design in flood resilience infrastructure where flood risk priorities align with priorities of the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan.
The bill requires the Department of Transportation to (i) establish and administer a program for the implementation of wildlife crossings of highways in the Commonwealth, (ii) incorporate the recommendations of the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan established by the Department of Wildlife Resources pursuant to existing law in the policies and procedures of the Department, and (iii) submit a report to the General Assembly in each even-numbered year regarding such program. The bill requires the Department of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board to include in all highway maintenance contracts a requirement for such contractor to identify certain data related to wildlife carcass removal and provides that such requirement may be accomplished by using the Department of Transportation's Wildlife Carcass Removal Tracking application.
Patron - Gardner

F **HB2138 Commissioner of Highways; prequalification program for self-bonding program; certain reports; repealed.** Removes (i) the biennial report requirement for the Commissioner of Highways regarding the use of funds in the Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund; (ii) the requirement for a prequalification program agreed upon by the Commissioner of Highways and the Department of the Treasury for the self-bonding program for transportation-related construction projects; and (iii) reporting requirements for the Department of Transportation regarding certain information related to performance or payment bonds, waivers, and self-bonding program enrollment.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2141 Signs or advertisements within the limits of a highway; civil penalty.** Increases the civil penalty for placing advertisements and signs within the limits of any highway from $100 to $250 but retains the $100 civil penalty for identical signs and advertisements located within a 100-yard radius of a sign or advertisement for which the $250 civil penalty is imposed. The bill clarifies that when such signs and advertisements are removed, civil penalties may be collected in addition to the cost of removing such advertisements or signs.
Patron - Milde

F **HB2324 Transportation district commissions; contracts or agreements.** Expands the localities and entities with which transportation district commissions may enter into contracts or agreements to provide transit facilities and services and other modes of transportation.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2368 Toll relief; maximum charges.** Limits to $200 per month the tolls charged to residents of the Commonwealth via electronic toll collection devices for the use of toll bridges, toll ferries, toll tunnels, or toll roads in the Commonwealth. The bill prohibits misusing, sharing, or transferring an electronic toll collection device for the purpose of (i) generating tolls to reach the toll charges limit or (ii) obtaining toll-free use of toll facilities in the Commonwealth. The bill authorizes the free use of all toll bridges, toll roads, and other toll facilities in the Commonwealth for drivers who are recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits.
Patron - Mundon King

F **HB2464 Highway rights-of-way; invasive species.** Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish and implement a policy for identifying, digging up, and destroying any invasive plant on the list of invasive plants created by the Department of Conservation and Recreation on any state highway right-of-way.
Patron - Higgins

F **SB1007 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; recommendations related to the Northern Virginia Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Study; report.** Directs the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to coordinate with the Department of Transportation and certain other stakeholders to examine the findings of the Department of Transportation's December 2024 Northern Virginia Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Study and make recommendations on a method to implement and fund the infrastructure needs and other objectives identified in such study.
Patron - Surovell

F **SB1086 HOT lanes; high-occupancy requirement; law-enforcement vehicles.** Expands the currently permitted uses of high occupancy lanes by law-enforcement vehicles regardless of the number of occupants in the vehicle to include responding to a call for law-enforcement services and patrolling HOT lanes within the law-enforcement officer's jurisdiction while such law-enforcement officer is on duty. Current law limits such use to when (i) responding to an emergency incident and (ii) patrolling HOT lanes pursuant to an agreement by a state agency with the HOT lanes operator. The bill does not change certain other authorized uses in current law.
Patron - Craig

F **SB1097 Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.** Creates a new allocation from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund for the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, adjusts the amounts of certain other allocations from such Fund, and removes the light rail system operated by the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads from eligibility for funds from such other allocations from such Fund. The bill requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to withhold 20 percent of the funds from such new allocation unless the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads submits to it certain information annually. The bill directs the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, for fiscal year 2027, to reserve and utilize certain funds in amounts necessary to provide certain supplemental operating assistance to certain transit providers that would experience a reduction in allocable funds due to the reallocations in this bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Rouse

F **SB1131 Abandonment of highways and roads; consideration of alternative use.** Provides that in Planning District 8, consideration shall be given to the discontinuance, rather than the abandonment, of a highway in the primary or secondary state highway system and its potential uses for (i) hiking or bicycle trails, (ii) greenway corridors, or (iii) access

to historic, cultural, and educational sites. The bill also requires the governing body of a county in Planning District 8, prior to the abandonment of a road not in the primary or secondary state highway system, in determining whether public necessity exists for the continuance of a section of road as a public road, to consider such potential uses of such road as described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii).

Patron - Perry

F **SB1288** **Highway maintenance; Town of New Market.** Adds the Town of New Market to the list of localities authorized to receive state funds for the performance of certain highway maintenance projects.

Patron - French

F **SB1463** **Toll limits; electronic toll collection device.** Limits to $200 per month the tolls charged to residents of Planning District 8 or Planning District 16 via electronic toll collection devices for the use of toll bridges, toll ferries, toll tunnels, or toll roads in Planning District 8 or Planning District 16. The bill prohibits misusing, sharing, or transferring an electronic toll collection device for the purpose of (i) generating tolls to reach the toll limit or (ii) obtaining toll-free use of toll facilities in Planning District 8 or Planning District 16.

Patron - Srinivasan

F **SB1467** **Commonwealth Aviation Fund; allocations.** Changes (i) the allocation amounts from the Commonwealth Aviation Fund, (ii) the entity to which certain funds from such Fund are allocated from air carrier airports to commercial service airport sponsors, and (iii) the classification of airports from air carrier airport and reliever airport to commercial service airport and regional business airport, respectively.

Patron - DeSteph

Homestead and Other Exemptions

Failed

F **HB1864** **Poor debtor's exemption; depository institution account exemption.** Allows a householder to hold exempt from creditor process up to $500 held in a depository institution. The bill provides that a depository institution shall, upon receipt of an order of garnishment, attachment, or other levy, answer such order and, if the householder maintains a deposit account or accounts with such depository institution, state that (i) the total amount in such account or accounts does not exceed $500 or (ii) the total amount in such account or accounts does exceed $500 and that the amount of funds in excess of $500 is being held by such institution pending further order of the court. The bill further provides that, beginning on April 1, 2027, any increases in exempt amounts shall be adjusted at three-year intervals to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. The bill provides that such adjustments shall be calculated by the Department of Planning and Budget.

Patron - Hernandez

F **HB2284** **Wage garnishment; state tax debt.** Removes the exclusion for state tax debt from limitations on the total amount of wages that may be garnished per pay period.

Patron - Coyner

Hotels, Restaurants, Summer Camps, and Campgrounds

Passed

P **SB1350** **Restaurants; food allergy awareness notice required.** Requires the State Health Commissioner to publish in multiple languages a notice containing procedures for restaurant staff to follow when a customer has a food allergy on the Department of Health's website. The bill requires restaurants to post such notice in a conspicuous location. The bill also requires restaurants to include the phrase, "If you have a food allergy, please notify us," and its translation, if applicable, on their menus or on a sign posted conspicuously in the restaurant. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Srinivasan

Failed

F **HB1654** **Short-term rental properties; human trafficking awareness training.** Mandates every accommodations intermediary to require its accommodations providers to complete certain training on recognizing and reporting instances of suspected human trafficking. Current law limits this requirement to every hotel proprietor and its employees and excludes short-term rentals. The bill prohibits an accommodations intermediary from listing a short-term rental property prior to receipt of an up-to-date written certification signed by the accommodations provider of such property that such accommodations provider has complied with the relevant training requirements.

Patron - Helmer

F **HB2614** **Department of Health; food service permits; out-of-state caterers.** Directs the Department of Health to adopt regulations allowing caterers located outside of the Commonwealth to obtain a permit to provide food services for events located in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Williams

F **SB985** **Short-term rental properties; human trafficking awareness training.** Mandates every accommodations intermediary to require its accommodations providers to complete certain training on recognizing and reporting instances of suspected human trafficking. Current law limits this requirement to every hotel proprietor and its employees and excludes short-term rentals. The bill prohibits an accommodations intermediary from listing a short-term rental property prior to receipt of an up-to-date written certification signed by the accommodations provider of such property that such accommodations provider has complied with the relevant training requirements.

Patron - Williams Graves

F **SB1133** **Restaurants and catering operations; notice of food containing pork products.** Requires all restaurants and catering operations in the Commonwealth to place a conspicuous notice next to or underneath food items that contain pork products on menus. This bill also requires restaurants and catering operations to post a copy of the menu

in a conspicuous location such that it is accessible to all employees involved in the preparation or service of food.
Patron - Boysko

Housing

Passed

P **HB1932** **Department of Housing and Community Development; Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity.** Creates the Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity to study the misvaluation and undervaluation of real property owned by minority individuals to combat bias in real property appraisal and valuation. The bill requires the Task Force to meet at least annually and to report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 of each year regarding its activities and any recommendations. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - LeVere Bolling

P **HB1935** **Department of Housing and Community Development; Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force established; report.** Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish, in collaboration with the Department of Energy, and with assistance from the Department of Social Services, the Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force to determine barriers to access and enrollment in the current energy efficiency programs for income-qualified energy customers and to evaluate and develop a plan to address any necessary improvements regarding coordination among state and federal government agencies for utility services and resources to more effectively deliver energy-efficient housing, weatherization resources, and energy efficiency upgrades for income-qualified individuals and households in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Task Force to meet at least six times between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2026, and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations no later than September 30, 2026. The bill specifies that such report shall include policy recommendations and a plan to ensure that weatherization-ready repairs and whole-home energy efficiency retrofits are provided to all eligible income-qualified individuals and households in the Commonwealth residing in multifamily buildings, single-family dwellings, and manufactured homes by December 31, 2033. This bill is identical to SB 777. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - LeVere Bolling

P **HB1973** **Preservation of affordable housing; definitions; civil penalty.** Creates a framework for localities to preserve affordable housing by exercising a right of first refusal on publicly supported housing, defined in the bill. The bill authorizes localities to implement an ordinance that requires an owner to accept a right of first refusal offer by the locality or qualified designee, defined in the bill, in order to preserve affordable housing for at least 15 years. The bill requires that any locality adopting such an ordinance to preserve affordable housing submit an annual report to the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to existing law. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Bennett-Parker

P **HB2203** **Department of Housing and Community Development reports; consolidation.** Consolidates varying due dates for certain reports relating to the Department of Housing and Community Development to October 1 and requires such reports be submitted as part of one annual report, to be presented to the Governor and the General Assembly. The bill creates a requirement for (i) an annual report on the outcomes associated with closed projects that received a grant from the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund and requires the Department to use such report to create and maintain a public facing performance dashboard with such information to be updated annually and (ii) a comprehensive annual report on the state's homeless programs. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 787.
Patron - Kilgore

P **SB777** **Department of Housing and Community Development; Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force established; report.** Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish, in collaboration with the Department of Energy, and with assistance from the Department of Social Services, the Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force to determine barriers to access and enrollment in the current energy efficiency programs for income-qualified energy customers and to evaluate and develop a plan to address any necessary improvements regarding coordination among state and federal government agencies for utility services and resources to more effectively deliver energy-efficient housing, weatherization resources, and energy efficiency upgrades for income-qualified individuals and households in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Task Force to meet at least six times between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2026, and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations no later than September 30, 2026. The bill specifies that such report shall include policy recommendations and a plan to ensure that weatherization-ready repairs and whole-home energy efficiency retrofits are provided to all eligible income-qualified individuals and households in the Commonwealth residing in multifamily buildings, single-family dwellings, and manufactured homes by December 31, 2033. This bill is identical to HB 1935. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Locke

P **SB787** **Department of Housing and Community Development reports; consolidation.** Consolidates varying due dates for certain reports relating to the Department of Housing and Community Development to October 1 and requires such reports be submitted as part of one annual report, to be presented to the Governor and the General Assembly. The bill creates a requirement for (i) an annual report on the outcomes associated with closed projects that received a grant from the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund and requires the Department to use such report to create and maintain a public facing performance dashboard with such information to be updated annually and (ii) a comprehensive annual report on the state's homeless programs. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2203.
Patron - McDougle

P **SB842** **Department of Housing and Community Development; broadband access services for mobile health clinics.** Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to, as part of its broader initiative to support the development and implementation of programs that support telehealth, include broadband access services for mobile health clinics as a priority for broadband nondeployment programs using federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program funding to the extent approved by the National Telecommunications and

Information Administration. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.
Patron - Favola

Failed

F HB1658 Board of Housing and Community Development; USBC; stakeholder group to evaluate temperature regulation. Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to convene a stakeholder advisory group to evaluate changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code addressing temperature regulation. The stakeholder group shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Board and to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology no later than November 1, 2025.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

F HB1708 Access to Housing Task Force; report. Establishes the Access to Housing Task Force for the purpose of evaluating short-term and long-term access to housing in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Task Force to report its findings and conclusions to the Governor and General Assembly no later than November 1, 2025, regarding its activities and recommendations.
Patron - Gardner

F HB1879 Department of Housing and Community Development; rental assistance pilot program. Establishes the rental assistance pilot program within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing monthly rental assistance to qualifying households, as defined by the bill. The bill directs the Department to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the implementation and impact of the rental assistance program. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028.
Patron - Sewell

F HB1943 Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices; income requirements and up-front charges. Expands the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices to include (i) refusing to rent or negotiate for the rental of a dwelling because the income of an applicant renter does not meet a threshold determined by the landlord and (ii) requiring any charges or deposits from a renter prior to the commencement date of a rental agreement for any purpose other than monthly rent, a security deposit, and any other deposit meant to pay for access to a specific service or facility related to the rental of the dwelling.
Patron - Cole

F HB2149 Zoning for Housing Production Pilot Program created; affordable dwelling unit policy incentives; report. Creates the Zoning for Housing Production Pilot Program to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. To be eligible for a grant from the Program, an eligible locality, as named in the bill, is required to make a change to its zoning policies to allow for by-right development that is expected to further the goal of creating and maintaining mixed-income communities, affordable housing, and moderately priced housing, as those terms are defined in the bill. The Department is required to establish certain guidelines for the Program no later than December 31, 2025, and to notify eligible localities of the existence and purpose of the Program no later than February 1, 2026. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028.
Patron - Carr

F HB2526 Board of Housing and Community Development; members. Expands from 14 to 15 the number of members serving on the Board of Housing and Community Development by adding another Director of Regulatory Compliance of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association. The two Directors of Regulatory Compliance of the Association shall serve as ex officio voting members and shall be members of the Board's Codes and Standards Committee. The bill also removes the prohibition on such Directors from serving as either the chairman of such committee or of the Board.
Patron - McClure

F HB2570 Uniform Statewide Building Code; amendments; natural gas leak detectors. Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to consider adopting amendments to the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require the installation of natural gas leak detectors in residential buildings with natural gas piping installed.
Patron - Leftwich

F HB2577 Uniform Statewide Building Code; unsafe structures. Provides that for any structure deemed unsafe under the Uniform Statewide Building Code, and therefore eligible for demolition upon the unsafe notice process being completed, the owner or his agent may temporarily overcome the unsafe structure designation by vacating and securing the structure by board up of all access points. The bill further provides that after six months have elapsed from the time the board up was first learned of and internally recorded by the locality, if the structure would still otherwise be considered an unsafe structure, the locality may issue and send a written notice to the owner that if the other conditions specified in the notice are not adequately improved, or an appeal not received, within two months, the unsafe designation will once again come into effect.
Patron - Leftwich

F SB748 Board of Housing and Community Development; USBC; temperature regulation. Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to, during the 2024 Virginia Code Development Cycle, evaluate potential revisions to the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that certain owners and operators that rent, lease, or let one or more dwelling unit, rooming unit, or guestroom to supply cooling and furnish heat to maintain certain temperatures in all habitable rooms.
Patron - Favola

F SB832 Department of Housing and Community Development; rental assistance voucher pilot program. Establishes the rental assistance voucher pilot program within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing direct rental assistance to qualifying households, as defined by the bill, in the form of rental assistance vouchers. The bill directs the Department to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the implementation and impact of the rental assistance voucher program. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2028.
Patron - Locke

F SB1189 Virginia Residential Development Infrastructure Program and Fund. Establishes the Virginia Residential Development Infrastructure Program and Fund to provide financial assistance to localities for expanding or improving public infrastructure needed to support new residential development through the construction or installation of an eligible project, as defined by the bill. The

bill provides that the Department of Housing and Community Development will administer the Program, in consultation with the Virginia Resources Authority.

Patron - Carroll Foy

F **SB1344** **Virginia Housing Trust Fund; creation and management.** Provides that the Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department) shall use at least 65 percent of the moneys from the Virginia Housing Trust Fund (the Fund) to provide flexible financing for low-interest loans through eligible organizations and up to 35 percent of the moneys from the Fund to provide grants through eligible organizations for targeted efforts to reduce homelessness. Under current law, the Department is required to use at least 80 percent of the moneys from the Fund to provide flexible financing for low-interest loans and up to 20 percent of the moneys from the Fund to provide grants for targeted efforts to reduce homelessness.

Patron - Jordan

Institutions of Higher Education; Other Educational and Cultural Institutions

Passed

P **HB1595** **Higher education; financial assistance; Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program; eligibility criteria.** Makes several changes to the Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program, including (i) making the provisions relating to the requirements and conditions for eligibility for and award of grants under the Program subject to regulations as prescribed by the Adjutant General, (ii) eliminating the requirement to satisfy financial obligations with the institution of higher education at the beginning of each semester, (iii) simplifying the requirements relating to academic performance and good standing, and (iv) providing that, upon acceptance of an application for a grant, grant funds are to be disbursed to the applicable institution of higher education for credit against the recipient student's account. This bill is identical to SB 1106.

Patron - Feggans

P **HB1694** **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; Department of Veterans Services; Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; enrollment and eligibility data; report.** Directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in coordination with the Department of Veterans Services, to submit to the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the House Committee on Appropriations by November 1 of each year a report on (i) the number of individuals who are qualified survivors and dependents, as that term is defined in applicable law, and have been certified as eligible to participate in the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program but are not yet admitted to a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth and (ii) the best available estimate of the total number of qualified survivors and dependents who are participating in the Program and enrolled in the fall semester at each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. This bill incorporates HB 1613.

Patron - Askew

P **HB1805** **Public institutions of higher education; policies; individuals with disabilities; postsecondary transition planning and services; documentation or evidence; report.** Requires any individualized education program (IEP) meeting for any student with a disability held for the purpose of postsecondary transition planning and consideration of postsecondary transition services to include, consistent with the guidance developed by the Department of Education pursuant to applicable law, consideration and documentation of any information relating to such student's postsecondary transition planning and service needs that may be necessary or relevant to coordinating and facilitating the successful and efficient transition of such student from secondary school to an institution of higher education. The bill directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to study and make recommendations in a report by November 1, 2025, on improving and standardizing the quality and consistency of IEPs or sections of IEPs developed and implemented for students with disabilities dedicated to postsecondary transition planning and services for students with disabilities by public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Cohen

P **HB1878** **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; renaming Director as Executive Director.** Renames the Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia as the Executive Director.

Patron - Sewell

P **HB1930** **Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors; annual meetings at the University.** Reduces from four to one the minimum number of annual meetings that the Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors is required to hold at the University. This bill is identical to SB 771.

Patron - Ward

P **HB1995** **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; recommendations on exempting certain courses of instruction operated by private and out-of-state institutions of higher education; report.** Directs the State Council of Higher for Virginia (the Council) to evaluate and make recommendations on amending the provisions of law relating to certain activities and programs offered by private and out-of-state postsecondary schools that are exempt from the requirements for obtaining and maintaining certification by the Council to operate in the Commonwealth for the purpose of exempting noncredit courses of instruction offered by an entity or organization in accordance with the requirements of a nationally recognized certifying body and those intended solely to prepare students for certification as project management professions, provided that no such exempted course shall exceed the number of hours required by the applicable certifying body. The bill requires the Council to report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health and the House Committees on Appropriations and Education by November 1, 2025.

Patron - Bennett-Parker

P **HB2156** **Public institutions of higher education; student exchange programs; tuition and mandatory fee waivers; conditions.** Clarifies that tuition and mandatory fees may be waived for a student from a foreign country enrolled in a public institution of higher education through a formalized student exchange program between such institution and another institution of higher education, provided that the number of full-time equivalent inbound students from

a foreign country for whom tuition and mandatory fees has been waived does not exceed during any three-year period the number of full-time equivalent outbound students who are enrolled through such student exchange program and who pay full tuition and mandatory fees to the institution. Current law permits tuition and mandatory fees to be waived for a student from a foreign country enrolled in a public institution of higher education through a student exchange program approved by such institution, provided that the number of students from a foreign country for whom tuition and mandatory fees has been waived does not exceed during any three-year period the number of students from a foreign country who are enrolled through such student exchange program and who pay full tuition and mandatory fees to the institution. This bill is identical to SB 1229.
Patron - Carr

P **HB2157 Richard Bland College; governance.** Removes the authority of the board of visitors of The College of William and Mary in Virginia to supervise, manage, and control Richard Bland College and establishes the nine-member board of visitors of Richard Bland College to generally direct the affairs of Richard Bland College, including appointing all teachers and fixing their salaries, providing for the employment of other personnel as required, and caring for and preserving all property belonging to Richard Bland College. The bill provides for the transfer of relevant property and rights thereto, contracts, and duties from the board of visitors of The College of William and Mary in Virginia to the board of visitors of Richard Bland College. The bill also requires the board of visitors of Richard Bland College to focus its efforts on preparing students for academic and career success and permits the board of visitors to take several enumerated actions in furtherance of such efforts. The bill also provides that the audit conducted by the Auditor of Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, will be the last audit for which Richard Bland College is treated as a consolidated entity of the board of visitors of The College of William and Mary in Virginia and that beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall submit its audit report on Richard Bland College to the board of visitors of Richard Bland College. The provisions of the bill, with the exception of the provision requiring Richard Bland College to submit a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2025, have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 742. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Carr

P **HB2161 Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority; board of directors; chief executive officer.** Makes several changes relating to the board of directors and the chief executive officer of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority (the Authority), including (i) reducing from 19 to 13 the number of appointed members on the board of directors and adding the chief executive officer of the Authority as an ex officio member with voting privileges, thereby reducing from 21 to 16 the total number of board members; (ii) changing from voting to nonvoting the nature of the membership of the President of Virginia Commonwealth University (the University) on the board of directors and prohibiting rather than requiring, as under current law, the President of the University from serving as chairman of the board of directors; (iii) lengthening the terms of all members of the board of directors from three years to four years; (iv) adding demonstrated experience or expertise in finance or commercial real estate as options for satisfying the required qualifications for certain appointed members and requiring each enumerated area of demonstrated experience or expertise to be represented amongst such appointed members at any given time; (v) requiring the biennial election of a chairman and vice-chairman of the board of directors, requiring such chairman and vice-chairman to have served for at least two years on the board of directors, and prohibiting any employee of the University, employee of the Authority, member of the board of visitors of the University, or legislative member from serving as chairman; (vi) prohibiting rather than permitting, as under current law, the Senior Vice-President for Health Sciences of the University from serving as chief executive officer of the Authority but requiring the Senior Vice-President for Health Sciences to regularly communicate and collaborate with such chief executive officer to support the mutual interests and success of the University and the Authority; (vii) providing that no further action shall be taken if a majority of each of the three-member committees appointed by the board of directors of the Authority and the board of visitors of the University do not agree on the removal of the chief executive officer of the Authority within 30 days of the appointment of the committees by each board; and (viii) providing that in the event that a majority of the members of each committee do not agree on the selection or conditions of appointment of the chief executive officer within 30 days of the appointment of the committees by each board, then the process set forth in statute shall be repeated until such selection has been made or such conditions of appointment have been determined. Current law requires the President of the University to make a binding decision in the event of any such disagreement. This bill is identical to SB 1259. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Carr

P **HB2240 Institutions of higher education; Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry Grant Program established; report.** Establishes the Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry Grant Program to address student food insecurity at public institutions of higher education and eligible private institutions of higher education, as defined by the bill. The bill provides that the Program shall be managed by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and available for participation by public institutions of higher education and eligible private institutions of higher education; however, participation in the Program is optional for such institutions. Under the bill, if a public institution of higher education or eligible private institution of higher education satisfies certain criteria set out in the bill, including creating initiatives on campus to address student food insecurity, it will receive a "Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry" designation and the Council will award a grant to such institution. Any such institution that receives a grant under the bill is required to utilize the funds to support on-campus efforts and initiatives to eliminate student food insecurity at such institution through the maintenance and operation of the on-campus food pantry established pursuant to the Program. The bill requires the Council to submit a report to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education no later than two years after the establishment of the Program. This bill is identical to SB 1016.
Patron - Cousins

P **HB2420 Public institutions of higher education; intercollegiate athletics program coaches; Mental Health First Aid or similar training required.** Requires each coach of an intercollegiate athletics program at a public institution of higher education to participate in Mental Health First Aid training or a similar program within one year of the commencement of his duties.
Patron - Webert

P **HB2441 Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees; authority to permit campus**

security officers to carry firearms in performance of official duties; conditions. Authorizes the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees to permit campus security personnel employed in its campus security department to carry firearms in the performance of their official duties, provided that such campus security personnel are considered armed security officers, as such term is defined in relevant law, and comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements attendant to such designation, including registration and training. This bill is identical to SB 1368.

Patron - O'Quinn

P **HB2452** **Baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; livestreaming, recording, and archiving of boards of visitors meetings; closed sessions; guidelines.** Establishes several requirements, subject to a reenactment clause, relating to public access to meetings of the governing boards of baccalaureate public institutions of higher education. The bill also requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in consultation with the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council and a representative from the Library of Virginia, to work with the public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth and with technology experts to develop minimal uniform standards, to the extent practicable, for (i) providing the public with real-time access to the meetings of governing boards of public institutions of higher education and the meetings of committees of such boards, (ii) archiving the recordings of such meetings, and (iii) taking minutes at such meetings. The bill requires any such minimal uniform standards to be implemented by each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth no later than July 1, 2026.

Patron - Hodges

P **HB2548** **Certain practical nursing programs; common curriculum; transferability to registered nursing programs; pathway of stackable credentials.** Requires the Virginia Community College System, in consultation with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Board of Nursing, and representatives from associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education that offer nursing programs, to develop a common curriculum for practical nursing programs that shall be implemented at each comprehensive community college in the System that offers a practical nursing program. The bill requires such common curriculum, to the extent possible, to (i) align with the degree requirements for registered nursing programs offered at associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education and (ii) be transferable to each registered nursing program offered at an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education. The bill requires each associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education that offers a registered nursing degree program to participate in a practical nursing program to registered nursing program transfer agreement with the System that aligns with the practical nursing program common curriculum established pursuant to the bill and permits any private institution of higher education that offers a registered nursing degree program to be consulted regarding and participate on a voluntary basis in such a transfer agreement. The bill also (a) requires the System to establish a pathway of stackable nursing credentials that consists of a practical nursing to associate registered nursing to bachelor of science in nursing program pathway; (b) directs the System to develop and implement the common curriculum for practical nursing programs by July 1, 2026; and (c) directs the System to submit a progress report to the chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education by December 1, 2025. The provisions of the bill relating to the development of the common curriculum for practical nursing programs have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 953.

Patron - Rasoul

P **HB2601** **Public schools; record of student attendance.** Requires a teacher in every public school in the Commonwealth to keep an accurate daily record of attendance of all children, both (i) at the beginning of the school day and (ii) if applicable, for each class period. Current law requires such a daily record of attendance but is silent on records of attendance for each class period.

Patron - Glass

P **SB742** **Richard Bland College; governance.** Removes the authority of the board of visitors of The College of William and Mary in Virginia to supervise, manage, and control Richard Bland College and establishes the nine-member board of visitors of Richard Bland College to generally direct the affairs of Richard Bland College, including appointing all teachers and fixing their salaries, providing for the employment of other personnel as required, and caring for and preserving all property belonging to Richard Bland College. The bill provides for the transfer of relevant property and rights thereto, contracts, and duties from the board of visitors of The College of William and Mary in Virginia to the board of visitors of Richard Bland College. The bill also requires the board of visitors of Richard Bland College to focus its efforts on preparing students for academic and career success and permits the board of visitors to take several enumerated actions in furtherance of such efforts. The bill also provides that the audit conducted by the Auditor of Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, will be the last audit for which Richard Bland College is treated as a consolidated entity of the board of visitors of The College of William and Mary in Virginia and that beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall submit its audit report on Richard Bland College to the board of visitors of Richard Bland College. The provisions of the bill, with the exception of the provision requiring Richard Bland College to submit a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2025, have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2157. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Locke

P **SB771** **Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors; annual meetings at the University.** Reduces from four to one the minimum number of annual meetings that the Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors is required to hold at the University. This bill is identical to HB 1930.

Patron - Diggs

P **SB953** **Certain practical nursing programs; common curriculum; transferability to registered nursing programs; pathway of stackable credentials.** Requires the Virginia Community College System, in consultation with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Board of Nursing, and representatives from associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education that offer nursing programs, to develop a common curriculum for practical nursing programs that shall be implemented at each comprehensive community college in the System that offers a practical nursing program. The bill requires such common curriculum, to the extent possible, to (i) align with the degree requirements for registered nursing programs offered at associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education and (ii) be transferable to each registered nursing program offered at an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education. The bill requires each associate-degree-granting public institution of higher

education that offers a registered nursing degree program to participate in a practical nursing program to registered nursing program transfer agreement with the System that aligns with the practical nursing program common curriculum established pursuant to the bill and permits any private institution of higher education that offers a registered nursing degree program to be consulted regarding and participate on a voluntary basis in such a transfer agreement. The bill also (a) requires the System to establish a pathway of stackable nursing credentials that consists of a practical nursing to associate registered nursing to bachelor of science in nursing program pathway; (b) directs the System to develop and implement the common curriculum for practical nursing programs by July 1, 2026; and (c) directs the System to submit a progress report to the chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education by December 1, 2025. The provisions of the bill relating to the development of the common curriculum for practical nursing programs have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. The bill incorporates SB 791 and is identical to HB 2548.

Patron - Favola

P **SB961 Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; annual report on eligibility and usage required.** Requires the Department of Veterans Services and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to coordinate to report no later than December 15 of each year to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations (i) the number of qualified survivors and dependents who have been determined to be eligible for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at a public institution of higher education pursuant to the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program but have not yet enrolled at such an institution and (ii) the best available estimate of the number of qualified survivors and dependents who are enrolled at each public institution of higher education with a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees pursuant to the Program as of December 1 of the current fall semester.

Patron - Roem

P **SB1016 Institutions of higher education; Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry Grant Program established; report.** Establishes the Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry Grant Program to address student food insecurity at public institutions of higher education and eligible private institutions of higher education, as defined by the bill. The bill provides that the Program shall be managed by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and available for participation by public institutions of higher education and eligible private institutions of higher education; however, participation in the Program is optional for such institutions. Under the bill, if a public institution of higher education or eligible private institution of higher education satisfies certain criteria set out in the bill, including creating initiatives on campus to address student food insecurity, it will receive a "Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry" designation and the Council will award a grant to such institution. Any such institution that receives a grant under the bill is required to utilize the funds to support on-campus efforts and initiatives to eliminate student food insecurity at such institution through the maintenance and operation of the on-campus food pantry established pursuant to the Program. The bill requires the Council to submit a report to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education no later than two years after the establishment of the Program. This bill is identical to HB 2240.

Patron - Roem

P **SB1018 Public institutions of higher education; Department of Social Services; SNAP eligibility, applications, and participation; guidance, resources, and education.** Requires the Department of Social Services (the Department) to (i) develop, annually update, and provide to each public institution of higher education in advance of the start of each school year an information sheet on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) with information relating to SNAP eligibility, applications, participation, requirements, and such other information as the Department deems necessary or appropriate, relevant to students enrolled in public institutions of higher education and (ii) provide information, resources, and education to certain faculty members employed by each public institution of higher education regarding opportunities for assisting students enrolled in public institutions of higher education with completing SNAP applications. The bill requires each public institution of higher education to ensure that such SNAP information sheet developed by the Department is provided to each student enrolled in such institution at the beginning of the fall semester of each school year or, in the case of any student who enrolls after the beginning of the fall semester, as soon as practicable after enrollment and is included in any orientation materials distributed to each new student.

Patron - Roem

P **SB1106 Higher education; financial assistance; Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program; eligibility criteria.** Makes several changes to the Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program, including (i) making the provisions relating to the requirements and conditions for eligibility for and award of grants under the Program subject to regulations as prescribed by the Adjutant General, (ii) eliminating the requirement to satisfy financial obligations with the institution of higher education at the beginning of each semester, (iii) simplifying the requirements relating to academic performance and good standing, and (iv) providing that, upon acceptance of an application for a grant, grant funds are to be disbursed to the applicable institution of higher education for credit against the recipient student's account. This bill is identical to HB 1595.

Patron - Hashmi

P **SB1229 Public institutions of higher education; student exchange programs; tuition and mandatory fee waivers; conditions.** Clarifies that tuition and mandatory fees may be waived for a student from a foreign country enrolled in a public institution of higher education through a formalized student exchange program between such institution and another institution of higher education, provided that the number of full-time equivalent inbound students from a foreign country for whom tuition and mandatory fees has been waived does not exceed during any three-year period the number of full-time equivalent outbound students who are enrolled through such student exchange program and who pay full tuition and mandatory fees to the institution. Current law permits tuition and mandatory fees to be waived for a student from a foreign country enrolled in a public institution of higher education through a student exchange program approved by such institution, provided that the number of students from a foreign country for whom tuition and mandatory fees has been waived does not exceed during any three-year period the number of students from a foreign country who are enrolled through such student exchange program and who pay full tuition and mandatory fees to the institution. This bill is identical to HB 2156.

Patron - Aird

P **SB1257** **Public institutions of higher education; student and campus safety; training in opioid antagonist administration for resident assistants required.** Requires each resident assistant in a student housing facility at a public institution of higher education to complete, prior to the commencement of his duties, training in the administration of an opioid antagonist to any student, faculty, or staff member who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose. The bill requires each public institution of higher education to adopt policies and procedures relating to the administration of an opioid antagonist by each resident assistant, including policies and procedures (i) requiring each resident assistant to complete such training pursuant to the provisions of the bill and (ii) arranging for the provision of such opioid antagonist administration training.

Patron - Bagby

P **SB1259** **Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority; board of directors; chief executive officer.** Makes several changes relating to the board of directors and the chief executive officer of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority (the Authority), including (i) reducing from 19 to 13 the number of appointed members on the board of directors and adding the chief executive officer of the Authority as an ex officio member with voting privileges, thereby reducing from 21 to 16 the total number of board members; (ii) changing from voting to nonvoting the nature of the membership of the President of Virginia Commonwealth University (the University) on the board of directors and prohibiting rather than requiring, as under current law, the President of the University from serving as chairman of the board of directors; (iii) lengthening the terms of all members of the board of directors from three years to four years; (iv) adding demonstrated experience or expertise in finance or commercial real estate as options for satisfying the required qualifications for certain appointed members and requiring each enumerated area of demonstrated experience or expertise to be represented amongst such appointed members at any given time; (v) requiring the biennial election of a chairman and vice-chairman of the board of directors, requiring such chairman and vice-chairman to have served for at least two years on the board of directors, and prohibiting any employee of the University, employee of the Authority, member of the board of visitors of the University, or legislative member from serving as chairman; (vi) prohibiting rather than permitting, as under current law, the Senior Vice-President for Health Sciences of the University from serving as chief executive officer of the Authority but requiring the Senior Vice-President for Health Sciences to regularly communicate and collaborate with such chief executive officer to support the mutual interests and success of the University and the Authority; (vii) providing that no further action shall be taken if a majority of each of the three-member committees appointed by the board of directors of the Authority and the board of visitors of the University do not agree on the removal of the chief executive officer of the Authority within 30 days of the appointment of the committees by each board; and (viii) providing that in the event that a majority of the members of each committee do not agree on the selection or conditions of appointment of the chief executive officer within 30 days of the appointment of the committees by each board, then the process set forth in statute shall be repeated until such selection has been made or such conditions of appointment have been determined. Current law requires the President of the University to make a binding decision in the event of any such disagreement. This bill is identical to HB 2161. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Bagby

P **SB1368** **Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees; authority to permit campus security officers to carry firearms in performance of official duties; conditions.** Authorizes the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Board of Trustees to permit campus security personnel employed in its campus security department to carry firearms in the performance of their official duties, provided that such campus security personnel are considered armed security officers, as such term is defined in relevant law, and comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements attendant to such designation, including registration and training. This bill is identical to HB 2441.
Patron - Pillion

Failed

F **HB1613** **Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; annual report on eligibility and usage required.** Requires the Department of Veterans Services and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to coordinate to report no later than December 1 of each year to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations (i) the number of qualified survivors and dependents who have been determined to be eligible for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at a public institution of higher education pursuant to the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program but have not yet enrolled at such an institution and (ii) the best available estimate of the number of qualified survivors and dependents who are enrolled at each public institution of higher education with a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees pursuant to the Program as of November 1 of the current fall semester. This bill was incorporated into HB 1694.
Patron - Feggans

F **HB1752** **Institutions of higher education; financial assistance; tuition grants; Virginia National Guard.** Increases from $50,000 to $250,000 the amount of grant funding that the Department of Military Affairs may use each year to recruit qualified applicants for service in the Virginia National Guard.
Patron - Ennis

F **HB1917** **Institutions of higher education; confidential resource advisors.** Requires each public institution of higher education and each private institution of higher education to designate at least one confidential resource advisor to serve as a confidential resource for students and employees to discuss alleged acts of sexual misconduct and receive information on resources available to such students or employees. The bill creates a statutory privilege between the confidential resource advisor and a student or employee who shares information with such confidential resource advisor.
Patron - Martinez

F **HB2045** **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; publishing of certain institution-level data on website required.** Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to annually publish in an easily accessible format and location on its website data for each public institution of higher education and each nonprofit private institution of higher education eligible to participate in the Tuition Assistance Grant Program on the (i) cost of tuition and fees; (ii) student retention rate; (iii) student graduation rate; (iv) wages of former students three years after graduation; (v) 20 baccalaureate degree programs with the highest average annual wages following graduation; and (vi) 20 associate degree or certificate programs with the highest average annual

wages following graduation. The bill requires such data to be presented in a user-friendly format so that the user can compare the data clearly and visually.
Patron - Walker

F **HB2186 Public institutions of higher education; certain grants from and partnerships and agreements with foreign countries of concern prohibited; report; civil penalty.** Prohibits, except with the approval of the governing board of the institution of higher education or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia under certain circumstances, any public institution of higher education from accepting any grant from or participating in any partnership or agreement with any foreign country of concern, as that term is defined in the bill. The bill requires the Council to establish and enforce mechanisms for compliance and penalties for noncompliance with such prohibition, which shall include civil penalties not to exceed $25,000 per offense and may include periodic institutional reporting until any such noncompliance is remedied by the institution. The bill requires each public institution of higher education, by December 1 of each year, to report to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Council any grant that it accepted from or agreement or partnership in which it participated with a foreign country of concern during the previous fiscal year and the date on which such grant, agreement, or partnership is expected to terminate.
Patron - Freitas

F **HB2207 Public institutions of higher education; presence of or material aid or support to terrorist activities, organizations, and states prohibited.** Prohibits from accessing, occupying, or otherwise having a physical presence on any campus of a public institution of higher education any (i) terrorist organization, (ii) state or non-state sponsor of terrorism, (iii) representative of a terrorist organization, as those terms are defined by the bill, or (iv) individual who, knowingly and with the intent set forth in the bill, solicits or attempts to solicit any individual to engage in terrorist activity, become a member of terrorist organization, or provide funds or other material support or resources, as that term is defined by the bill, to support, facilitate, or aid or abet terrorist activity or a terrorist organization. The bill prohibits any public institution of higher education from (a) granting access to campus, (b) providing or facilitating the provision of funds or other material supports or resources, (c) making or facilitating the donation of material support or resources, or (d) entering into any contract providing for the exchange of services or material support or resources to any of the individuals or organizations described in clauses (i) through (iv). Finally, the bill sets forth certain exceptions for individuals that lack the requisite intent and knowledge, as set forth in the bill, to be subject to the prohibitions.
Patron - Kilgore

F **HB2225 Commonwealth Savers Plan; Access Fund established; report.** Establishes the Access Fund as a portion of the Fund of the Commonwealth Savers Plan (the Plan), to be managed by the governing board of the Plan (the board) as a part of the Fund but to be accounted for separately from the Fund, into which certain Fund moneys shall be allocated for the purpose of supporting the Plan's goal of enhancing the accessibility, attainability, and affordability of higher education for all citizens of the Commonwealth. The bill directs the board to (i) establish or identify and fund certain programs and partnerships to further the goal of enhancing the accessibility, attainability, and affordability of higher education for all citizens of the Commonwealth, including programs and partnerships that provide scholarships, grants, or mentoring and coaching services to certain identified populations of students; (ii) use certain distributions from the Access Fund, in accordance with the investment objectives and total return spending policy described in the bill and the standard of care set forth in applicable law, to support such programs and partnerships; (iii) appoint an Access Advisory Committee for the purpose of assisting the board by making recommendations relating to any such programs and partnerships for which distributions from the Access Fund could be used; and (iv) submit to relevant committees of the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission by December 1 of each year a report on the Plan's activities relating to the Access Fund for the preceding year. Finally, the bill directs the Audit and Actuarial Committee to, in addition to its other duties set forth in applicable law, assess and make recommendations to the board regarding the availability of Fund moneys for allocation to the Access Fund.
Patron - Cousins

F **HB2421 Baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; intercollegiate athletics programs; certain intrastate competition required.** Requires the board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education that is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to ensure that each intercollegiate athletics program that contributes to the institution's athletics revenue competes at least once every eight years against the intercollegiate athletics program in the same sport and in the same NCAA division at each other baccalaureate public institution of higher education. The bill provides that the foregoing provisions shall not be construed to prohibit or affect any contract or agreement between baccalaureate public institutions of higher education for the provision and receipt of compensation for competition between their intercollegiate athletics programs.
Patron - Webert

F **HB2455 Public high school students; opportunity to earn transferable meta-major associate degree during high school to reduce college debt.** Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in cooperation with the Virginia Community College System and each associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education and each baccalaureate public institution of higher education, to establish a program by which qualified high school students earn an associate degree in a meta-major through dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, or a combination thereof, that (i) is fully transferable to any baccalaureate public institution of higher education that offers a program of study in such meta-major and (ii) to the extent possible, satisfies discipline-specific degree requirements in the student's preferred program of study.
Patron - Rasoul

F **HB2463 Virginia Community College System; certain dual enrollment instructors; certain flexibility in qualifications.** Permits the requirement for an individual to have completed 18 credit hours of course work in the relevant career and technical education (CTE) content area in order to qualify as an instructor of CTE dual enrollment courses that are transferrable to a baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to be waived in any case in which the employing comprehensive community college determines that such individual has sufficient and specific occupational experience in such content area. The bill requires each comprehensive community college in the Virginia Community College System to work with its institutional accreditor to remove any barriers to the full implementation of the aforementioned flexibility.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2465** **Education and workforce data ecosystem in the Commonwealth; Virginia Education and Workforce Data Governing Board and Office of Virginia Education and Workforce Data established.** Establishes in the executive branch of state government the 10-member Virginia Education and Workforce Data Governing Board and establishes with the Virginia Information Technologies Agency a supporting Office of Virginia Education and Workforce Data to (i) govern, administer, and support the ecosystem of education and workforce data collection and analysis systems in the Commonwealth, defined in the bill as the Commonwealth Data Trust, the Virginia Longitudinal Data System, the Virginia Office of Education Economics, and the Virginia Workforce Data Trust, and (ii) replace several separate data system governance and administration structures established in current law. The bill renames the Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment as the Virginia Office of Education Economics and directs its governance by the Board. The bill establishes several powers and duties for such Board and Office, certain of which are subject to delayed implementation dates.
Patron - Willett

F **HB2507** **Board of Visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind; authority to establish campus police department.** Permits the Board of Visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind to establish a campus police department, in compliance with the provisions of law relating to campus police departments established by institutions of higher education, and to employ campus police officers therein.
Patron - Runion

F **HB2529** **Public institutions of higher education; endowments; investment management; certain divestment practices prohibited.** Prohibits any public institution of higher education or any affiliated foundation, investment management company, or other entity that is responsible for managing or investing endowment funds of the institution from establishing or implementing any policy or practice of divesting from all investments in any country or territory that is not the subject of an active sanctions program administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.
Patron - Jones

F **HB2593** **Commonwealth Savers Plan; State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; Virginia College Access and Affordability Scholarship Fund established; work group; report.** Directs the transfer of actuarial surplus defined benefit prepaid tuition contract funds from the fund of the Commonwealth Savers Plan (the Plan) into a DB529 subfund established in the bill to be used for (i) a surplus rebate program and (ii) establishing the Virginia College Access and Affordability Scholarship Fund (the Access Fund).

The surplus rebate program returns actuarial surplus funds, in $2,500 checks, to owners of a prepaid tuition contract who entered into such contract before July 1, 2019, and claim such rebate before July 1, 2026. The amount of rebates available shall not exceed $350 million. When claiming the rebate, the application allows such rebate amount to be applied to a new prepaid tuition contract or a Roth individual retirement account in lieu of the check.

The bill establishes an Investment Board with investment and actuarial expertise to review and make recommendations to the General Assembly on each deposit from the DB529 Fund to the Access Fund.

After an initial $500 million deposit from the DB529 subfund, dedicated assets of the Access Fund shall be invested and managed by the Plan. Funds in the Access Fund shall be used to establish a scholarship program to be managed and administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (the Council). The scholarship program provides scholarship awards to students enrolled in an eligible education program, defined in the bill, and a portion of the funds are to be devoted to college access resources or programs to assist low-income students, first generation college students, students from underrepresented communities, or other at-risk students with their introduction to the higher education system in Virginia, college applications, financial aid applications, and resources assisting with a successful transition from high school to college. The Council is required to report on the Access Fund and scholarship program no later than December 31 each year.

Finally, the bill (a) directs the Council to establish a work group of higher education stakeholders to make recommendations on allocations of funds available through the Access Fund and scholarship program and directs the work group to report to the House Committees on Education and Appropriations and Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations no later than November 1, 2025, and (b) prohibits the Plan from implementing or taking part in any initiatives relating to the accessibility or the aforementioned college access programs on or after July 1, 2025.
Patron - Tran

F **HB2674** **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; publishing of certain institution-level data on website required.**
Patron - Phillips

F **HB2722** **Public institutions of higher education; admissions and enrollment; certain Virginia student yields required.** Requires, beginning with the incoming freshman class in the fall semester of the 2026-2027 academic year and for each admissions and enrollment period thereafter, each public institution of higher education to establish and implement admissions practices that yield total Virginia student enrollment of at least 78.5 percent at the institution.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2734** **Public institutions of higher education; information for pregnant and parenting students.** Requires each public institution of higher education to post in a publicly accessible manner on its website and include in orientation materials that are distributed to each new student information for pregnant and parenting students, including resources available to such students, the rights of and protections afforded to such students, and a description of the process for such students to file a grievance or complaint pursuant to Title IX.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2778** **Direct the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to study the efficacy of expanding the School of Dentistry of Virginia Commonwealth University; report.**
Patron - Phillips

F **SB767** **Institutions of higher education; financial assistance; tuition grants; Virginia National Guard.** Increases from $50,000 to $250,000 the amount of grant funding that the Department of Military Affairs may use each year to recruit qualified applicants for service in the Virginia National Guard.
Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB791** **Certain practical nursing programs; common curriculum; transferability to registered nursing programs.** Requires the Virginia Community College System (the System), in consultation with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Board of Nursing, and representatives from both associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education and baccalaureate public institutions of higher education that offer nursing programs, to develop a common curriculum for practical nursing programs that shall be implemented at each comprehensive community college in the System that offers a practical nursing program. The bill requires such common curriculum, to the extent possible, to (i) align with the degree requirements for registered nursing programs offered at associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education and baccalaureate public institutions of higher education and (ii) be transferable to each registered nursing program offered at an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education or a baccalaureate public institution of higher education. The bill (a) requires each associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education and each baccalaureate public institution of higher education that offers a registered nursing degree program to participate in a practical nursing program to registered nursing program transfer agreement with the System that aligns with the practical nursing program common curriculum established pursuant to the bill and (b) permits any private institution of higher education that offers a registered nursing degree program to be consulted regarding and participate on a voluntary basis in such a transfer agreement. This bill was incorporated into SB 953.
Patron - Head

F **SB792** **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; publishing of certain institution-level data on website required.** Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to annually publish in an easily accessible format and location on its website data for each public institution of higher education and each nonprofit private institution of higher education eligible to participate in the Tuition Assistance Grant Program on the (i) cost of tuition and fees; (ii) student retention rate; (iii) student graduation rate; (iv) wages of former students three years after graduation; (v) 20 baccalaureate degree programs with the highest average annual wages following graduation; and (vi) 20 associate degree or certificate programs with the highest average annual wages following graduation. The bill requires such data to be presented in a user-friendly format so that the user can compare the data clearly and visually.
Patron - Head

F **SB795** **Virginia Museum of Transportation; established; report.** Establishes the Virginia Museum of Transportation as a public entity and educational institution under the Commonwealth. The bill provides that the Museum is governed by a 15-member board of trustees.
Patron - Head

F **SB797** **Board of Visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind; authority to establish campus police department.** Permits the Board of Visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind to establish a campus police department, in compliance with the provisions of law relating to campus police departments established by institutions of higher education, and to employ campus police officers therein.
Patron - Head

F **SB835** **Commonwealth Savers Plan; Virginia College Opportunity Endowment and Fund established; report.** Establishes (i) the Endowment Scholarship Program for the purpose of providing scholarships to students at eligible institutions, as defined in the bill; (ii) the Virginia College Opportunity Endowment as an agency of the Commonwealth for the purpose of establishing and administering the Endowment Scholarship Program; (iii) as a subfund of the Commonwealth Savers Plan's fund, the DB529 Fund for the purpose of holding in trust the assets of prepaid tuition contracts to meet contractual obligations; (iv) as a subfund of the Commonwealth Savers Plan's fund, the Virginia College Opportunity Fund (the Opportunity Fund), into which certain funds from the DB529 Fund shall be deposited for the purpose of funding, by income generated from investments of such deposits, the Endowment Scholarship Program and other programs established for the purpose of enhancing educational access and affordability for students with recognized financial need, as set forth in the bill; and (v) the College Opportunity Investment Advisory Committee for the purpose of making recommendations to and assisting the General Assembly in determining the prudence of directing deposits, and the amounts of any such deposits, of actuarial surpluses of the Commonwealth Savers Plan from the DB529 Fund into the Opportunity Fund.

The bill requires the board of the Commonwealth Savers Plan to (a) after the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025, deposit $500 million into the Opportunity Fund from the DB529 Fund; (b) each fiscal year thereafter, in accordance with the timeline set forth in the bill, submit to the General Assembly a report on the funded status, as defined by applicable law, of the DB529 Fund and the recommendation of the College Opportunity Investment Advisory Committee as to the prudence of directing deposits of additional actuarial surpluses of the Plan from the DB529 Fund into the Opportunity Fund; and (c) each subsequent year, deposit additional actuarial surpluses into the Opportunity Fund in accordance with the provisions of the bill. Finally, the bill contains provisions (1) relating to voluntary contributions to the Opportunity Fund for the purpose of receiving tax fund contributions and income tax deductions; (2) exempting from mandatory disclosure requirements certain information contained in a public record relating to the Commonwealth Savers Plan or the Virginia College Opportunity Endowment and Fund, and (3) authorizing the College Opportunity Investment Advisory Committee to hold closed meetings for certain purposes.

Patron - Surovell

F **SB915** **School boards; private institutions of higher education; industry and trade dual-enrollment, education, and training opportunities; partnerships permitted.** Permits any school board, upon approval of a plan submitted to the Board of Education (the Board) in accordance with the provisions of the bill, to enter into a partnership with a private institution of higher education, as that term is defined by the bill, for the purpose of expanding industry and trade training and education opportunities for high school students by (i) establishing or expanding dual enrollment programs through which high school students may earn credit toward completion of undergraduate course credit or a degree relating to industry or trade, an industry-recognized credential, a career certificate, or a state licensure examination; (ii) expanding available course offerings relating to industry or trade; (iii) providing internship, externship, or job-shadowing opportunities for high school students in industry and trade; and (iv) establishing any other plan for such a partnership as may be approved by the Board. The bill directs the Board to develop and make available to each school board guidelines and policies for the (a) submission and approval of such plans to enter into partnerships with a private institution of higher

education pursuant to the bill and (b) implementation and administration of any such partnerships.
Patron - Stanley

F **SB1003 School breakfasts; availability at no cost to students.** Requires each school board to require each public elementary and secondary school in the local school division to participate in the federal National School Lunch Program and the federal School Breakfast Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and to make breakfast available to any student who requests such a meal at no cost to the student, unless the student's parent has provided written permission to the school board to withhold such a meal from the student. The bill requires the Department of Education to reimburse each public elementary and secondary school for each school breakfast served to a student, with a maximum of one breakfast per student per school day and provides the formula for determining the state reimbursement rate for such meals. Finally, the bill repeals a provision of law relating to the federal School Breakfast Program that is rendered obsolete by the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Roem

F **SB1065 Commonwealth Savers Plan; Access Fund established; report.** Establishes the Access Fund as a portion of the Fund of the Commonwealth Savers Plan (the Plan), to be managed by the governing board of the Plan (the board) as a part of the Fund but to be accounted for separately from the Fund, into which certain Fund moneys shall be allocated for the purpose of supporting the Plan's goal of enhancing the accessibility, attainability, and affordability of higher education for all citizens of the Commonwealth. The bill directs the board to (i) establish or identify and fund certain programs and partnerships to further the goal of enhancing the accessibility, attainability, and affordability of higher education for all citizens of the Commonwealth, including programs and partnerships that provide scholarships, grants, or mentoring and coaching services to certain identified demographics of students; (ii) use certain distributions from the Access Fund, in accordance with the investment objectives and total return spending policy described in the bill and the standard of care set forth in applicable law, to support such programs and partnerships; (iii) appoint an Access Advisory Committee for the purpose of assisting the board by making recommendations relating to any such programs and partnerships for which distributions from the Access Fund could be used; and (iv) submit to relevant committees of the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission by December 1 of each year a report on the Plan's activities relating to the Access Fund for the preceding year. Finally, the bill directs the Audit and Actuarial Committee to, in addition to its other duties set forth in applicable law, assess and make recommendations to the board regarding the availability of Fund moneys for allocation to the Access Fund.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1099 Virginia Community College System; Solar Workforce Development Incentive Grant Program; established.** Requires the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System to establish and implement the Solar Workforce Development Incentive Grant Program. Under the program, any comprehensive community college that enters into a power purchase agreement, either alone or in partnership with any local school division in the region that it serves, and that provides workforce development opportunities such as internships, apprenticeships, or project-based learning tied to such renewable energy projects on their campuses are eligible to apply for (i) a grant in an amount of $100,000 per megawatt purchased and (ii) an additional grant in an amount of up to $100,000 for projects that implement solar and battery microgrid systems in furtherance of developing community resiliency hubs in coordination with the Department of Energy's Renewables Advancing Community Energy Resilience (RACER) program.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1187 Public institutions of higher education; certain transfer credit policy prohibited.** Prohibits any public institution of higher education from adopting or implementing any policy that denies credit to transfer students based solely on the sending institution's accreditor, as long as such accreditor is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
Patron - Pekarsky

F **SB1217 Baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; boards of visitors; intercollegiate athletics programs; athletics revenue and subsidy requirements; report.** Amends provisions relating to intercollegiate athletics programs and athletics revenue requirements by expanding the allocations of athletics revenues that may be excluded from the subsidy for the purposes of calculating the subsidy percentage, as defined by applicable law, to include athletics revenues allocated to medical expenses and insurance. The bill also directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to (a) study the impact of the provisions of the bill on intercollegiate athletics in the Commonwealth and make recommendations on any further legislative action or policy considerations that should be made based on the impact of the provisions of the bill on intercollegiate athletics in the Commonwealth and (b) submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, and the House Committee on Appropriations by November 15, 2025. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Deeds

F **SB1247 Public institutions of higher education; certain grants from and partnerships and agreements with foreign countries of concern prohibited; report; civil penalty.** Prohibits, except with the approval of the governing board of the institution of higher education or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia under certain circumstances, any public institution of higher education from accepting any grant from or participating in any partnership or agreement with any foreign country of concern, as that term is defined in the bill. The bill requires the Council to establish and enforce mechanisms for compliance and penalties for noncompliance with such prohibition, which shall include civil penalties not to exceed $25,000 per offense and may include periodic institutional reporting until any such noncompliance is remedied by the institution. The bill requires each public institution of higher education, by December 1 of each year, to report to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Council any grant that it accepted from or agreement or partnership in which it participated with a foreign country of concern during the previous fiscal year and the date on which such grant, agreement, or partnership is expected to terminate.
Patron - Durant

F **SB1478 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; School of Dentistry of Virginia Commonwealth University; efficacy of expanding facilities; study; report.** Directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to, in consultation with the entities set forth in the bill, study and submit to the Governor, the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations, and the House Committees on Education and Appropriations by November 1,

2025, a report on the efficacy of expanding the School of Dentistry of Virginia Commonwealth University's facilities into a building owned by the Commonwealth located in Southern Virginia.
Patron - Stanley

Insurance

Passed

P **HB1609 Health insurance; coverage for fertility services; essential health benefits benchmark plan.** Requires the Health Insurance Reform Commission to consider coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility and for standard fertility preservation procedures in its 2025 review of the essential health benefits benchmark plan. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Helmer

P **HB1628 Fire insurance; assignment of claims prohibited.** Prohibits a fire insurance policy or a fire insurance policy in combination with other coverages from assigning or otherwise transferring, in whole or in part, to any other person the duties, rights, or benefits of the insured under the policy arising from a claim or covered loss without written consent of the insurer. Any such contract provision is void and unenforceable under the bill. This bill is identical to SB 1154.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

P **HB1639 Health insurance; tobacco surcharge; sunset.** Removes the January 1, 2026, sunset on provisions of current law that eliminate the authority of a health carrier to vary its premium rates based on tobacco use and directs the State Corporation Commission to make its final report regarding the elimination of such tobacco surcharge by January 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Hope

P **HB1641 State plan for medical assistance services and health insurance; pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.** Directs the Board of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment of medical assistance for the prophylaxis, diagnosis, and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) that includes payment for treatment using antimicrobials, medication, and behavioral therapies to manage neuropsychiatric symptoms, immunomodulating medicines, plasma exchange, and intravenous immunoglobulin therapy.

The bill also requires each insurer proposing to issue individual or group accident and sickness insurance policies providing hospital, medical and surgical, or major medical coverage on an expense-incurred basis; each corporation providing individual or group accident and sickness subscription contracts; and each health maintenance organization providing a health care plan for health care services to provide coverage for the prophylaxis, diagnosis, and treatment of PANDAS and PANS. The bill requires such coverage to include coverage for treatment using antimicrobials, medication, and behavioral therapies to manage neuropsychiatric symptoms, immunomodulating medicines, plasma exchange, and intravenous immunoglobulin therapy.

The bill prohibits an insurer, corporation, or organization from (i) denying or delaying the coverage of PANDAS or PANS because the enrollee previously received treatment or because the enrollee was diagnosed with or received treatment for his condition under a different diagnostic name, including autoimmune encephalopathy; (ii) limiting coverage of immunomodulating therapies for the treatment of PANDAS or PANS in a manner that is inconsistent with the treatment guidelines developed by a consortium convened for the purposes of researching, identifying, and publishing best practice standards for diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS or PANS that are accessible for medical professionals and are based on evidence of positive patient outcomes; (iii) requiring a trial of therapies that treat only neuropsychiatric symptoms before authorizing coverage of immunomodulating therapies for the treatment of PANDAS or PANS; or (iv) denying coverage for out-of-state treatment if the service is not available within the Commonwealth. This bill is a recommendation of the Health Insurance Reform Commission.
Patron - Hope

P **HB1682 Surplus lines broker taxes; certain insurance policies.** Provides that any surplus lines broker or any person required to be licensed as one shall not be subject to the annual taxes, license taxes, or penalties under current law for any policy of insurance procured during the preceding calendar year on behalf of a commuter rail system jointly operated by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation District beginning in calendar year 2025. This bill is identical to SB 1269.
Patron - Cohen

P **HB1778 Insurance agents; appointments and terminations.** Amends the process for the appointment of insurance agents and agencies by insurers as administered by the Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission. The bill also revises certain requirements of an insurer or authorized representative that terminates an appointment of an agent that is found to have engaged in conduct prohibited by existing law.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB1828 Health insurance; cost sharing for breast examinations.** Prohibits health insurance carriers from imposing cost sharing for diagnostic breast examinations and supplemental breast examinations, as those terms are defined in the bill, under certain insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth on and after January 1, 2026. The bill provides that such examinations include examinations using diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Health Insurance Reform Commission. This bill incorporates HB 2133 and is identical to SB 1436.
Patron - Simonds

P **HB2065 Fire Programs Fund; aid to localities; requirement for emergency incidents reporting.** Requires that, in order to remain eligible for funding from the Fire Programs Fund, a locality must report all emergency incidents through the National Emergency Response Information System while sharing such emergency incident data with the Department of Fire Programs. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 1282.
Patron - Thomas

P **HB2083 Virginia Health Benefit Exchange; special enrollment period for pregnancy.** Requires the

Virginia Health Benefit Exchange to establish by January 1, 2026, a special enrollment period for a pregnant qualified individual to enroll in a qualified health plan at any time after the commencement of the pregnancy.
Patron - Shin

P **HB2085 Health insurance; carrier business practices; method of payment for transactions.** Requires a health insurance carrier to notify the provider in a provider contract if the carrier, or entity completing a transaction on behalf of the carrier, uses a payment method that imposes a transaction or processing fee or similar charge on the provider and to offer the provider an alternative payment method that does not impose such a fee or similar charge. If the provider elects to accept the alternative payment method and has provided all required information to the carrier to enroll in such alternative method, the bill specifies that the carrier is required to pay the claim using such alternative payment method. This bill is identical to SB 925.
Patron - Shin

P **HB2097 Health insurance; coverage requirements for prostate cancer screenings.** Updates existing mandated coverage requirements for prostate cancer screenings to reflect updated tests and guidelines from the American Cancer Society while also removing certain references to American Cancer Society Guidelines. Updated coverage requirements apply to health care coverage companies, the health care coverage plan for state employees, and the state plan for medical assistance services. The bill's provisions apply only to contracts, policies, or plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth on or after January 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Health Insurance Reform Commission. This bill is identical to SB 1314.
Patron - Austin

P **HB2099 Health insurance; carrier contracts; required provisions regarding prior authorization for health care services; work group; report.** Requires certain health insurance contracts under which an insurance carrier has the right or obligation to require prior authorization for a health care service, as defined in the bill, to include provisions governing the prior authorization process. Such required provisions include (i) time limits for a carrier to respond to prior authorization requests, (ii) a prohibition on revoking, limiting, making conditional, modifying, or restricting a previously approved prior authorization except under certain circumstances, and (iii) a requirement that a carrier shall provide the reasons for denial of a request. The bill requires a carrier to make publicly available on its website a list of health care services and codes for which prior authorization is required. The foregoing provisions have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027. The bill requires the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance to establish a work group to develop and deliver a report related to the bill's provisions by November 1, 2025. This bill is identical to SB 1215.
Patron - Maldonado

P **HB2100 Medicare supplement policies; annual open enrollment period.** Requires an insurer, health services plan, or health maintenance organization issuing individual Medicare supplement policies or certificates in the Commonwealth to offer to an individual currently insured under any such policy an annual open enrollment period commencing on the day of the individual's birthday and remaining open for at least 60 days thereafter, during which time the individual may purchase any Medicare supplement policy made available by any insurer in the Commonwealth that offers the same benefits as those provided by the current coverage. The bill also requires such insurer, health services plan, or health maintenance organization to notify, at least 15 days but not more than 30 days prior to the commencement of such annual open enrollment period, each individual to whom such open enrollment period applies of the dates of that open enrollment period, the rights of the individual during that open enrollment period, and any modification of benefits provided by or adjustment of premiums charged for such Medicare supplement policy. This bill is identical to SB 1199.
Patron - Maldonado

P **HB2258 Bureau of Insurance; step therapy protocols; study; report.** Directs the Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission to study step therapy protocols for health benefit plans developed by insurance companies pursuant to existing law by conducting a data call of health carriers. The bill directs the Bureau to submit a summary and report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2026.
Patron - Delaney

P **HB2371 Health insurance; coverage for contraceptive drugs and devices.** Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage, under any health insurance contract, policy, or plan that includes coverage for prescription drugs on an outpatient basis, for contraceptive drugs and contraceptive devices, as defined in the bill, including those available over-the-counter. The bill prohibits a health insurance carrier from imposing upon any person receiving contraceptive benefits pursuant to the provisions of the bill any copayment, coinsurance payment, or fee, except in certain circumstances. This bill is identical to SB 780. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2392 Health insurance; pharmacy benefits managers; definition of covered entity.** Removes hospitals, as defined in existing law, from the exemption to the definition of covered entity for the purposes of existing law relating to pharmacy benefits managers. This bill is identical to SB 1311.
Patron - Sickles

P **HB2525 Health insurance; electronic prior authorization; work group; report.** Requires that the online process a carrier is required by existing law to establish and maintain beginning July 1, 2025, link directly to real-time patient out-of-pocket costs for the prescription drug. The bill also modifies the requirements and reporting timeline of the work group on electronic prior authorization established by the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance pursuant to existing law.
Patron - Fowler

P **HB2738 Health insurance; coverage for mental health and substance abuse disorders; generally accepted standards of care.** Requires health insurance coverage, as defined in the bill, to provide coverage for mental health and substance use disorder benefits for children, adolescents, and adults and requires such coverage to apply the definitions of "generally accepted standards of mental health or substance use disorder care" and "medically necessary" provided in the bill for any determination of medical necessity, prior authorization, or utilization review under such coverage.
Patron - Sickles

P **HB2769 Life insurance; health insurance; unfair discrimination; pre-exposure prophylaxis for prevention of human immunodeficiency virus.** Prohibits any person from refusing to insure, refusing to continue to insure, or limiting the amount or extent of life insurance or accident

and sickness insurance coverage available to an individual or charge an individual a different rate for the same coverage based solely on the status of such individual as having received pre-exposure prophylaxis for the prevention of human immunodeficiency virus. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Ward

P **SB925 Health insurance; carrier business practices; method of payment for transactions.** Requires a health insurance carrier to notify the provider in a provider contract if the carrier, or entity completing a transaction on behalf of the carrier, uses a payment method that imposes a transaction or processing fee or similar charge on the provider and to offer the provider an alternative payment method that does not impose such a fee or similar charge. If the provider elects to accept the alternative payment method and has provided all required information to the carrier to enroll in such alternative method, the bill specifies that the carrier is required to pay the claim using such alternative payment method. This bill is identical to HB 2085.
Patron - Head

P **SB1154 Fire insurance; assignment of claims prohibited.** Prohibits a fire insurance policy or a fire insurance policy in combination with other coverages from assigning or otherwise transferring, in whole or in part, to any other person the duties, rights, or benefits of the insured under the policy arising from a claim or covered loss without written consent of the insurer. Any such contract provision is void and unenforceable under the bill. This bill is identical to HB 1628.
Patron - Obenshain

P **SB1159 Motor vehicle insurance; underinsured motorist coverage; required notice.** Revises the language of the notice required to be enclosed with all motor vehicle insurance policies issued, delivered, or renewed after July 1, 2026, in the Commonwealth. The bill requires such notice to provide that the insured may choose to change the way the insured's underinsured motorist coverage is calculated.
Patron - Obenshain

P **SB1199 Medicare supplement policies; annual open enrollment period.** Requires an insurer, health services plan, or health maintenance organization issuing individual Medicare supplement policies or certificates in the Commonwealth to offer to an individual currently insured under any such policy an annual open enrollment period commencing on the day of the individual's birthday and remaining open for at least 60 days thereafter, during which time the individual may purchase any Medicare supplement policy made available by any insurer in the Commonwealth that offers the same benefits as those provided by the current coverage. The bill also requires such insurer, health services plan, or health maintenance organization to notify, at least 15 days but not more than 30 days prior to the commencement of such annual open enrollment period, each individual to whom such open enrollment period applies of the dates of that open enrollment period, the rights of the individual during that open enrollment period, and any modification of benefits provided by or adjustment of premiums charged for such Medicare supplement policy. This bill is identical to HB 2100.
Patron - Deeds

P **SB1215 Health insurance; carrier contracts; required provisions regarding prior authorization for health care services; work group; report.** Requires certain health insurance contracts under which an insurance carrier has the right or obligation to require prior authorization for a health care service, as defined in the bill, to include provisions governing the prior authorization process. Such required provisions include (i) time limits for a carrier to respond to prior authorization requests, (ii) a prohibition on revoking, limiting, making conditional, modifying, or restricting a previously approved prior authorization except under certain circumstances, and (iii) a requirement that a carrier shall provide the reasons for denial of a request. The bill requires a carrier to make publicly available on its website a list of health care services and codes for which prior authorization is required. The foregoing provisions have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027. The bill requires the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance to establish a work group to develop and deliver a report related to the bill's provisions by November 1, 2025. This bill is identical to HB 2099.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1269 Surplus lines broker taxes; certain insurance policies.** Provides that any surplus lines broker or any person required to be licensed as one shall not be subject to the annual taxes, license taxes, or penalties under current law for any policy of insurance procured during the preceding calendar year on behalf of a commuter rail system jointly operated by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation District beginning in calendar year 2025. This bill is identical to HB 1682.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1282 Fire Programs Fund; aid to localities; requirement for emergency incidents reporting.** Requires that, in order to remain eligible for funding from the Fire Programs Fund, a locality must report all emergency incidents through the National Emergency Response Information System while sharing such emergency incident data with the Department of Fire Programs. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2065.
Patron - Durant

P **SB1311 Health insurance; pharmacy benefits managers; definition of covered entity.** Removes hospitals, as defined in existing law, from the exemption to the definition of covered entity for the purposes of existing law relating to pharmacy benefits managers. This bill is identical to HB 2392.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1314 Health insurance; coverage requirements for prostate cancer screenings.** Updates existing mandated coverage requirements for prostate cancer screenings to reflect updated tests and guidelines from the American Cancer Society while also removing certain references to American Cancer Society Guidelines. Updated coverage requirements apply to health care coverage companies, the health care coverage plan for state employees, and the state plan for medical assistance services. The bill's provisions apply only to contracts, policies, or plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth on or after January 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Health Insurance Reform Commission. This bill is identical to HB 2097.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1436 Health insurance; cost sharing for breast examinations.** Prohibits health insurance carriers from imposing cost sharing for diagnostic breast examinations and supplemental breast examinations, as those terms are defined in the bill, under certain insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth on and after January 1, 2026. The bill provides that such examinations include examinations using diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic

resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Health Insurance Reform Commission. This bill incorporates SB 1238 and is identical to HB 1828.
Patron - Perry

Failed

F **HB1633 Health insurance; coverage for speech therapy as a treatment for stuttering.** Requires health insurance carriers whose health care plans include coverage for habilitative services and rehabilitative services, as such terms are defined in the bill, to provide coverage for habilitative speech therapy and rehabilitative speech therapy, as such terms are defined in the bill, as a treatment for stuttering. The bill provides that such coverage is not (i) subject to any maximum annual benefit limit, including any limits on the number of visits an insured may make to a speech-language pathologist; (ii) limited based on the type of disease, injury, disorder, or other medical condition that resulted in the stuttering; or (iii) subject to utilization review or utilization management requirements, including prior authorization or a determination that the habilitative or rehabilitative speech therapy services are medically necessary. The bill applies to health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on and after January 1, 2026.
Patron - Cole

F **HB1670 Health insurance; cost-sharing for epinephrine injectors.** Prohibits health insurance companies and other carriers from setting an amount exceeding $60 for a two-pack of covered epinephrine injectors that a covered person is required to pay at the point of sale. The bill also prohibits a provider contract between a carrier or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy from containing a provision (i) authorizing the carrier's pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered two-pack of epinephrine injectors in an amount that exceeds such limitation.
Patron - Jones

F **HB1765 Health insurance; coverage for non-opioid prescription drugs.** Prohibits a health insurance carrier from imposing any cost-sharing, prior authorization, step therapy, or other limitation on coverage of a covered non-opioid drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment or management of pain that is more restrictive or less favorable to the enrollee relative to a covered opioid drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment or management of pain.
Patron - Martinez

F **HB1956 Provider contracts; pharmacies; refusal to fill certain prescriptions.** Requires a provider contract between a health carrier or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy or its contracting agent to contain a specific provision allowing the pharmacy to refuse to fill a prescription for a drug that is reimbursed below the actual cost of the medication.
Patron - Wachsmann

F **HB2069 Insurance; Fire Programs Fund; purposes; Aid to Localities Grant Program.** Increases the assessment on certain insurance companies from one percent to 1.5 percent. The bill provides that the portion of the Fire Programs Fund allocated to localities may be used for the additional purposes of (i) constructing, improving, or expanding fire station facilities; (ii) providing mental health resources for fire personnel; or (iii) hiring additional fire personnel and funding recruitment and retention programs. The bill also prohibits such funds from being used, except as provided, for the purposes of investments, operating expenses, debt repayment, taxes, or fees.
The bill also establishes the Aid to Localities Grant Program, to be funded by 0.25 percent of the assessments on insurance companies, for the purposes of providing assistance to local fire departments that are at risk of closing or facing major violations due to the lack of funds needed to be in compliance with relevant laws and regulations.
Patron - Garrett

F **HB2106 Health insurance; pharmacy override for enrollee with sickle cell disease; prohibited.** Prohibits a health insurance carrier from requiring a pharmacy to override a denial code or to request an override in order to dispense a prescription drug for the treatment or management of pain to an enrollee who has been diagnosed with sickle cell disease.
Patron - Wachsmann

F **HB2107 Health insurance; pharmacies; freedom of choice; delivery of prescription drugs; penalties.** Prohibits an insurer, health maintenance organization, corporation providing preferred provider subscription contracts, or pharmacy benefits manager from imposing upon any person receiving pharmaceutical benefits any policy or practice requiring or incentivizing certain provisions relating to the delivery of prescription drugs. A violation of the bill's provisions constitutes an unfair trade practice under existing law and is subject to injunctive, penalty, and enforcement provisions in existing law.
Patron - Wachsmann

F **HB2133 Health insurance; coverage for breast examinations for high-risk individuals.** Requires health insurance carriers to cover diagnostic breast examinations and supplemental breast examinations, as those terms are defined in the bill, based on sound medical practices for any high-risk individual, as defined in the bill, without cost sharing under certain insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth on and after January 1, 2026. The bill provides that such examinations include examinations using a health care provider's choice of diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound. This bill was incorporated in HB 1828.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

F **HB2208 Health insurance; coverage for at-home blood pressure monitors.** Requires health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and corporations providing health care coverage subscription contracts to provide coverage for at-home blood pressure monitors to individuals who (i) have a diagnosis of hypertension, (ii) are at risk of developing hypertension, or (iii) have been recommended for at-home blood pressure monitoring by a licensed health care provider. The coverage provided under the bill shall not be subject to any copayment or fees for an at-home blood pressure monitor. The bill directs the Bureau of Insurance, in consultation with the Department of Health, to establish guidelines for implementing the coverage required by the bill, to monitor compliance of such requirements by health care providers, and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2026.
Patron - McQuinn

F **HB2274 Health benefit programs; discrimination; cause of action.** Adds licensed outpatient

facilities to the types of preferred providers that an insurer is required to establish terms and conditions for and is prohibited from discriminating against with regard to the insurer's health benefit program. The bill removes provisions stating that certain price differences are not considered discrimination. The bill provides for a cause of action for any health care provider that suffers loss as a result of an insurer's violation of provisions related to the health benefit program or an insurer's breach of any provider contract provision. Under the bill, if the court finds that the violation or breach resulted from an insurer's gross negligence or willful conduct, the court may increase damages to an amount not exceeding three times the actual damages sustained, and in addition to any damages awarded, the health care provider may be awarded equitable and injunctive relief and reasonable attorney fees and court costs.
Patron - Ennis

F **HB2329** **Health insurance; prescription drug formularies.** Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for a generic drug or a biosimilar when the carrier provides coverage for the brand drug or product and the generic drug or biosimilar has a lower wholesale acquisition cost than the brand drug or product with more favorable cost-sharing, including actual out-of-pocket costs, relative to the brand drug or product. Additionally, the bill requires carriers to publish an up-to-date, accurate, and complete list of all covered drugs on its formulary, including any tiering structure that it has adopted and any restrictions on the manner in which a drug can be obtained, in a manner that is easily accessible to plan enrollees, prospective enrollees, and the general public.
Patron - Sickles

F **HB2380** **Secretary of Health and Human Resources; Pharmacy Benefits Manager and Third-Party Administrator Oversight Work Group; report.** Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in consultation with the Attorney General, to convene the Pharmacy Benefits Manager and Third-Party Administrator Oversight Work Group to examine the impact of *Rutledge v. Pharmaceutical Care Management Association*, 141 S. Ct. 474 (2020), and to formulate legislative recommendations for reducing prescription drug costs, minimizing health care expenses, reducing bureaucratic impediments to affordable health care, enhancing transparency, and improving overall health outcomes for residents of the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Work Group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.
Patron - Hodges

F **HB2611** **Health insurance; coverage for cancer follow-up testing; report.** Requires health insurers and other carriers to provide coverage for cancer follow-up testing, as defined in the bill, and prohibits the imposition of deductibles, coinsurance, or any other cost-sharing requirements specifically on cancer follow-up testing. The bill directs the Bureau of Insurance to annually report to the General Assembly on (i) the number of individuals benefiting from the removal of copayments for cancer follow-up testing, (ii) the financial impact on health insurance premiums as a result of the provisions of the bill, and (iii) recommendations for further policy adjustments.
Patron - Seibold

F **HB2773** **Health insurance; cost-sharing; pharmacy benefits managers; compensation and duties: civil penalty.** Amends provisions related to rebates provided by carriers and health benefit plans to health plan enrollees by defining "defined cost-sharing," "pharmacy benefits management services," and "price protection rebates." The bill requires that an enrollee's defined cost-sharing for each prescription drug be calculated at the point of sale based on a price that is reduced by an amount equal to at least 80 percent of all rebates received or expected to be received in connection with the dispensing or administration of the prescription drug.
The bill prohibits a pharmacy benefits manager from deriving income from pharmacy benefits management services provided to a carrier or health benefit plan except for income derived from a pharmacy benefits management fee. The bill requires the amount of any pharmacy benefits management fees to be set forth in the agreement between the pharmacy benefits manager and the carrier or health benefit plan and that such fee not be based on the acquisition cost or any other price metric of a drug; the amount of savings, rebates, or other fees charged, realized, or collected by or generated based on the activity of the pharmacy benefits manager; or the amount of premiums, deductibles, or other cost-sharing or fees charged, realized, or collected by the pharmacy benefits manager from enrollees or other persons on behalf of an enrollee. The bill requires a pharmacy benefits manager to annually certify to the State Corporation Commission that it has met certain requirements. The Commission is directed to impose a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 per claim for a violation of these provisions.
The bill establishes a pharmacy benefits manager duty, which includes the duties of care, good faith, and fair dealing, owed to any enrollee, provider, or health benefit plan that receives pharmacy benefits management services from the pharmacy benefits manager or that furnishes, covers, receives, or is administered a unit of a prescription drug for which the pharmacy benefits manager has provided pharmacy benefits management services. The bill requires the Commission to define by regulation the scope of such duty and provides for a private cause of action for any person aggrieved by the breach of such duty. The bill is identical to SB 1078.
Patron - Milde

F **HJ464** **Study; cardiovascular disease screening coverage; Health Insurance Reform Commission; report.** Directs the Health Insurance Reform Commission to study requiring insurance carriers to provide coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease in at-risk populations. Such coverage would include coverage for computed tomography scans measuring coronary artery calcification or ultrasonography scans measuring carotid intima-media thickness and plaque for an enrollee who is a male between the ages of 45 and 75 years or a female between the ages of 55 and 75 and who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart disease based on an intermediate or higher score using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction algorithm.
Patron - Earley

F **SB793** **Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program; electronic filing; review of claims.** Requires electronic filing of claims under the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program. The bill requires such claims to include condensed and uncompressed fetal heart rate monitoring strips and prenatal records and increases from 10 to 21 days the timeframe in which the Program is required to file a response to a claim. The bill also increases from $3,000 to $6,000 the amount paid to the medical school that assesses and prepares a report for a claim.
Patron - Head

F **SB954** **State plan for medical assistance services; fertility preservation treatments.** Directs the Board of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for

medical assistance services to include a provision for payment of medical assistance for coverage of fertility preservation for individuals diagnosed with a form of cancer who need treatment that may cause a substantial risk of sterility or iatrogenic infertility, as defined in the bill, including surgery, radiation, or chemotherapy. The bill also requires insurers to provide coverage for standard fertility preservation for individuals who have been diagnosed with a form of cancer who need treatment that may cause a substantial risk of sterility or iatrogenic infertility.

Patron - Salim

F **SB1078** **Health insurance; cost-sharing; pharmacy benefits managers; compensation and duties: civil penalty.** Amends provisions related to rebates provided by carriers and health benefit plans to health plan enrollees by defining "defined cost-sharing," "pharmacy benefits management services," and "price protection rebates." The bill requires that an enrollee's defined cost-sharing for each prescription drug be calculated at the point of sale based on a price that is reduced by an amount equal to at least 80 percent of all rebates received or expected to be received in connection with the dispensing or administration of the prescription drug.

The bill prohibits a pharmacy benefits manager from deriving income from pharmacy benefits management services provided to a carrier or health benefit plan except for income derived from a pharmacy benefits management fee. The bill requires the amount of any pharmacy benefits management fees to be set forth in the agreement between the pharmacy benefits manager and the carrier or health benefit plan and that such fee not be based on the acquisition cost or any other price metric of a drug; the amount of savings, rebates, or other fees charged, realized, or collected by or generated based on the activity of the pharmacy benefits manager; or the amount of premiums, deductibles, or other cost-sharing or fees charged, realized, or collected by the pharmacy benefits manager from enrollees or other persons on behalf of an enrollee. The bill requires a pharmacy benefits manager to annually certify to the State Corporation Commission that it has met certain requirements. The Commission is directed to impose a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 per claim for a violation of these provisions.

The bill establishes a pharmacy benefits manager duty, which includes the duties of care, good faith, and fair dealing, owed to any enrollee, provider, or health benefit plan that receives pharmacy benefits management services from the pharmacy benefits manager or that furnishes, covers, receives, or is administered a unit of a prescription drug for which the pharmacy benefits manager has provided pharmacy benefits management services. The bill requires the Commission to define by regulation the scope of such duty and provides for a private cause of action for any person aggrieved by the breach of such duty. The bill is identical to HB 2773.

Patron - Peake

F **SB1238** **Health insurance; cost sharing for breast examinations.** Prohibits health insurance carriers from imposing cost sharing for diagnostic breast examinations and supplemental breast examinations, as those terms are defined in the bill, under certain insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth on and after January 1, 2026. The bill provides that such examinations include examinations using diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound. This bill is a recommendation of the Health Insurance Reform Commission. This bill was incorporated into SB 1436.

Patron - Durant

F **SB1290** **Health insurance; reimbursement for services rendered by certain practitioners other than physicians.** Requires health insurers and health service plan providers whose accident and sickness insurance policies or subscription contracts cover services that may be legally performed by a physician assistant to provide equal coverage for such services when rendered by a licensed athletic trainer when such services are performed in an office setting. Additionally, the bill requires the reimbursement or payment for a service provided by certain licensed practitioners listed in the bill to be in the same amount as the reimbursement or payment paid under such policy or subscription contract to a licensed physician performing such service in the area served.

Patron - Deeds

F **SB1359** **Prohibited conduct by health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers; civil penalty; enforcement.** Prohibits any carrier, pharmacy benefits manager, or representative of a pharmacy benefits manager from (i) requiring that a covered individual purchase pharmacy services exclusively through a mail-order pharmacy or retail pharmacy affiliated with a pharmacy benefits manager or (ii) prohibiting or limiting a covered individual from selecting a pharmacy or pharmacist of his choice that has agreed to participate in the health benefit plan according to the terms of the plan. The bill adds a civil penalty of $5,000 for a violation of prohibited conduct by health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers and adds that the State Corporation Commission has authority to investigate any such violations.

Patron - Srinivasan

F **SB1447** **Health insurance; coverage for at-home blood pressure monitors.** Requires health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and corporations providing health care coverage subscription contracts to provide coverage for at-home blood pressure monitors to individuals who (i) have a diagnosis of hypertension, (ii) are at risk of developing hypertension, or (iii) have been recommended for at-home blood pressure monitoring by a licensed health care provider. The coverage provided under the bill shall not be subject to any copayment or fees for an at-home blood pressure monitor. The bill directs the Bureau of Insurance, in consultation with the Department of Health, to establish guidelines for implementing the coverage required by the bill, to monitor compliance of such requirements by health care providers, and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

Patron - Pekarsky

Labor and Employment

Passed

P **HB1625** **Minimum wage; farm laborers or farm employees; temporary foreign workers.** Eliminates the exemptions from Virginia's minimum wage requirements for (i) persons employed as farm laborers or farm employees and (ii) certain temporary foreign workers. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - McClure

P **HB1919** **Workplace violence policy required for certain employers; civil penalty.** Requires any employer of 100 or more employees to develop, implement, and maintain a workplace violence policy no later than January 1, 2027. The

bill includes requirements for such a policy, such as procedures and methods for employee reporting of incidents and post-incident investigations. Employers subject to the bill are required to maintain documentation of workplace violence incidents for not less than five years. An employer that violates the provisions of the bill shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than $1,000 per violation. The bill prohibits retaliation from an employer on the basis of reporting a workplace violence incident and provides that any employee who makes a report of workplace violence shall be immune from civil liability. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Ward

P **HB1921 Employment; paid sick leave; civil penalties.** Expands provisions of the Code that currently require one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked for home health workers to cover all employees of private employers and state and local governments. The bill requires that employees who are employed and compensated on a fee-for-service basis accrue paid sick leave in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry. The bill provides that employees transferred to a separate division or location remain entitled to previously accrued paid sick leave and that employees retain their accrued sick leave under any successor employer. The bill allows employers to provide a more generous paid sick leave policy than prescribed by its provisions. Employees, in addition to using paid sick leave for their physical or mental illness or to care for a family member, may use paid sick leave for their need for services or relocation due to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. The bill provides that certain health care workers who work no more than 30 hours per month may waive the right to accrue and use paid sick leave. The bill also provides that employers are not required to provide paid sick leave to certain health care workers who are employed on a pro re nata, or as-needed, basis, regardless of the number of hours worked. The bill requires the Commissioner to promulgate regulations regarding employee notification and employer recordkeeping requirements. The bill authorizes the Commissioner, in the case of a knowing violation, to subject an employer to a civil penalty not to exceed $150 for the first violation, $300 for the second violation, and $500 for each successive violation. The Commissioner may institute proceedings on behalf of an employee to enforce compliance with the provisions of this bill. Additionally, an aggrieved employee is authorized to bring a civil action against the employer in which he may recover double the amount of any unpaid sick leave and the amount of any actual damages suffered as the result of the employer's violation. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Ward

P **HB1928 Minimum wage.** Increases the minimum wage incrementally to $15.00 per hour by January 1, 2027. The bill codifies the adjusted state hourly minimum wage of $12.41 per hour that is effective January 1, 2025, and increases the minimum wage to $13.50 per hour effective January 1, 2026, and to $15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2027. The bill requires the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to establish an adjusted state hourly minimum wage by October 1, 2027. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Ward

P **HB2098 Labor and employment provisions; application of law; payment of wages; definition of employer.** Provides that the exemption for the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, institutions, or political subdivisions, or any public body, under Title 40.1 does not apply when expressly provided otherwise. The bill provides a definition of "public body" for Title 40.1. Additionally, the bill provides that for the purposes of various requirements related to the protection of employees, including the payment of wages, "employer" includes the Commonwealth and its agencies, institutions, and political subdivisions, or any public body. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Maldonado

P **HB2356 Prevailing wage rate; apprenticeship requirements; RPS-eligible source work; penalties.** Requires each public service company, including its contractors and subcontractors, or third-party developer to ensure payment at the prevailing wage rate set by the Department of Labor and Industry for any mechanic, laborer, or worker employed, retained, or otherwise hired to perform construction, maintenance, or repair work for certain electricity generating sources. The bill requires each public service company to (i) ensure that 15 percent of the total labor hours of such work is performed by qualified apprentices and (ii) employ at least one qualified apprentice if four or more individuals are employed to perform such work. Under the bill, a public service company that fails to meet the requirements of its provisions is required to make penalty payments to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry. This bill is identical to SB 853. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2401 Child labor; child engaged in the work of content creation; trust account.** Requires that a child under the age of 16 who meets certain criteria specified in the bill to be considered a child engaged in the work of content creation be compensated by the content creator, defined in the bill, whose video content includes such child's likeness, name, or photograph. The bill requires the content creator to set aside gross earnings on the video content that includes the likeness, name, or photograph of the child in a trust account to be preserved for the benefit of the child upon attaining 18 years of age or having been declared emancipated. The bill also requires the content creator to maintain certain records specified in the bill and provide them to the child and the holder of the trust account on an ongoing basis. The bill also allows the child, or his parent or guardian on behalf of such child, to commence a civil action if the content creator fails to maintain the required records and to enforce the provisions of law related to the trust account. This bill is identical to SB 998. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Glass

P **HB2469 Overtime for certain employees; domestic service workers and live-in domestic workers.** Adds domestic workers, as defined in the bill, to provisions related to overtime pay. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 897. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Henson

P **HB2561 Employee protections; minimum wage and overtime wages; civil actions; misclassification of workers.** Provides that an employer that violates minimum wage or overtime wages provisions is liable to the employee for the applicable remedies, damages, or other relief available in an action brought pursuant to the civil action provisions currently available for the nonpayment of wages. Such provisions currently available provide that an employee may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover payment of the wages, and the court is required to award the wages owed, an additional equal amount as liquidated damages, plus prejudgment interest thereon, and reasonable

attorney fees and costs. Under current law, if the court finds that the employer knowingly failed to pay wages to an employee, the court is required to award the employee an amount equal to triple the amount of wages due and reasonable attorney fees and costs, and such actions are required to be commenced within three years after the cause of action accrued.

The bill also increases from 300 days to two years the amount of time a complainant has to file an allegation of discriminatory practice with the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Law alleging a violation of the Virginia Human Rights Act or federal statutes governing discrimination in employment that also falls under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Human Rights Act.

Additionally, the bill provides that a civil action brought by an individual against his employer for failing to properly classify the individual as an employee under current law shall be commenced within three years after the cause of action accrued. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Lopez

P **HB2743 Prevailing wage rate for underground infrastructure works by public service companies.** Directs the Department of Labor and Industry to determine and make available the prevailing wage rate for underground infrastructure work. Under the bill, each public service company shall ensure that its bid specifications or other contracts applicable to underground infrastructure works require payment at the prevailing wage rate. The bill requires contractors and subcontractors to post the prevailing wage rate in a prominent and accessible place at the work site. The bill also requires each contractor or subcontractor subject to the provisions of the bill to comply with certain recordkeeping requirements. The provisions of the bill apply to contracts entered into on or after July 1, 2025. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Shin

P **HB2764 Collective bargaining by public employees; exclusive bargaining representatives.** Repeals the existing prohibition on collective bargaining by public employees. The bill creates the Public Employee Relations Board, which shall determine appropriate bargaining units and provide for certification and decertification elections for exclusive bargaining representatives of state employees and local government employees. The bill requires public employers and employee organizations that are exclusive bargaining representatives to meet at reasonable times to negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. The bill repeals a provision that declares that, in any procedure providing for the designation, selection, or authorization of a labor organization to represent employees, the right of an individual employee to vote by secret ballot is a fundamental right that shall be guaranteed from infringement. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 917. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Tran

P **SB853 Prevailing wage rate; apprenticeship requirements; RPS-eligible source work; penalties.** Requires each public service company, including its contractors and subcontractors, or third-party developer to ensure payment at the prevailing wage rate set by the Department of Labor and Industry for any mechanic, laborer, or worker employed, retained, or otherwise hired to perform construction, maintenance, or repair work for certain electricity generating sources. The bill requires each public service company to (i) ensure that 15 percent of the total labor hours of such work is performed by qualified apprentices and (ii) employ at least one qualified apprentice if four or more individuals are employed to perform such work. Under the bill, a public service company that fails to meet the requirements of its provisions is required to make penalty payments to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry. This bill is identical to HB 2356. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Rouse

P **SB897 Overtime for certain employees; domestic service workers and live-in domestic workers.** Adds domestic workers, as defined in the bill, to provisions related to overtime pay. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2469. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Carroll Foy

P **SB917 Collective bargaining by public employees; exclusive bargaining representatives.** Repeals the existing prohibition on collective bargaining by public employees. The bill creates the Public Employee Relations Board, which shall determine appropriate bargaining units and provide for certification and decertification elections for exclusive bargaining representatives of state employees and local government employees. The bill requires public employers and employee organizations that are exclusive bargaining representatives to meet at reasonable times to negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. The bill repeals a provision that declares that, in any procedure providing for the designation, selection, or authorization of a labor organization to represent employees, the right of an individual employee to vote by secret ballot is a fundamental right that shall be guaranteed from infringement. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill incorporates SB 964, SB 1033, and SB 1401 and is identical to HB 2764. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Surovell

P **SB998 Child labor; child engaged in the work of content creation; trust account.** Requires that a child under the age of 16 who meets certain criteria specified in the bill to be considered a child engaged in the work of content creation be compensated by the content creator, defined in the bill, whose video content includes such child's likeness, name, or photograph. The bill requires the content creator to set aside gross earnings on the video content that includes the likeness, name, or photograph of the child in a trust account to be preserved for the benefit of the child upon attaining 18 years of age or having been declared emancipated. The bill also requires the content creator to maintain certain records specified in the bill and provide them to the child and the holder of the trust account on an ongoing basis. The bill also allows the child, or his parent or guardian on behalf of such child, to commence a civil action if the content creator fails to maintain the required records and to enforce the provisions of law related to the trust account. This bill incorporates SB 840 and is identical to HB 2401. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB1132 Prohibiting employer seeking wage or salary history of prospective employees; wage or salary range transparency; cause of action.** Prohibits a prospective employer from (i) seeking the wage or salary history of a prospective employee; (ii) relying on the wage or salary history of a prospective employee in determining the wages or salary the prospective employee is to be paid upon hire; (iii) relying on the wage or salary history of a prospective employee in considering the prospective employee for employment; (iv) refusing to interview, hire, employ, or promote a prospective

employee or otherwise retaliating against a prospective employee for not providing wage or salary history; and (v) failing or refusing to disclose in each public and internal posting for each job, promotion, transfer, or other employment opportunity the wage, salary, or wage or salary range. The bill establishes a cause of action for an aggrieved prospective employee or employee and provides that an employer that violates such prohibitions is liable to the aggrieved prospective employee or employee for statutory damages between $1,000 and $10,000 or actual damages, whichever is greater, reasonable attorney fees and costs, and any other legal and equitable relief as may be appropriate. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1218 Labor and employment; covenants not to compete prohibited; exceptions; civil penalty.** Provides that, for the purposes of the prohibition in existing law against an employer entering into, enforcing, or threatening to enforce a covenant not to compete with any low-wage employee, "low-wage employee" includes an employee who, regardless of average weekly earnings, is entitled to overtime compensation under federal law for any hours worked in excess of 40 hours in any one workweek. Any employer that violates the bill's provisions is subject to a civil penalty in existing law of $10,000 for each violation.
Patron - Stuart

Failed

F **HB1620 Department of Labor and Industry; work group to evaluate workplace violence.** Directs the Department of Labor and Industry to convene a work group for the purpose of evaluating the prevalence of workplace violence in the Commonwealth, including its effects on the workplace and measures to address workplace violence. The bill requires the work group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Labor and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor no later than December 1, 2026.
Patron - Clark

F **HB1980 Employment health and safety standards; heat illness prevention.** Requires the Safety and Health Codes Board to adopt regulations establishing reasonable standards designed to protect employees from heat illness and establish a list of high-hazard industries, as defined in the bill. The bill authorizes a person aggrieved by a violation of its provisions or the regulations promulgated thereunder to seek to obtain injunctive relief, to recover statutory damages of $1000, or both, in an action commenced within one year of the cause of action. The bill requires the Safety and Health Codes Board, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Industry, to develop a list of high-hazard industries by January 1, 2026, and to develop and adopt regulations requiring employers in high-hazard industries to implement standards for heat illness prevention by May 1, 2026.
Patron - Hernandez

F **HB2089 Collective bargaining; individual home care providers.** Establishes within the Department of Medical Assistance Services the Virginia Home Care Authority to ensure the effectiveness and quality of the services of home care programs in the Commonwealth. The bill authorizes individual providers, as defined in the bill, to select an exclusive bargaining representative and to collectively bargain with the Virginia Home Care Authority regarding matters including wages, benefits, and all terms and conditions of employment that are within the Authority's control. The bill's provisions do not become effective until July 1, 2026, and unless legislation is enacted in the Commonwealth authorizing public employees to engage in collective bargaining.
Patron - Shin

F **HB2443 Portable benefit accounts.** Authorizes a Virginia resident who has worked as an independent contractor to establish a portable benefit account. Under the bill, a portable benefit account may be offered through and administered by a bank, investment management firm, technology provider, or program manager that offers services through a bank or investment management firm. Distributions from the account may be used for the payment of various health-related costs and other benefits including income replacement insurance, life insurance, or retirement benefits. Under the bill, contributions may be made using the funds of a hiring party or a percentage of funds withheld from the compensation owed to a sole proprietor or independent contractor. The bill provides that contributions using withheld funds can only be made if (i) withheld compensation is expressly agreed to in writing; (ii) such agreement is clear, unambiguous, and prominently displayed in the work contract or a separate notice; (iii) such withholdings are voluntary and require a sole proprietor or independent contractor to opt in; and (iv) a sole proprietor or independent contractor may elect to opt out of such withholdings at any time.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2495 Collective bargaining by firefighters and emergency medical services providers.** Authorizes firefighters and emergency medical services providers employed by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to engage in collective bargaining through labor organizations or other designated representatives. The bill establishes the Fire Service Cooperation Board to administer its provisions. The bill provides for the appointment of a three-member board of arbitration regarding any dispute arising between an employer and firefighters or emergency medical services providers. Under the bill, determinations made by such board of arbitration are final on a disputed issue and are binding on the parties involved. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - Askew

F **HB2510 Safety and Health Codes Board; THC impairment standard for certain work sites.** Directs the Safety and Health Codes Board to promulgate regulations to establish a THC impairment standard and testing protocol to be used exclusively on manufacturing and utility work sites and to commence the rulemaking process no later than October 1, 2025.
Patron - Taylor

F **HB2688 Labor and employment; protection of employees; restricting use of accrued leave for other employment prohibited; civil penalty.** Prohibits an employer from prohibiting any employee from using accrued annual or vacation leave to work on behalf of another employer unless such other employment would create a conflict of interest. The bill permits an employer to prohibit or restrict an employee's use of such employer's property, office space, equipment, materials, trade secrets, confidential information, or other assets for any purpose relating to such employee's employment by another employer. The bill imposes a civil penalty of up to $100 on any employer that knowingly violates the bill's provisions.
Patron - Webert

F **SB840 Child labor; child engaged in the work of content creation; trust account.** Specifies certain criteria for a child to be considered engaged in the work of content creation and prohibits a child who is under 14 years of age from engaging in the work of content creation. A child 14 years of age or older who is considered a child engaged in the work of content creation shall be compensated by the content creator, defined in the bill, whose video content includes such child's likeness, name, or photograph. The bill requires the content creator to set aside gross earnings on the video content including the likeness, name, or photograph of the child in a trust account to be preserved for the benefit of the child upon attaining 18 years of age or being declared emancipated. The bill also requires the content creator to maintain certain records specified in the bill and retain them until the child reaches 21 years of age. The bill allows the child, or his parent or guardian on behalf of such child, to commence a civil action to enforce the provisions of law related to the trust account. Finally, the bill gives the Attorney General the authority to enforce the provisions of the bill by issuing a civil investigative demand and causing an action to be brought in the appropriate circuit court to enjoin any violations. This bill was incorporated into SB 998.

Patron - VanValkenburg

F **SB912 Safety and Health Codes Board; THC impairment standard for certain work sites.** Directs the Safety and Health Codes Board to promulgate regulations to establish a THC impairment standard and testing protocol to be used exclusively on manufacturing and utility work sites and to commence the rulemaking process no later than October 1, 2025.

Patron - Stanley

F **SB964 Collective bargaining; individual home care providers.** Establishes within the Department of Medical Assistance Services the Virginia Home Care Authority to ensure the effectiveness and quality of the services of home care programs in the Commonwealth. The bill authorizes individual providers, as defined in the bill, to select an exclusive bargaining representative and to collectively bargain with the Virginia Home Care Authority regarding matters including wages, benefits, and all terms and conditions of employment that are within the Authority's control. The bill's provisions do not become effective unless legislation is enacted in the Commonwealth authorizing public employees to engage in collective bargaining. This bill was incorporated into SB 917.

Patron - Carroll Foy

F **SB967 Minimum wage and overtime pay; warehouse distribution center employees and employers; civil action; civil penalty.** Provides that (i) an employer that violates requirements in existing law relating to the minimum wage, payment of wages and salaries, or overtime pay or (ii) a warehouse employer, as defined in the bill, that violates the bill's provisions shall be liable to an impacted employee for certain remedies, damages, and other relief as specified in the bill. The bill requires a warehouse employer to provide each warehouse employee, as defined in the bill, a written description of each performance standard to which such employee is subject and of any potential adverse employment action that may result from such employee's failure to meet such performance standard. The bill prohibits a warehouse employer from taking an adverse action against a warehouse employee for such employee's use of a bathroom facility. The bill provides that a warehouse employer that violates the bill's provisions relating to warehouse employers is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $5,000 for each violation.

Patron - Carroll Foy

F **SB1103 Employment health and safety standards; heat illness prevention.** Requires the Safety and Health Codes Board to adopt regulations establishing reasonable standards designed to protect employees from heat illness and establish a list of high-hazard industries, as defined in the bill. The bill authorizes a person aggrieved by a violation of its provisions or the regulations promulgated thereunder to seek to obtain injunctive relief, to recover statutory damages of $1000, or both, in an action commenced within one year of the cause of action. The bill requires the Safety and Health Codes Board, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Industry, to develop a list of high-hazard industries by January 1, 2026, and to develop and adopt regulations requiring employers in high-hazard industries to implement standards for heat illness prevention by May 1, 2026. This bill was incorporated into SB 917.

Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1401 Collective bargaining by firefighters and emergency medical services providers.** Authorizes firefighters and emergency medical services providers employed by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to engage in collective bargaining through labor organizations or other designated representatives. The bill establishes the Fire Service Cooperation Board to administer its provisions. The bill provides for the appointment of a three-member board of arbitration regarding any dispute arising between an employer and firefighters or emergency medical services providers. Under the bill, determinations made by such board of arbitration are final on a disputed issue and are binding on the parties involved. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.

Patron - Lucas

Libraries

Passed

P **HB2695 Library Board; conferral of the honorary degree of patron of letters.** Adds arts, humanities, and information science to the fields in which the state Library Board may confer the honorary degree of patron of letters. Currently the fields consist of history and library or archival science. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Singh

Failed

F **HB2704 Library boards; removal of members; appeal.** Provides that the procedure for removal of a library board member shall include a right of appeal by the member to the circuit court within 30 days of a decision to remove such member.

Patron - Singh

Military and Emergency Laws

Passed

P **HB1740** **Virginia state militia; officers of certain educational institutions; Randolph-Macon Academy.** Adds Randolph-Macon Academy to the list of educational institutions of which officers shall be commissioned officers of the Virginia state militia.
Patron - Reid

P **HB2350** **Department of Emergency Management; powers and duties; development and implementation of standardized guidelines and training programs.** Provides for the Department of Emergency Management (the Department) to consult with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services regarding the development of standardized guidelines for mental health support during an emergency or extended incident. The bill also requires the Department to develop a training program comprised of National Incident Management System (NIMS) principles, the state's Incident Command System (ICS) structure, and the role of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Under the bill, each agency head shall be required to complete the training within six months of appointment and again every two years thereafter. In addition, the bill provides for the Department to (i) offer health and safety training to volunteer organizations incorporated into the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) and (ii) establish a health monitoring system for volunteers to be implemented during a declared state of emergency. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to SB 1386. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Gardner

P **HB2520** **Virginia military forces; Sexual Offense Prevention and Response Program established.** Establishes the Sexual Offense Prevention and Response Program (the Program) within the Department of Military Affairs. The bill also establishes the Sexual Offense Prevention and Response Officer (the Officer) to perform victim advocacy services, including helping victims of certain criminal sexual assault offenses make either a restricted report or an unrestricted report, as those terms are defined in the bill. Restricted and unrestricted reports may be made (i) by a person who is a member of the Virginia military forces, defined in the bill as the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force, or (ii) against a member of the Virginia military forces. The bill directs the Adjutant General, in coordination with the Officer, to submit an annual report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the chairmen of both the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice. The annual report shall include relevant information enumerated in the bill, including implementation and effectiveness of the Program's policies and procedures, as well as statistical information about restricted reports and unrestricted reports. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Cole

P **SB1386** **Department of Emergency Management; powers and duties; development and implementation of standardized guidelines and training programs.** Provides for the Department of Emergency Management (the Department) to consult with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services regarding the development of standardized guidelines for mental health support during an emergency or extended incident. The bill also requires the Department to develop a training program comprised of National Incident Management System (NIMS) principles, the state's Incident Command System (ICS) structure, and the role of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Under the bill, each agency head shall be required to complete the training within six months of appointment and again every two years thereafter. In addition, the bill provides for the Department to (i) offer health and safety training to volunteer organizations incorporated into the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) and (ii) establish a health monitoring system for volunteers to be implemented during a declared state of emergency. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to HB 2350. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Favola

P **SB1430** **Military and emergency laws; closure of United States government; civil relief for furloughed employees and contractors; emergency.** Extends from 30 days to 60 days the stay of a foreclosure proceeding on any mortgage or the execution of or sale under any deed of trust for any (i) homeowner who defaults on a note that is secured by a one-family to four-family residential property or (ii) owner who rents a one-family to four-family residential dwelling unit who defaults on a note that is secured by such property after the commencement of a closure of the United States government. The bill also removes from the definition of "closure of the United States government" the requirement that such closure be for a period of 14 consecutive days or longer. The bill contains an emergency clause.
Patron - Rouse

Failed

F **HB1602** **Military leaves of absence for employees of the Commonwealth or political subdivisions; law-enforcement officers.** Provides that any person who is employed by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth as a law-enforcement officer shall receive paid leaves of absence for up to 388 work hours for which a leave of absence is required, during which such person is engaged in federally funded military duty, to include training duty, or is called forth by the Governor for military duty.
Patron - Thomas

F **HB1992** **Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security; work group; report.** Directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to establish a work group to study existing emergency management needs and analyze sustainability of current funding, among other things, and to report the work group's findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology on or before October 1, 2025.
Patron - Askew

F **HB2193** **Virginia National Guard; deployment to active duty combat.** Prohibits the Virginia National Guard from being deployed into active duty combat, defined in the bill, unless Congress has made an official declaration of war, defined in the bill, or has taken an official action as authorized by the Constitution of the United States for the purposes of

expressly executing the laws of the United States, repelling invasion, or suppressing an insurrection.

Patron - Freitas

F **HB2461** **Disaster Assistance Fund; established.** Establishes the Disaster Assistance Fund for the purpose of addressing life, safety, and housing costs related to a disaster that are not covered by any form of federal assistance, private donations, or insurance. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund require authorization by the General Assembly. In addition to all other appropriations to the Fund, the bill also directs proceeds generated from the Commonwealth's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auction that occurred in December 2023 and deposited into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Fund with the Department of Environmental Quality and all interest accrued to such fund.

Patron - O'Quinn

F **HB2571** **State of emergency; spending authority during budgetary lapse.** Authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency in the event of a budgetary lapse, defined as a state of affairs in which the general appropriation act has expired and no lawful appropriation authority is in effect. Upon such a declaration of a state of emergency, the Governor shall have authority to continue disbursement of funds for essential public services, defined in the bill, at levels equivalent to those that were in effect prior to expiration of the general appropriation act. Such spending authority shall begin upon declaration of a state of emergency during a budgetary lapse and shall continue until enactment of a general appropriation act. The Governor, upon declaring a state of emergency, shall have 30 days to provide a report to the General Assembly that details his plan to continue the functioning of essential public services during the budgetary lapse and to submit a budget bill to the General Assembly that, if enacted, would end the emergency. The bill contains an enactment clause providing that, unless reenacted, it shall expire two years and six months after the end of the session of the General Assembly in which it is enacted.

Patron - Leftwich

F **SB1246** **Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund established; work group; report.** Establishes the Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund for the purpose of awarding grants to political subdivisions to assist with the cost of emergency management and preparedness. The bill states that the Program will be administered by the Department of Emergency Management, which shall establish guidelines for (i) the administration of the Program and (ii) awarding grants to political subdivisions from the Fund. A political subdivision awarded a grant must use such funds for certain purposes to advance the emergency preparedness of such subdivision, and must provide a 50 percent match of local or federal funds for the award. The bill requires the Department, beginning on or before December 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, to submit a report to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Governor, and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Public Safety and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations summarizing the activities of the Program.

The bill directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to establish a work group to study existing emergency management needs and analyze sustainability of current funding, among other things, and to report the work group's findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology on or before October 1, 2025.

Patron - Stanley

F **SB1325** **Department of Emergency Management; work groups related to the Commonwealth's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; report.** Directs the Department of Emergency Management to convene work groups to (i) study the reliance of the Commonwealth and its localities on federal grants for core emergency management functions, (ii) study and develop a comprehensive legal and regulatory framework to take effect during a disaster for which a state of emergency has been declared, and (iii) study and develop solutions to address breaks in technology continuity among communities across the Commonwealth during emergencies. The bill directs each work group to complete its work and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth. This bill was incorporated into SB 1326.

Patron - Roem

F **SB1326** **Department of Emergency Management; work groups related to the Commonwealth's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; report.** Directs the Department of Emergency Management to convene work groups to (i) study the reliance of the Commonwealth and its localities on federal grants for core emergency management functions, (ii) study and develop a comprehensive legal and regulatory framework to take effect during a disaster for which a state of emergency has been declared, and (iii) study and develop solutions to address breaks in technology continuity among communities across the Commonwealth during emergencies. The bill directs each work group to complete its work and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2025. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth. This bill incorporates SB 1325.

Patron - Perry

F **SB1459** **Emergency services and disaster law; prohibition on media paywalls during states of emergency.** Provides that in any case in which the Governor declares a state of emergency, no digital media outlet operating in the Commonwealth shall operate behind a paywall or collect personal information from users who seek access to digital media regarding the subject matter of any declared state of emergency while such state of emergency is in effect.

Patron - Perry

F **SB1468** **Military and emergency laws; acquisition of land adjacent to a military base.** Provides that no person shall purchase, acquire, lease, or hold any interest in land adjacent to a military base in the Commonwealth on and after January 1, 2026, unless such purchase, acquisition, lease, or holding of interest complies with the provisions of 50 U.S.C. § 4565.

Patron - DeSteph

F **SB1477** **Disaster Assistance Fund; established.** Establishes the Disaster Assistance Fund for the purpose of addressing life, safety, and housing costs related to a disaster that are not covered by any form of federal assistance, private donations, or insurance. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund require authorization by the General Assembly. In addition to all other appropriations to the Fund, the bill also directs proceeds generated from the Commonwealth's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auction

that occurred in December 2023 and deposited into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Fund with the Department of Environmental Quality and all interest accrued to such fund.
Patron - Pillion

Mines, Minerals, and Energy

Passed

P **HB1616 Department of Energy; workforce development in offshore wind industry.** Directs the Director of the Department of Energy to identify and develop training resources to advance workforce development in the offshore wind industry in the Commonwealth. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Feggans

P **HB1791 Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Program and Fund created.** Creates the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Program and Fund to assist private developers with non-utility costs associated with the installation of electric vehicle charging stations (i) in certain localities; (ii) on eligible public land, as defined in the bill; or (iii) within one mile of the boundary of eligible public land. The bill provides that a private developer may apply for a grant in an amount equal to 70 percent of the private developer's non-utility costs for the installation of such public electric vehicle charging stations. The awarding of a grant under the Program would be conditional upon an agreement with the applicant that any cost of a project not funded by a grant awarded by the Program be funded by non-federal funds. The Department of Energy shall establish guidelines for the administration of the Program, including guidelines related to the application for and award of grants. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2030. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB1887 Mineral Mine Safety Act; definition of "surface mineral mine"; mine inspectors; certificate renewal; use of cyanide or cyanide compound.** Amends the definition of "surface mineral mine" in the Mineral Mine Safety Act to exclude excavation or grading when conducted solely in aid of onsite farming or construction and under certain conditions enumerated in the bill. The bill amends the definition of "mining" in existing law, relating to the exemption from permits for a mining operation, to extend the required completion time from six months to one year for excavation or grading conducted to construct or expand a farm pond for agricultural irrigation or provision of water for livestock. The bill also amends the qualification requirements for mineral mine inspectors, removes references to the defunct Board of Mineral Mining Examiners, and prohibits the issuance of any permit for a mineral mining or processing operation that includes the use of cyanide or a cyanide compound. This bill is identical to SB 969.
Patron - Bloxom

P **HB1948 Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund established.** Establishes the Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund and requires any eligible designated funds received under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to be deposited into the Fund. The bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Energy to provide grants for certain projects described in the federal Act relating to the protection of public health, safety, and property from the adverse effects of coal mining practices.
Patron - Bulova

P **HB2113 Solar Interconnection Grant Fund and Program; established; sunset.** Establishes the Solar Interconnection Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis to public bodies to offset costs associated with the interconnection of solar facilities to the grid. The Program is administered by the Division of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of the Department of Energy. The bill requires that priority be given to solar facilities located on previously developed project sites. The bill requires the Division to establish and publish guidelines and criteria for the awarding of grants and general requirements of the Program. The provisions of the bill expire on July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Herring

P **SB969 Mineral Mine Safety Act; definition of "surface mineral mine"; mine inspectors; certificate renewal; use of cyanide or cyanide compound.** Amends the definition of "surface mineral mine" in the Mineral Mine Safety Act to exclude excavation or grading when conducted solely in aid of onsite farming or construction and under certain conditions enumerated in the bill. The bill amends the definition of "mining" in existing law, relating to the exemption from permits for a mining operation, to extend the required completion time from six months to one year for excavation or grading conducted to construct or expand a farm pond for agricultural irrigation or provision of water for livestock. The bill also amends the qualification requirements for mineral mine inspectors, removes references to the defunct Board of Mineral Mining Examiners, and prohibits the issuance of any permit for a mineral mining or processing operation that includes the use of cyanide or a cyanide compound. This bill is identical to HB 1887.
Patron - Stuart

Failed

F **HB2126 Virginia Energy Facility Review Board established; localities; comprehensive plan and local ordinances related to siting of critical interconnection projects; planning district commissions; regional energy plans; Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center established.** Establishes the Virginia Energy Facility Review Board as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth for the purposes of conducting critical interconnection reviews; conducting analysis and study policy options; reviewing regional energy plans, local comprehensive plans, and local solar and storage ordinances; and facilitating the responsible siting of critical interconnection projects in the Commonwealth.
The bill also establishes the Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center, consisting of public institutions of higher education, to serve as an interdisciplinary study, research, and information resource and to provide technical assistance to state agencies, planning district commissions, localities, the Review Board, other public bodies, and private entities in matters related to critical interconnection projects. The bill requires the Center to collaborate with the Review Board to issue the regional energy report and to establish the model local ordinance.
The bill requires the Review Board to issue a regional energy report that models each planning district's meaningful annual contribution to clean energy generation, energy efficiency measures, and energy storage. Each planning district commission is required to adopt a regional energy plan to

address energy generation, storage, and use that demonstrates a meaningful contribution to Commonwealth's energy goals as determined by the regional energy report issued by the Review Board and to submit the plan to the Review Board. The Review Board is required to determine if a regional energy plan is in compliance with certain provisions within 60 days of receipt of such plan. If the Review Board determines that the regional energy plan is not in compliance, the relevant planning district commission has 60 days to adopt a compliant regional energy plan. If the relevant planning district commission fails to adopt a compliant energy plan within the 60 days, the Review Board, within 90 days of such failure, is required to issue an alternative regional energy plan that is in effect for such region. The bill requires the Review Board to establish a model local ordinance for siting, permitting, and zoning of critical interconnection projects and all other ground-mounted front-of-meter solar energy and energy storage projects. The bill requires each locality to adopt an ordinance for the permitting of solar energy facilities and energy storage facilities, that is consistent with the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy and the model ordinance and submit it to the Review Board. Under the bill, the Review Board is required to determine if the local ordinance is compliant with certain requirements. If the Review Board determines that the local ordinance is not in compliance, the locality has 60 days to adopt a compliant local ordinance. If the locality fails to adopt a compliant local ordinance within the 60 days, the bill provides that the model local ordinance established is in effect for such locality. The bill provides a procedure for a planning district commission or a locality to appeal a Review Board determination regarding a regional energy plan or a local ordinance.

Under the bill, any developer planning to construct a critical interconnection project is required to submit an application to the Review Board. The Review Board is required to determine if the critical interconnection project (i) qualifies as a project of statewide significance, defined in the bill, and (ii) complies with the ordinance in each locality in which the proposed critical interconnection project would be located. In making its determination, the Review Board is required to consider the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy, certain regulations adopted by the State Air Pollution Control Board, the certain renewable portfolio requirements, and any other information it deems relevant. The bill provides that the Review Board has the discretion to disregard any unreasonable restriction, defined in the bill, in the local ordinance on the installation of the critical interconnection projects or the building of structures that facilitate the installation of critical interconnection projects. In addition, the Review Board may consider any regional energy plan developed by the relevant planning district commission. The Review Board is required to issue its opinion on the critical interconnection project within 90 days of receiving an application.

The bill requires a locality to issue its final decision regarding any zoning change, variance, or the issuance of a special exemption, special use permit, or conditional use permit related to a critical interconnection project no later than 180 days after receiving a critical interconnection opinion issued by the Review Board. If the locality's final decision diverges from the Review Board's opinion, the locality is required to include a written determination setting forth all facts and conclusions reached by the locality that support its final decision. Under the bill, a locality's failure to make a final decision within the 180-day period, constitutes a granting of the zoning change, variance, special exemption, special use permit, or conditional use permit related to a critical interconnection project.

The bill requires that any appeal of a locality's decision related to a critical interconnection project will be filed in the circuit court of such locality. The bill provides that such appeal can be brought only by the aggrieved applicant or the owner of the property subject to a special and no other person has standing to file such appeal or seek judicial review. Under the bill, in any such appeal, there is a rebuttable presumption that the opinion of the Review Board is correct. Such presumption may be overcome by a preponderance of the evidence that the locality's decision to grant or deny a project or to include the challenged conditions was consistent with provisions in the locality's ordinance that are not unreasonable restrictions.

This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation.

Patron - Sullivan

F **HB2509** **Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Board established; report.** Continues the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank (the Bank) as a division of the Department of Energy to implement the provisions of the bill and approve expenditures and disbursements from the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Fund. The bill describes the powers of duties of the Bank and requires certain lending practices. The bill requires the Bank to develop and adopt a strategic plan biennially starting in 2025 to develop programs to overcome market impediments through access to Bank financing and technical assistance and outreach and marketing strategies designed to make potential project developers, participants, and communities aware of financing and technical assistance available from the Bank. The bill requires the Bank to adopt a long-term investment strategy by December 15, 2025, and every four years thereafter. The bill requires the bank to maintain a public website and submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly. The bill also creates an Advisory Board and specifies how initial appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be staggered and made.

Patron - Lopez

F **HB2635** **Virginia Brownfield and Coal Mine Renewable Energy Grant Fund.** Increases from $100 per kilowatt of nameplate capacity from renewable energy sources that are located on brownfields to $200 per kilowatt of nameplate capacity from renewable energy sources that are located on brownfields the grant amount a project developer can receive from the Virginia Brownfield and Coal Mine Renewable Energy Grant Fund.

Patron - Webert

F **SB929** **Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund established.** Establishes the Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund and requires any eligible designated funds received under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to be deposited into the Fund. The bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Energy to provide grants for certain projects described in the federal Act relating to the protection of public health, safety, and property from the adverse effects of coal mining practices.

Patron - Hackworth

F **SB1225** **Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Program and Fund created.** Creates the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Program and Fund to assist private developers with non-utility costs associated with the installation of electric vehicle charging stations (i) in certain localities, (ii) on eligible public land, as defined in the bill, or (iii) within one mile of the boundary of eligible public land. The bill provides that a private developer may apply for a grant in an amount equal to 70 percent of the private developer's non-utility costs for the installation of such public electric vehicle charging stations. The Department of Energy shall establish guidelines for the administration of the Program, including guidelines related to the application for and award of grants. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2030.

Patron - Aird

F **SB1434 Solar photovoltaic project; siting.** Requires the Department of Energy's Division of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency to establish regional planning targets for each planning district for energy production and energy efficiency. The bill requires such targets to be included in the Virginia Energy Plan and for each planning district commission to amend its regional strategic plan to include a regional energy plan that meets such targets. The bill requires localities to incorporate into their comprehensive plans energy production and energy efficiency targets based on their planning district commission's regional strategic plan.
The bill requires the Director of the Department of Energy to convene an Interagency Solar Advisory Committee for the purposes of reviewing solar photovoltaic project proposals and issuing advisory opinions on such proposals when requested. The Advisory Committee is required to review each proposal and to issue an advisory opinion within 120 days and provide such opinion to the relevant locality. In reviewing a proposal, the bill requires the Advisory Committee to consider (i) regional planning targets for the relevant planning district; (ii) the goals of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy; (iii) renewable energy portfolio requirements; (iv) cost effectiveness; (v) the project's proximity to existing energy infrastructure; (vi) any impacts to natural, historical, or cultural resources; (vii) any impacts to historically economically disadvantaged communities; and (viii) any other factor the Advisory Committee deems relevant. The bill requires localities to review and consider such advisory opinion before making decisions regarding a solar photovoltaic project.
Patron - McPike

Motor Vehicles

Passed

P **HB1549 Vehicle operation; unlicensed minor; penalty.** Prohibits any person from knowingly authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle by a minor who he knows has no operator's license or learner's permit or who has a learner's permit but who he knows would operate such motor vehicle in violation of certain limitations on operating a motor vehicle with a learner's permit. The bill makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person who violates such provisions if such violation results in a motor vehicle accident that causes death or injury to any person if such violation does not otherwise constitute a felony. Existing law prohibits any person from knowingly authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle by any person who the authorizing person knows (i) has had his operator's license or permit suspended or revoked or (ii) has no operator's license or permit and has been previously convicted of driving without a license.
Patron - Green

P **HB1617 Homeless youth; fees; certain government documents.** Provides that when a homeless youth seeks to receive a certified copy of a vital record, including his birth record, or his DMV-issued learner's permit, driver's license, special identification card, or identification privilege card or permit, no fee shall be assessed.
Patron - McClure

P **HB1643 Dismissal of certain traffic violations for proof of compliance with law.** Provides that a court may, in its discretion, dismiss a violation for driving without a license if such person can prove to the court compliance with the law on or before the court date and payment of court fees, unless such person was operating a commercial motor vehicle, defined in relevant law. The bill also provides that a court may, in its discretion and where there have been no prior violations or convictions within the past 10 years, dismiss a person's violation for driving while his driver's license, learner's permit, or privilege to drive is suspended or revoked if such person can prove to the court compliance with the law on or before the court date and payment of court fees, unless such person (i) possesses a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit, as those terms are defined in relevant law, or (ii) was operating a commercial motor vehicle. If there has been a prior violation or violations, the court, in its discretion, may dismiss or amend the summons or warrant, where proof of substantial compliance has been provided to the court.
Patron - Hayes

P **HB1683 Motor vehicle dealers; recall and warranty costs; right of first refusal.** Clarifies various requirements for the reimbursement of motor vehicle dealers for costs related to vehicle recalls and warranties. The bill also clarifies the timeline for a manufacturer or distributor to notify a dealer that it is exercising its right of first refusal related to the sale or transfer of a dealership. This bill is identical to SB 1308.
Patron - Sewell

P **HB1722 Special license plates; LUPUS AWARENESS.** Authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of the Social Butterflies Foundation bearing the legend LUPUS AWARENESS.
Patron - Price

P **HB1836 Driver training schools; operation and licensure.** Amends various provisions related to the operation and licensure of driver training schools. The bill grants the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles increased oversight authority over such operations.
Patron - Wiley

P **HB1856 Amber warning lights; certain department of social services vehicles.** Authorizes the use of amber warning lights on vehicles used by a local department of social services to respond to a request for assistance from law-enforcement agency personnel.
Patron - Arnold

P **HB2036 Reckless driving; exhibition driving; penalties.** Expands reckless driving to include exhibition driving, defined in the bill. The bill prohibits (i) slowing or stopping traffic for a race or exhibition driving; (ii) riding as a passenger on the hood or roof of a motor vehicle during a race or exhibition driving; or (iii) aiding or abetting exhibition driving. The bill establishes penalties for violations and establishes a process for impounding or immobilizing motor vehicles driven by persons arrested for exhibition driving. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Bulova

P **HB2074 Portable changeable message signs; certain vehicles.** Authorizes certain towing, traffic management, and highway maintenance vehicles to be equipped with a portable changeable message sign that may be used without prior authorization from the Department of Transportation, provided that certain conditions are met.
Patron - McClure

P **HB2096 Intelligent Speed Assistance Program established; penalty.** Establishes the Intelligent Speed Assistance Program to be administered by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program. The bill

authorizes enrollment in such Program as an alternative to suspending a person's driver's license upon such person's conviction of certain speed-related offenses. The bill requires a court to order enrollment in such Program for a person convicted of reckless driving and who was found to have been driving in excess of 100 miles per hour. The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide the option, in a written notice, for enrollment in such Program instead of license suspension for a person who has accumulated certain amounts of demerit points, and if such person does not respond to such written notice within 30 days, the bill requires such suspension of his license. The bill requires any person enrolled in the Program to enter into and successfully complete the Program and install an intelligent speed assistance system, defined in the bill, in any motor vehicle owned by or registered to the participant and prohibits such person from driving any motor vehicle that does not have such a system installed. The bill creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for tampering with or attempting to bypass or circumvent such a system. The bill provides that any person who enters into the Program prior to trial may pre-qualify with the Program to have an intelligent speed assistance system installed on any motor vehicle owned or operated by him and that the court may consider such pre-qualification and installation. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Hope

P **HB2116 Driver's licenses and identification cards; indication of non-apparent disability.** Adds non-apparent disabilities, defined in the bill, to the list of conditions that the Department of Motor Vehicles, when requested by an applicant and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition, is required to indicate on such applicant's driver's license. Such requirement is also extended to identification cards. Such an indication on a person's driver's license allows for the voluntary indication of a disability that can impair communication on a motor vehicle registration.

Patron - Keys-Gamarra

P **HB2205 Department of Motor Vehicles; proof of financial responsibility in the future.** Clarifies when a vehicle owner is required to furnish proof of financial responsibility or proof of financial responsibility in the future. The bill specifies the forms required when providing proof of financial responsibility in the future. This bill is identical to SB 959.

Patron - Kilgore

P **HB2211 Flashing red and white warning lights; emergency vehicle exemptions; mine rescue team vehicles.** Authorizes vehicles operated by mine rescue teams that are certified by the Mine Safety and Health Administration under federal law to (i) be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating red or red and white combination warning lights and (ii) disregard certain regulations regarding the operation of vehicles without being subject to criminal prosecution while responding to an emergency, provided that the operator of such vehicle has received certain training and recertifies every two years. The bill adds responding to mine rescue incidents to the list of circumstances in which such lighted warning lights shall be displayed.

Patron - O'Quinn

P **HB2256 Report of motor vehicle accident; damage threshold.** Increases from $1,500 to $3,000 the property damage threshold at which law enforcement is required to forward a written report of a motor vehicle accident to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Patron - Maldonado

P **HB2261 Trailer franchise requirements; applicability to certain trailers.** Changes the applicability of trailer franchise requirements to only apply to new trailers with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 30,000 pounds. This bill is identical to SB 1004.

Patron - Delaney

P **HB2423 Department of Motor Vehicles; incorrect vehicle title or registration address.** Authorizes the owner or lessee of any real property in the Commonwealth to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles if the address of the real property is used for the titling or registration of a vehicle that does not belong to any owner, lessee, or resident of the real property. The bill requires the Department to (i) attempt to notify the vehicle owner of such report and (ii) conduct a search of the National Change of Address System and provides that if the Department is unable to identify the correct address for the vehicle, the Department may revoke the registration, registration card, license plates, and decals issued for the vehicle.

Patron - Webert

P **HB2458 Vehicles used for agricultural purposes.** Provides that trailers and semitrailers used for certain agricultural purposes may be operated without tail lights or brake lights on the highways of the Commonwealth, except in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia), that are not interstate highways between sunrise and sunset, provided that such trailer or semitrailer has affixed to the rear end either (i) two or more reflectors of a type approved by the Superintendent of State Police or (ii) at least 100 square inches of solid reflectorized material. The bill requires such a trailer or semitrailer operated without tail lights or brake lights to keep to the rightmost lane, except when turning at an intersection or avoiding any hazard. The bill also prohibits the operation of such a trailer or semitrailer operated without tail lights or brake lights whenever (a) certain conditions reducing visibility are present or (b) windshield wipers are in use as a result of fog, rain, sleet, or snow. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - O'Quinn

P **HB2475 Use of safety belt systems.** Requires all adult passengers in a motor vehicle equipped with a safety belt system to wear such safety belt system when the motor vehicle is in motion on a public highway. Current law requires adult passengers to wear such safety belts when occupying the front seat.

Patron - Keys-Gamarra

P **HB2501 Department of Motor Vehicles; driver communication improvement program.** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to develop and implement a program for the promotion, printing, and distribution of envelopes for use by drivers diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide to a law-enforcement officer for the purpose of easing communication during a traffic stop or upon such law-enforcement officer's arrival at the scene of a traffic accident. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Rasoul

P **HB2550 Noise abatement monitoring systems; local authority; civil penalties.** Authorizes counties and cities in Planning Districts 8 (Northern Virginia Regional Commission) and 16 (George Washington Regional

Commission) to place and operate noise abatement monitoring systems, defined in the bill, for the purpose of recording and enforcing exhaust system violations, also defined in the bill. The bill provides that the operator of a vehicle is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed $100, but the violation shall not be reported on the driver's operating record or to the driver's insurance agency. Under the bill, the civil penalty will be paid to the locality in which the violation occurred to be used for the cost of administering the noise abatement monitoring system program and for transportation safety initiatives. The bill contains the same data privacy and storage requirements as are in current law for photo speed monitoring devices. The bill requires any locality that places and operates such a noise abatement monitoring system to report on its public website by January 15 of each year on the number of traffic violations prosecuted, the number of successful prosecutions, and the total amount of monetary civil penalties collected. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB2627 Secretary of Transportation; autonomous driving systems; work group; report.** Directs the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, to convene a work group to identify operational, technical, and legal issues presented by the operation of autonomous driving systems in the Commonwealth for the purpose of developing draft legislation addressing governance of such systems in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the work group to report its findings to the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.
Patron - Glass

P **HB2659 Motor vehicle dealers; buyer's order; leased motor vehicles.** Clarifies the use of buyer's orders for leased vehicles and provides that such forms may be separate from the buyer's order forms used for a sale of a motor vehicle.
Patron - Milde

P **HB2718 Photo speed monitoring devices; school crossing zones.** Requires photographs, microphotographs, or other recorded images, or documentation, produced by a photo speed monitoring device placed in a school crossing zone to depict or confirm a portable sign or tilt-over sign that is in position and blinking or otherwise activated, indicating the school crossing zone, at the time of such vehicle speed violation in order for a sworn certificate to be considered prima facie evidence for purposes of enforcing vehicle speed violations. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Leftwich

P **HB2721 Special license plates; Washington Commanders.** Updates provisions related to special license plates issued to supporters of the Washington Redskins to specify that such special license plates shall be issued to supporters of the Washington Commanders. The bill allows special license plates issued to supporters of the Washington Redskins prior to July 1, 2025, to be used until their expiration and renewed if the proper fee is paid, except that $15 from such fee formerly paid to the Washington Redskins Leadership Council Fund is to be paid to the Washington Commanders Foundation Fund.
Patron - McClure

P **HB2756 Transportation network companies; publishing and disclosure requirements.** Requires a transportation network company (TNC) to (i) issue an annual report to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles containing the aggregate data regarding the average fare collected from passengers, the total time driven by TNC partners while transporting a passenger, and the total amount earned by TNC partners in connection with prearranged rides and (ii) disclose to TNC partners details about the deactivation process and provide a weekly summary that includes the total fare collected from passengers, the total amount earned, and the percentage earned by such TNC partner that week. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to SB 1348. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Singh

P **SB750 Vehicle operation; unlicensed minor; penalty.** Prohibits any person from knowingly authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle by (i) any person who he knows has no legal right to do so or (ii) a minor who he knows has no operator's license or who has a learner's permit but who he knows would operate such motor vehicle in violation of certain limitations on operating a motor vehicle with a learner's permit. The bill provides that any person who violates such provisions is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if such violation results in a motor vehicle accident that causes death or injury to any person, provided that such violation does not otherwise constitute a felony. Existing law prohibits any person from knowingly authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle by any person who the authorizing person knows (a) has had his operator's license or permit suspended or revoked or (b) has no operator's license or permit and has been previously convicted of driving without a license.
Patron - Diggs

P **SB847 Improper driving as a lesser included offense of reckless driving.** Permits a jury to find an accused, where the degree of culpability is slight, not guilty of reckless driving but guilty of improper driving. Current law only permits the trial court to do so or the attorney for the Commonwealth to reduce a charge of reckless driving to improper driving at any time prior to the court's decision.
Patron - Carroll Foy

P **SB852 Photo speed monitoring devices; proof of violation; retired law-enforcement officials.** Allows a retired sworn law-enforcement officer, defined in the bill, to swear to or affirm a certificate for a vehicle speed violation enforced by a photo speed monitoring device.
Patron - Craig

P **SB959 Department of Motor Vehicles; proof of financial responsibility in the future.** Clarifies when a vehicle owner is required to furnish proof of financial responsibility or proof of financial responsibility in the future. The bill specifies the forms required when providing proof of financial responsibility in the future. This bill is identical to HB 2205.
Patron - Sturtevant

P **SB1004 Trailer franchise requirements; applicability to certain trailers.** Changes the applicability of trailer franchise requirements to only apply to new trailers with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 30,000 pounds. This bill is identical to HB 2261.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1024 Voluntary contributions during electronic Department of Motor Vehicles transactions.** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide a method by which an individual conducting an electronic Department transaction for the renewal of a driver's license, other form of identification issued by the Department, or vehicle registration may make a voluntary contribution to the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program. Under

current law, the Department is only required to provide a method by which voluntary contributions may be made to the Virginia Donor Registry and Public Awareness Fund. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Roem

P **SB1233 Pedestrian crossing violation monitoring systems and stop sign violation monitoring systems; speed safety cameras; violation enforcement; civil penalty.** Authorizes state and local law-enforcement agencies to place and operate pedestrian crossing violation and stop sign violation monitoring systems in school crossing zones, highway work zones, and high-risk speed corridors for purposes of recording pedestrian crossing and stop sign violations, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill changes the term "photo speed monitoring device" to "speed safety camera" and "high-risk intersection segment" to "high-risk speed corridor" in provisions related to vehicle speed violations. The bill makes various changes to the requirements for the use of speed safety cameras and extends most of those requirements to the use of pedestrian crossing and stop sign violation monitoring systems. The bill requires local law-enforcement agencies implementing or expanding the use of pedestrian crossing violation and stop sign violation monitoring systems, prior to the implementation or expansion of such systems, to conduct a public awareness program for such implementation or expansion. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB1308 Motor vehicle dealers; recall and warranty costs; right of first refusal.** Clarifies various requirements for the reimbursement of motor vehicle dealers for costs related to vehicle recalls and warranties. The bill also clarifies the timeline for a manufacturer or distributor to notify a dealer that it is exercising its right of first refusal related to the sale or transfer of a dealership. This bill is identical to HB 1683.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1332 Charges for towing and storage of certain vehicles.** Increases the maximum hookup and initial towing fee of a passenger car from $150 to $210 and repeals the July 1, 2025, sunset of provisions that authorize a towing and recovery operator to charge a fuel surcharge fee of $20 for the removal of certain vehicles. The bill prohibits a towing and recovery operator from charging such a fuel surcharge fee in any locality the governing body of which (i) has adopted an ordinance setting reasonable limits on fees charged for the towing or removal of vehicles on private property in accordance with existing law and (ii) has conducted a review considering an adjustment of such limitations by December 31, 2025. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Marsden

P **SB1348 Transportation network companies; publishing and disclosure requirements.** Requires a transportation network company (TNC) to (i) issue an annual report to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles containing the aggregate data regarding the average fare collected from passengers, the total time driven by TNC partners while transporting a passenger, and the total amount earned by TNC partners in connection with prearranged rides and (ii) disclose to TNC partners details about the deactivation process and provide a weekly summary that includes the total fare collected from passengers, the total amount earned, and the percentage earned by such TNC partner that week. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill is identical to HB 2756. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Srinivasan

P **SB1416 Drivers to stop for pedestrians; vulnerable road users; penalties.** Makes it a traffic infraction if a driver operating a motor vehicle fails to stop for pedestrians and makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor if such traffic infraction results in the serious bodily injury or death of a vulnerable road user lawfully crossing a highway.
Patron - Ebbin

Failed

F **HB1622 Firearm in unattended motor vehicle; civil penalty.** Provides that no person shall leave, place, or store a handgun in an unattended motor vehicle, as defined in the bill, when such handgun is visible to any person who is outside such unattended motor vehicle. The bill provides that any person violating such prohibition is subject to a civil penalty of no more than $500 and that such unattended motor vehicle may be subject to removal for safekeeping.
Patron - Laufer

F **HB1664 Photo speed monitoring devices; placement and operation by certain localities.** Allows localities without a law-enforcement agency to place and operate photo speed monitoring devices. The bill requires such localities to authorize by ordinance officers of the law-enforcement agency with jurisdiction within such locality to issue the summons and to swear to or affirm the certificate stating that the information produced by such photo speed monitoring device shows evidence of a vehicle speed violation.
Patron - Jones

F **HB1666 Photo speed monitoring devices; location.** Allows a locality to provide by ordinance for the placement and operation of a photo speed monitoring device by the law-enforcement agency of such locality for the purposes of recording vehicle speed violations on any highway in such locality (i) that is located in a high-injury network as designated by the Department of Transportation or (ii) where such placement is supported by Department of Transportation speed or vehicle incident data as determined by such governing body. The bill requires the placement of at least two conspicuous signs within 1,000 feet of any location other than a school crossing zone, highway work zone, or high-risk intersection segment at which a photo speed monitoring device is used, indicating the use of the device. Under current law, one conspicuous sign within 1,000 feet is required at a school crossing zone, highway work zone, or high-risk intersection segment at which such device is used.
Patron - Jones

F **HB1673 Pedestrian crossing violation monitoring systems and stop sign violation monitoring systems; violation enforcement; civil penalty.** Authorizes state and local law-enforcement agencies to place and operate pedestrian crossing violation and stop sign violation monitoring systems in school crossing zones, highway work zones, and high-risk intersection segments for purposes of recording pedestrian crossing and stop sign violations, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill imposes the same requirements on pedestrian crossing and stop sign violation monitoring systems as currently exist for photo speed monitoring devices and requires local law-enforcement agencies implementing or expanding the use of such systems to, prior to the implementation or expansion of such systems, conduct a public awareness program for such implementation or expansion.
Patron - Jones

F **HB1681** **Undesignated sex or gender designation option.** Requires all forms, reports, applications, or other documents used by state agencies to offer the option of "male," "female," or "X" when designating sex or gender. The bill contains technical amendments.
Patron - Cohen

F **HB1747** **Motor vehicle safety inspection approval sticker; armed services grace period.** Increases the grace period for motor vehicle safety inspection from 14 calendar days to 30 calendar days for members of the armed services following their return to Virginia from active duty.
Patron - Ennis

F **HB1784** **Expired vehicle registration; fines.** Establishes a tiered fine system for expired vehicle registrations. The bill establishes a fine of $25 if the registration has been expired for less than one year on the date the citation is issued and a fine of no less than $25 but no more than $250 if such registration has been expired for at least one year on the date the citation is issued. The bill provides that an expired registration does not constitute a traffic infraction if the registration sticker was valid within the last 60 days.
Patron - Orrock

F **HB1801** **School crossing zones.** Increases the maximum boundaries of a school crossing zone from 750 feet to 1,500 feet from the limits of school property.
Patron - Cohen

F **HB2041** **Speed safety cameras; placement and operation.** Changes the terms "photo speed monitoring device" to "speed safety camera" and "high-risk intersection segment" to "high-risk speed corridor" in provisions related to vehicle speed violations. The bill authorizes localities to provide by ordinance for the placement and operation of a speed safety camera by the law-enforcement agency of such locality in certain locations. The bill authorizes any locality without its own law-enforcement agency to, by ordinance, authorize officers of the law-enforcement agency with jurisdiction within such locality to issue a summons and swear to or affirm a certificate for a vehicle speed violation. For any new speed safety camera placed, the bill provides for a warning by mail instead of a summons and no civil penalty for alleged vehicle speed violations within the first 30 days of such camera's operation. The bill makes various other changes to the requirements for the use of speed safety cameras, including changes related to signs indicating the use of such cameras; the use of funds collected from civil penalties; requirements for private vendors; the periodic review of the use of such cameras; the provision of information to the public related to the use and placement of such cameras; the creation of advisory groups; and consultation with certain entities prior to placement and operation of such cameras.
Patron - Seibold

F **HB2080** **Registration decals; discontinued.** Discontinues the requirement for and issuance of decals displaying the expiration month and year of motor vehicle registration to be displayed on license plates. The bill also removes the requirement for the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue appropriately designated license plates for motor vehicles held for rental. The bill does not eliminate existing requirements that vehicles are to be registered. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Austin

F **HB2143** **Animal-drawn vehicles; equipment requirements.** Establishes certain equipment requirements for animal-drawn vehicles operating on the highways of the Commonwealth, including requirements for brake systems, tires and wheels, headlamps, reflectors, hazard lights, rearview mirrors, and horns. The bill replaces existing light and reflector requirements for animal-drawn vehicles under current law with such equipment requirements for headlamps, reflectors, and hazard lights.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2159** **School crossing zones; institutions of higher education.** Expands the definition of "school crossing zone" to include areas surrounding schools where the presence of students reasonably requires a special warning to motorists and provides that the term "school" includes public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education. Currently, the definition of "school crossing zone" includes only areas surrounding schools where the presence of children requires such warning. The existing provisions of law allowing photo speed monitoring devices to be installed in school crossing zones will apply to any location that meets such expanded definition.
Patron - Carr

F **HB2214** **Trespass towing fees; State Corporation Commission to establish; report.** Repeals the authority for localities to establish trespass towing fees, with exceptions, and requires the State Corporation Commission to establish such fees and adjust such fees annually based on the Transportation Consumer Price Index. The bill permits localities to, by ordinance, allow for and establish reasonable limits on storage fees, administration fees, and additional fees for towing vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds. The bill requires the Commission, beginning November 30, 2030, and every five years thereafter, to submit a report to the General Assembly reviewing the process for adjusting towing rates, provided that funds are appropriated for such review.
Patron - McQuinn

F **HB2334** **Vehicle safety inspections; new motor vehicles.** Extends from 12 months to 24 months the period for which a vehicle safety inspection is valid for new motor vehicles. The bill requires the fee for a 24-month inspection approval sticker to be double the price of a 12-month inspection approval sticker. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Batten

F **HB2600** **Department of State Police; work group; reporting threshold for motor vehicle accidents; report.** Directs the Department of State Police to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to review the property damage threshold for submitting a motor vehicle accident report to the Department of Motor Vehicles.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2609** **Transportation network companies; minimum compensation.** Establishes minimum compensation rates for TNC partners. The bill also prohibits gratuities from passengers from being included in TNC partner compensation calculations, authorizes TNC partners to collect gratuity in cash or electronically, and prohibits transportation network companies from limiting the amount that can be paid as gratuity through such companies' digital platforms.
Patron - Convirs-Fowler

F **HB2716** **Photo speed monitoring devices; private vendors; calibration; civil penalty.** Requires any private vendor that has entered into an agreement with a law-enforcement agency to provide a photo speed monitoring

device and is also compensated for the calibration of such device to calibrate such device in the same manner and to the same specifications as all other devices determining speed, to the extent that such devices utilize the same method of speed detection as such photo speed monitoring device, used by such law-enforcement agency. The bill also (i) requires such a private vendor to provide, within 10 days of a request by a person receiving a summons by mail for a vehicle speed violation recorded by a photo speed monitoring device provided by such private vendor, for proof of calibration for such photo speed monitoring device; (ii) requires such a summons to provide notice of such right to request such proof of calibration; and (iii) imposes a civil penalty on any private vendor who fails to provide such proof of calibration within such time.
Patron - Runion

F **HB2771** **All-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles; penalty.** Authorizes the use of all-terrain vehicles on secondary state highways if (i) such operation is approved by action of the governing body of a locality for operation on the secondary state highways within such locality and (ii) such all-terrain vehicles, when operated between dusk and dawn, are equipped with two front and two rear lights that render discernible a person or object at a distance of 200 feet.
Patron - Garrett

F **SB776** **Enforcement of federal traffic violations by state and local law-enforcement officers; photo speed monitoring devices; Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia).** Provides that state and local law-enforcement officers may enforce federal traffic violations on any highway within Planning District 8. The bill also provides that a state or local law-enforcement agency may place and operate a photo speed monitoring device on a National Park highway, as defined in the bill, for the purposes of recording vehicle speed violations, provided that such law-enforcement agency has been authorized by the federal government or the National Park Service to place such photo speed monitoring device on such National Park highway.
Patron - Surovell

F **SB858** **Special license plates; Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival.** Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for supporters of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival bearing the legend SHENANDOAH APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL.
Patron - French

F **SB947** **Issuing citations; certain traffic offenses and odor of marijuana; exclusion of evidence.** Removes provisions prohibiting a law-enforcement officer from stopping a motor vehicle for operating (i) with an expired registration sticker prior to the first day of the fourth month after the original expiration date; (ii) with defective and unsafe equipment; (iii) without tail lights, brake lights, or a supplemental high mount stop light; (iv) without lighted headlights displayed when so required; (v) with certain tinting films, signs, posters, stickers, or decals; (vi) with objects or other equipment suspended so as to obstruct the driver's view; or (vii) with an expired inspection prior to the first day of the fourth month after the original expiration date, as well as the accompanying exclusionary provisions. The bill also authorizes a law-enforcement officer to lawfully stop, search, or seize a person, place, or thing or a search warrant to be issued based solely on the odor of marijuana if such odor creates a reasonable suspicion of a violation of the law prohibiting driving while intoxicated.
Patron - DeSteph

F **SB1028** **Department of Motor Vehicles; work group; design and implementation of new tow truck license plate; report.** Directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to convene a work group to identify certain information needed to design and implement a new tow truck license plate to aid in the enforcement of registration of tow truck drivers and towing violations.
Patron - Diggs

F **SB1061** **Registration decals; discontinued.** Discontinues the requirement for and issuance of decals displaying the expiration month and year of motor vehicle registration to be displayed on license plates. The bill also removes the requirement for the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue appropriately designated license plates for motor vehicles held for rental. The bill does not eliminate existing requirements that vehicles are to be registered.
Patron - Diggs

F **SB1075** **Animal-drawn vehicles; equipment requirements.** Establishes certain equipment requirements for animal-drawn vehicles operating on the highways of the Commonwealth, including requirements for brake systems, tires and wheels, headlamps, reflectors, hazard lights, rearview mirrors, and horns. The bill replaces existing light and reflector requirements for animal-drawn vehicles under current law with such equipment requirements for headlamps, reflectors, and hazard lights.
Patron - Peake

F **SB1167** **Transportation network companies; minimum compensation.** Establishes minimum compensation rates for TNC partners. The bill also prohibits gratuities from passengers from being included in TNC partner compensation calculations, authorizes TNC partners to collect gratuity in cash or electronically, and prohibits transportation network companies from limiting the amount that can be paid as gratuity through such companies' digital platforms.
Patron - Salim

F **SB1205** **Reckless, aggressive, and improper driving; prohibited altered suspension system; penalties.** Creates additional penalties for causing serious bodily injury to or the death of another person while recklessly, aggressively, or improperly driving a motor vehicle with certain prohibited alterations made to the vehicle's suspension system. The bill directs the court, in addition to penalties imposed under current law, to suspend the driver's license of such offender for 90 days and order the completion of 150 hours of community service for a first conviction and suspend the driver's license of such offender for one year and impose a penalty of $1,500 for any second or subsequent conviction.
Patron - Mulchi

F **SB1209** **Photo speed monitoring devices; private vendors; calibration; civil penalty.** Reduces from 12 months to six months the validity of a calibration or testing of a photo speed monitoring device and requires any state or local law-enforcement agency that places and operates such a device to conduct an additional daily test of the accuracy of the device. The bill also requires any such law-enforcement agency to include in its annual report of certain information to the Department of State Police the operating costs of the use of such device. The bill requires any private vendor that has entered into an agreement with a law-enforcement agency to provide a photo speed monitoring device and is also compensated for the calibration of such device to calibrate such device in the same manner and to the same specifications as all other devices determining speed, to the extent that such

devices utilize the same method of speed detection as such photo speed monitoring device, used by such law-enforcement agency. The bill also (i) requires such a private vendor to provide, within 10 days of a request by a person receiving a summons by mail for a vehicle speed violation recorded by a photo speed monitoring device provided by such private vendor, for proof of calibration for such photo speed monitoring device; (ii) requires such a summons to provide notice of such right to request such proof of calibration; and (iii) imposes a civil penalty on any private vendor who fails to provides such proof of calibration within such time.
Patron - Obenshain

F **SB1265** **Department of Motor Vehicles; driver communication improvement program.** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to develop and implement a program for the promotion, printing, and distribution of envelopes for use by drivers with a disability that can impair communication, as that term is defined in relevant law, provide to a law-enforcement officer for the purpose of easing communication during a traffic stop or upon such law-enforcement officer's arrival at the scene of a traffic accident.
Patron - DeSteph

F **SB1302** **Limited-duration licenses, driver privilege cards and permits, and identification privilege cards; expiration.** Extends the validity of limited-duration licenses, driver privilege cards and permits, and identification privilege cards, other than REAL ID credentials, as defined in the bill, and commercial driver's licenses and permits, to a period of time consistent with the validity of (i) driver's licenses, which under current law is a period not to exceed eight years or for a person age 75 or older, a period not to exceed five years; (ii) permits, which under current law is the period of time until a driver's license is issued or the person is no longer eligible for such permit, a period of 12 months for motorcycle permits, or a period of the 60 days prior to the person's first behind-the-wheel exam for persons 25 years of age or older; and (iii) special identification cards, which under current law is a period between three and eight years, with exceptions, or for a person younger than the age of 15, until such person's sixteenth birthday, unless extended under certain circumstances for a period no longer than 90 days. The bill directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to implement the extended validity periods for such documents upon reissuance.
Patron - McPike

F **SB1411** **Lighted vehicle headlights; lawful stop by law-enforcement officer.** Clarifies that any evidence discovered or obtained following the lawful stop by a law-enforcement officer of a vehicle displaying no lighted headlights may be offered as evidence in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding if such evidence is otherwise admissible.
Patron - Diggs

F **SB1445** **Photo speed monitoring devices; photo-monitoring system for traffic signals; proof of violation; certain persons swearing to or affirming certificates; training.** Authorizes retired sworn law-enforcement officers, defined in the bill, or registered special conservators of the peace to swear to or affirm certificates for the purposes of enforcement of violations recorded by traffic light signal violation monitoring systems or traffic control device violation monitoring systems or photo speed monitoring devices upon completion of a training course developed and approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The bill requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to develop, approve, and make available such training course no later than July 1, 2026. The bill also requires law-enforcement officers swearing to or affirming such certificates to complete such training course. The provisions of the bill authorizing such retired sworn law-enforcement officers to swear to or affirm such certificates and requiring such law-enforcement officers to complete such training course have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Diggs

F **SB1458** **Display of single license plate; fee.** Authorizes any owner of a passenger car that is otherwise required to display two license plates to display, upon payment of an additional annual fee of $100 at the time of vehicle registration or renewal of vehicle registration and upon receipt of proof of the payment of such fee from the Department of Motor Vehicles, a single license plate on the rear of such vehicle instead of two. The bill authorizes any law-enforcement officer to require the owner to furnish such proof of the payment of such fee. The bill directs the funds from such fees to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.
Patron - Stanley

F **SB1491** **School crossing zones; institutions of higher education.** Expands the definition of "school crossing zone" to include areas surrounding schools where the presence of students reasonably requires a special warning to motorists and provides that the term "school" includes public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education. Currently, the definition of "school crossing zone" includes only areas surrounding schools where the presence of children requires such warning. Existing provisions of law allowing photo speed monitoring devices to be installed in school crossing zones will apply to any location that meets the expanded definition.
Patron - Bagby

Notaries and Out-of-State Commissioners

Passed

P **HB1889** **Electronic notarial acts.** Specifies that, for the purposes of notarial acts being performed outside the Commonwealth for use in the Commonwealth, a "notarial act" means an act, whether performed with respect to a tangible or electronic document, that a notary public commissioned in the Commonwealth may perform under the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth.
Patron - Simon

Pensions, Benefits, and Retirement

Passed

P **HB1705** **Virginia Retirement System; disability benefits; emergency dispatchers.** Requires that, beginning July 1, 2026, emergency dispatchers who are not members of the hybrid retirement program become participants in the disability program for hybrid retirement plan members if the locality employing such dispatcher participates in such program. The employers of such dispatchers shall provide the costs required for funding participation in such program.
Patron - Bulova

P **SB950 Virginia Retirement System; service retirement allowance for certain judges.** Provides that judges appointed or elected to an original term commencing on or after July 1, 2026, shall have their service retirement allowance determined under Plan 2. The bill also provides that the service retirement allowance for service rendered on or after July 1, 2026, by judges appointed or elected to an original term commencing on or after January 1, 2014, shall be determined under Plan 2.
Patron - McDougle

P **SB1201 Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; conservation officers.** Extends membership in the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (VaLORS) to conservation officers of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The bill provides that such membership applies only to service earned on or after July 1, 2025.
Patron - Deeds

Failed

F **HB1563 Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; emergency dispatchers.** Extends membership in the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (VaLORS) to emergency dispatchers who are employed by the Department of State Police, Capitol Police, and agencies whose law-enforcement officers are eligible for membership in VaLORS. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, and provides that such membership applies only to service earned on or after July 1, 2026.
Patron - Cherry

F **HB1564 Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.** Allows local governments to provide enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service to full-time salaried 911 dispatchers. The bill provides that such enhanced retirement benefits apply only to service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher on or after July 1, 2026, but allows an employer, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide such enhanced retirement benefits for service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher before July 1, 2026, in addition to service earned on or after that date. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Cherry

F **HB1592 State Police Officers' Retirement System; membership for Department of Wildlife Resources conservation police officers.** Provides membership in the State Police Officers' Retirement System (SPORS) to conservation police officers in the Department of Wildlife Resources for service earned on or after July 1, 2026. The bill directs the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) to assess the administrative and financial impacts of the bill and provide recommendations for implementing the bill to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2025. Except for the assessment and recommendations to be made by VRS, the provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Kent

F **HB1619 Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.** Allows local governments to provide enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service to full-time salaried 911 dispatchers. The bill provides that such enhanced retirement benefits apply only to service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher on or after July 1, 2026, but allows an employer, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide such enhanced retirement benefits for service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher before July 1, 2026, in addition to service earned on or after that date. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Clark

F **HB1812 Virginia retirement system; enhanced retirement benefits; animal control officers.** Adds full-time animal control officers to the list of local employees eligible to receive enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service for service earned in such positions on or after July 1, 2026. Under current law, localities may provide such benefits to first responders, including firefighters and emergency medical technicians, and certain other hazardous duty positions. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Campbell

F **HB1825 Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; conservation officers.** Extends membership in the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (VaLORS) to conservation officers of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The bill provides that such membership would apply only to service earned on or after July 1, 2025.
Patron - Orrock

F **HB1986 Virginia Retirement System; return to work for law-enforcement officers.** Allows a retired law-enforcement officer to return to work full time as a law-enforcement officer and continue to receive his pension under the Virginia Retirement System. Such person shall be required to have a break in service of at least six calendar months before reemployment. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2070 Virginia Retirement System; service credit for career and technical education teachers.** Provides that a member of the Virginia Retirement System shall be eligible for additional years of service credit for service earned as a teacher in the field of career and technical education. The amount of service credit earned shall be as follows: (i) for service earned as a member who is more than 45 years old but less than 55 years old at the time of such service, such service shall be multiplied by the weighted years of service factor of 2.0 and (ii) for service earned as a member who is more than 55 years old at the time of such service, such service shall be multiplied by the weighted years of service factor of 2.5.
Patron - Garrett

F **HB2194 Pensions; enhanced retirement benefits for juvenile detention specialists.** Permits political subdivisions participating in the Virginia Retirement System to provide retirement benefits comparable to the benefits provided to state police officers to juvenile detention specialists. The bill applies only to service earned as a juvenile detention specialist on or after July 1, 2026, but allows an employer, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide such enhanced retirement benefits for service earned as a full-time juvenile detention specialist before July 1, 2026, in addition to service earned on or after that date. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - McQuinn

F **HB2315 Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; retirement age.** Changes the age through which a retired law-enforcement officer covered under the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System is entitled to receive an additional retirement allowance from the law-enforcement officer's sixty-fifth birthday to retirement age as defined by the Social Security Act. This change aligns the additional

allowance with that currently provided under the State Police Officers' Retirement System.
Patron - Davis

F **HB2579 Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers, animal control officers, and municipal park rangers.** Allows local governments to provide enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service to (i) full-time salaried 911 dispatchers, (ii) full-time animal control officers, and (iii) sworn municipal park rangers qualifying as conservators of the peace. The bill provides that such enhanced retirement benefits apply only to service earned in such positions on or after July 1, 2026, but allows an employer, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide such enhanced retirement benefits for service earned in such positions before July 1, 2026, in addition to service earned on or after that date. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Cordoza

F **HB2581 Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers, animal control officers, and municipal park rangers.** Allows local governments to provide enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service to (i) full-time salaried 911 dispatchers, (ii) full-time animal control officers, and (iii) sworn municipal park rangers qualifying as conservators of the peace. The bill provides that such enhanced retirement benefits apply only to service earned in such positions on or after July 1, 2026, but allows an employer, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide such enhanced retirement benefits for service earned in such positions before July 1, 2026, in addition to service earned on or after that date. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Cordoza

F **SB928 State Police Officers' Retirement System; membership for Department of Wildlife Resources conservation police officers.** Provides membership in the State Police Officers' Retirement System (SPORS) to conservation police officers in the Department of Wildlife Resources for service earned on or after July 1, 2026. The bill directs the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) to assess the administrative and financial impacts of the bill and provide recommendations for implementing the bill to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2025. Except for the assessment and recommendations to be made by VRS, the provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Stuart

F **SB1083 Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.** Allows local governments to provide enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service to full-time salaried 911 dispatchers. The bill provides that such enhanced retirement benefits apply only to service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher on or after July 1, 2026, but allows an employer, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide such enhanced retirement benefits for service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher before July 1, 2026, in addition to service earned on or after that date. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Perry

F **SB1088 Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.** Allows local governments to provide enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service to full-time salaried 911 dispatchers. The bill provides that such enhanced retirement benefits apply only to service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher on or after July 1, 2026, but allows an employer, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide such enhanced retirement benefits for service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher before July 1, 2026, in addition to service earned on or after that date. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Patron - Jordan

F **SB1156 Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.** Allows local governments to provide enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service to full-time salaried 911 dispatchers. The bill provides that such enhanced retirement benefits apply only to service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher on or after July 1, 2026, but allows an employer, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide such enhanced retirement benefits for service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher before July 1, 2026, in addition to service earned on or after that date. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Patron - Obenshain

F **SB1224 State Police Officers' Retirement System; membership for Department of Wildlife Resources conservation police officers.** Provides membership in the State Police Officers' Retirement System (SPORS) to conservation police officers in the Department of Wildlife Resources for service earned on or after July 1, 2026. The bill directs the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) to assess the administrative and financial impacts of the bill and provide recommendations for implementing the bill to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2025. Except for the assessment and recommendations to be made by VRS, the provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Patron - Deeds

F **SB1292 Virginia Retirement System; return to work.** Allows a retired sworn law-enforcement officer who returns to employment as an instructor at a regional criminal justice academy to continue receiving his service retirement allowance. Such employment shall not increase, decrease, or affect in any way his retirement benefits before, during, or after such employment. Under current law, a retired law-enforcement officer may return to full-time employment without impact on his retirement benefits only if he is employed as a school security officer. The bill has a sunset date of July 1, 2028.

Patron - Durant

F **SB1396 Virginia retirement system; enhanced retirement benefits; animal control officers.** Adds full-time animal control officers to the list of local employees eligible to receive enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service for service earned in such positions on or after July 1, 2026. Under current law, localities may provide such benefits to first responders, including firefighters and emergency medical technicians, and certain other hazardous duty positions. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Patron - Head

Persons With Disabilities

Passed

P **HB1800 Rights of persons with disabilities; public places; playgrounds.** Clarifies that persons with disabilities have the same rights as other persons to the full and free use of public playgrounds.
Patron - Cohen

Failed

F **HB1680 Rights of persons with disabilities; definition of "place of public accommodation.**" Amends the definition of "place of public accommodation" as it relates to the rights of persons with disabilities to add that a place of public accommodation includes a website that a private entity owns, leases or leases to, or operates and whose operations affect commerce. Under current law, a "place of public accommodation" is defined as a facility that a private entity owns, leases or leases to, or operates and whose operations affect commerce.
Patron - Cohen

Police (State)

Failed

F **HB2564 Virginia State Police; Bureau of Homeland Security established; powers and duties; work group; report.** Establishes the Bureau of Homeland Security within the Virginia State Police to coordinate efforts in the ongoing assessment of the Commonwealth's vulnerability to and ability to detect, prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism or potential threats to the security of the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel, the Department of Emergency Management, and the Department of State Police, to convene a work group to study the proper allocation of responsibilities for the detection of, prevention of, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from threats to the security of the Commonwealth and to report the findings of the work group to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Public Safety and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Batten

Prisons and Other Methods of Correction

Passed

P **HB1589 Powers and duties of Parole Board; voting requirements; meetings.** Removes various references to postrelease supervision and instead includes such references and related procedures in the provisions that govern probation so that such procedures, including revocation hearings, will be overseen and conducted by the sentencing court. The bill provides that except for a public meeting convened for conducting the final deliberation and vote regarding whether the Parole Board will grant parole to a prisoner, a meeting of the Parole Board members, regardless of whether such members invite staff or other guests to participate in such meeting, shall not be deemed a meeting subject to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

The bill also provides that the final deliberation and vote of whether to grant parole to a person serving life imprisonment for murder in the first degree shall be attended by four or more members of the Parole Board, and a decision to grant such person discretionary parole shall require the concurrence of four or more members present. A final deliberation and vote of whether to grant parole to a person not sentenced to life imprisonment requires the attendance of a panel of no fewer than three members of the Parole Board and a concurrence of the majority of members present for such final deliberation and vote. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Williams

P **HB1692 Virginia Parole Board; investigation of cases for executive clemency.** Requires all public bodies engaged in criminal law-enforcement activities to provide, to the extent permitted by law, copies of certain specified records upon request by the Virginia Parole Board related to cases in which executive clemency is sought or the Virginia Parole Board believes action on the part of the Governor is proper or in the best interest of the Commonwealth. The bill specifies that records of any general district court, juvenile and domestic relations district court, or circuit court and the Department of Forensic Science shall be subject to such provisions and that any records requested shall be provided to the Virginia Parole Board at no cost. The bill requires any requested records be provided within 30 working days of receiving the request. Additionally, the bill specifies that records obtained pursuant to such request shall be excluded from mandatory public disclosure in the same manner as the correspondence and working papers of the Office of the Governor under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
Patron - Campbell

P **HB1759 Department of Corrections; Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; post-release job search assistance services.** Provides that the Department of Corrections shall work with the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to provide post-release job search assistance services to assist individuals in finding employment upon release from incarceration and refer such individuals to case management services where eligible from such funds as are available. The bill also requires the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to coordinate implementation and delivery of such post-release job search assistance services with Virginia Workforce System partners, including local workforce development boards. This bill is identical to SB 877.
Patron - Gardner

P **HB1894 State correctional facilities; cell conditions; temperature monitoring; report.** Requires the Department of Corrections to require that heat and air conditioning be provided in all state correctional facilities that are capable of controlling the interior temperature of such facilities so that a temperature of not less than 65 degrees Fahrenheit or more than 80 degrees Fahrenheit is maintained in each such facility. The bill also directs the Department of Corrections to evaluate the implementation of remote temperature monitoring and to report its findings to the General Assembly by October 1, 2025. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Seibold

P **HB2105 Regional correctional facilities; investigation of acts of violence; report to law-enforcement agency; policies.** Requires the jail superintendent of any regional correctional facility to promptly report to the primary local law-enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where such facility is located or to the Department of State Police any act of violence that occurs within such correctional facility. The bill also requires each regional correctional facility to adopt a policy setting forth the procedures for the investigation of such acts of violence and the respective roles and responsibilities of the jail superintendent of such correctional facility and the law-enforcement agency to which such report is made. The bill requires each regional correctional facility to provide a copy of such policy to the State Board of Local and Regional Jails prior to January 1 each year, beginning on January 1, 2026.
Patron - Kent

P **HB2158 Department of Corrections; functional literacy program for inmates; data sharing and tracking; salary schedules for teachers; Virginia Prison Education Task Force established; report.** Requires the Superintendent employed by the Director of Corrections to (i) include in the functional literacy program for inmates developed pursuant to applicable law evidence-based literacy instruction, as defined in accordance with applicable law; (ii) share data with (a) the state entity that oversees the management, direction, and governance of the Commonwealth's education and workforce data for the purpose of developing educational, health, social service, and employment outcome data and improving the efficacy of state services and (b) the Virginia Community College System necessary for comprehensive community colleges to apply for and maintain eligibility as Federal Pell Grant-eligible prison education programs; and (iii) track and publicly report at least annually the number of incarcerated individuals eligible for, enrolled in, and waitlisted for the functional literacy program. The bill also establishes the Virginia Prison Education Task Force for the purpose of implementing a consistent education program across all state correctional facilities operated by the Department. The bill requires the Task Force to complete its work by July 1, 2030. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Education to, by November 1, 2025, (a) review and update the salary schedules for teachers licensed by the Board of Education and employed by the Department of Corrections to provide instruction in the schools of the correctional centers to be competitive with those in effect for the school division in which the correctional facility is located and (b) make recommendations for the inclusion of such teacher salary increases in the appropriation act. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Carr

P **HB2221 Prisoners; Department of Corrections-issued identification; report.** Requires that prior to the release or discharge into the community of any prisoner who has been confined for at least 90 days and does not possess a government-issued identification card, birth certificate, or social security card, the Department of Corrections, in conjunction with the Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Registrar of Vital Records, and any other relevant government agency, shall provide such prisoner with a certified copy of his birth certificate, his social security card, or a government-issued identification card, unless such provision of a government-issued identification card is not possible, in which case, the Department of Corrections shall provide the prisoner with a Department of Corrections Offender Identification form. The bill also specifies what identifying information must be included on such Department of Corrections Offender Identification form and provides that such form shall satisfy certain requirements for the purposes of obtaining a government-issued identification card for the 120 days immediately following the release or discharge of the prisoner identified on such form.
The bill also directs the Department of Corrections, in coordination with the State Board of Local and Regional Jails, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the State Registrar of Vital Records, to (i) identify the number of prisoners released with and without identification cards; (ii) review the processes involved in assisting a prisoner in applying for and obtaining a government-issued identification card, birth certificate, or social security card; (iii) identify any obstacles that may interfere with a prisoner obtaining such identification or documents prior to such prisoner's release or discharge; and (iv) issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2025. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Cousins

P **HB2235 Local and regional correctional facilities; treatment of prisoners known to be pregnant.** Prohibits the use of restraints, defined in the bill, on any prisoner of a local or regional correctional facility who is (i) known to be pregnant or (ii) in postpartum recovery unless a deputy sheriff or jail officer makes an individualized determination that (a) the prisoner will harm herself, the fetus, the newborn child, or any other person; (b) the prisoner poses a flight risk; or (c) the totality of the circumstances creates a serious security risk. Under current law, such prohibition applies only to state correctional facilities. The bill also requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to include in the compulsory minimum entry-level training standards training regarding pregnant prisoners for deputy sheriffs and jail officers who are employees of local or regional correctional facilities who may have contact with pregnant prisoners. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Cousins

P **HB2242 Arrest of probationer without a warrant; timeframe for service of process.** Provides that upon the arrest of a probationer, the probation officer shall forthwith, but in all cases no later than three business days after the arrest of the probationer, (i) submit a copy of any written statement alleging a violation of the terms and conditions of parole or probation, including all relevant case numbers, to the local attorney for the Commonwealth and the clerk of court for the circuit court responsible for supervision of the probationer and advise such persons of his arrest and (ii) request the circuit court of the sentencing jurisdiction to promptly issue a capias or bench warrant for the alleged violation contained in the written statement.
Patron - Callsen

P **HB2647 Restorative housing and isolated confinement; restrictions on use.** Prohibits the use of isolated confinement, defined in the bill, in state correctional facilities, subject to certain exceptions. The bill requires that before placing an incarcerated person in restorative housing or isolated confinement for his own protection, the facility administrator shall place the incarcerated person in a less restrictive setting, including by transferring such person to another institution or to a special-purpose housing unit for incarcerated persons who face similar threats. The bill requires that if an incarcerated person is placed in restorative housing or isolated confinement, such placement shall be reviewed every 48 hours and the facility administrator shall ensure that the incarcerated person receives a medical and mental health evaluation from certified medical and mental health professionals within one working day of placement in restorative housing or any form of isolated confinement. The

bill also requires the facility administrator to notify the regional administrator in writing that an incarcerated person was placed in restorative housing or isolated confinement within 24 hours of such placement. Finally, the bill requires that formal reviews of an incarcerated person's placement in any form of isolated confinement shall be held in such person's presence, to inform him of any reason or reasons administrative officials believe isolated confinement remains necessary and give him an opportunity to respond to those reasons and that a formal ruling shall be provided to the incarcerated person within 24 hours. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, and is identical to SB 1409. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

P **SB770** **State Board of Local and Regional Jails; deaths of inmates in local, regional, and community correctional facilities; reports.** Consolidates reports made by the State Board of Local and Regional Jails related to the Board's reviews of the deaths of inmates that occur in any local, regional, or community correctional facility into one annual report to be published on the Board's website on or before July 1, 2025, and each July 1 thereafter and submitted to the Governor, the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services, the House Committee on Public Safety, and the House Committee for Courts of Justice, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the President pro tempore of the Senate. The annual report shall include (i) a summary of the reviews of the deaths of inmates that occur in any local, regional, or community correctional facility conducted in the prior year, including any trends or similarities identified by such reviews; (ii) any recommendations for policy changes to reduce the number of inmate deaths; and (iii) any recommendations for changes to the policies and procedures for conducting reviews of the deaths of inmates to improve the operations, safety, and security of local, regional, or community correctional facilities.
Patron - Favola

P **SB877** **Department of Corrections; Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; post-release job search assistance services.** Provides that the Department of Corrections shall work with the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to provide post-release job search assistance services to assist individuals in finding employment upon release from incarceration and refer such individuals to case management services where eligible from such funds as are available. The bill also requires the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to coordinate implementation and delivery of such post-release job search assistance services with Virginia Workforce System partners, including local workforce development boards. This bill is identical to HB 1759.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1039** **Department of Corrections; State Board of Local and Regional Jails; policies on inmate participation in telehealth.** Requires the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Local and Regional Jails to develop and implement policies for the accommodation in local, regional, state, and community correctional facilities of inmate participation in telehealth appointments, which shall include designating a private space for such telehealth appointments to occur. The bill requires the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Local and Regional Jails to provide an update to the Joint Commission on Health Care by October 1, 2025, on (i) the status of the policies for the accommodation of inmate participation in telehealth appointments required to be developed and implemented pursuant to the provisions of this act; (ii) opportunities to expand telehealth programs in local, regional, state, and community correctional facilities; and (iii) recommended strategies to reduce gaps in or barriers to telehealth service delivery in such correctional facilities. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1283** **Corrections Private Management Act; name change; private management prohibited.** Removes the authority of the Director of the Department of Corrections, pursuant to the Corrections Private Management Act (the Act), or a regional jail authority to enter into contracts with contractors for the operation of prison facilities or regional jails, including management, custody of inmates, and provision of security, unless approved by the General Assembly. The bill does not affect the Director's authority pursuant to the Act, renamed by the bill as the Corrections Private Services Act, or a regional jail authority's ability to enter into private contracts for other correctional services, including those related to food service, medical care, transportation, sanitation, information systems, education and training programs, recreational or religious activities, financing, construction, or maintenance. The bill also removes provisions stating that (i) a site proposed by a contractor for the construction of a prison facility shall not be subject to certain approval procedures and (ii) no construction and operation of a private correctional facility shall be entered into nor shall any funds be expended for the contract unless the local governing body consents to the siting and construction of such facility within the bounds of the locality.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1409** **Restorative housing and isolated confinement; restrictions on use.** Prohibits the use of isolated confinement, defined in the bill, in state correctional facilities, subject to certain exceptions. The bill requires that before placing an incarcerated person in restorative housing or isolated confinement for his own protection, the facility administrator shall place the incarcerated person in a less restrictive setting, including by transferring such person to another institution or to a special-purpose housing unit for incarcerated persons who face similar threats. The bill requires that if an incarcerated person is placed in restorative housing or isolated confinement, such placement shall be reviewed every 48 hours and the facility administrator shall ensure that the incarcerated person receives a medical and mental health evaluation from certified medical and mental health professionals within one working day of placement in restorative housing or any form of isolated confinement. The bill also requires the facility administrator to notify the regional administrator in writing that an incarcerated person was placed in restorative housing or isolated confinement within 24 hours of such placement. Finally, the bill requires that formal reviews of an incarcerated person's placement in any form of isolated confinement shall be held in such person's presence, to inform him of any reason or reasons administrative officials believe isolated confinement remains necessary and give him an opportunity to respond to those reasons and that a formal ruling shall be provided to the incarcerated person within 24 hours. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, and is identical to HB 2647. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Bagby

Failed

F **HB1773** **Enhanced earned sentence credits; exemptions; firearm-related offense; felony conviction while a prisoner.** Removes any person convicted of a felony

offense involving a firearm from eligibility for enhanced earned sentence credits and restricts any person convicted of a felony for an offense that occurred while a prisoner in a local, state, or community correctional facility from receiving any further earned sentence credits.
Patron - Wyatt

F **HB1891 Transfer of certain incarcerated persons to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.** Requires the Director of the Department of Corrections, sheriff, or other official in charge of the facility in which an alien is incarcerated to, upon receipt of a detainer from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, (i) provide U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement with prerelease notification of such alien's release and (ii) upon request of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, transfer custody of the alien to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement upon such alien's release, which shall occur no more than five days prior to the date on which he would otherwise be released from custody. Current law states that the Director, sheriff, or other official in charge of the facility may transfer such incarcerated person upon receipt of a detainer.
Patron - Ballard

F **HB2188 Transfer of prisoners convicted of designated illegal acts.** Requires the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, with the consent of the appropriate state authorities, to take physical custody of and responsibility for any alien upon conviction of certain felony offenses. Under current law, such agency has discretion to take physical custody of any such alien. Additionally, the bill adds any felony violation of criminal sexual assault to the list of such authorized felony offenses.
Patron - Freitas

F **HB2192 Enhanced earned sentence credits; repeal.** Repeals the four-level classification system for the awarding and calculation of enhanced earned sentence credits, allowing only a maximum of 4.5 earned sentence credits for every 30 days served.
Patron - Freitas

F **HB2220 Parole; exception to limitation on the application of parole statutes.** Provides that a person is eligible to be considered for parole if such person (i) was sentenced by a jury after the date of the Supreme Court of Virginia decision in *Fishback v. Commonwealth*, 260 Va. 104 (2000), in which the Supreme Court held that a jury should be instructed on the fact that parole has been abolished, for a felony committed on or after the abolition of parole going into effect on January 1, 1995; (ii) can prove by the preponderance of the evidence that the jury in his case was not instructed on the fact that parole has been abolished; and (iii) remained incarcerated for the offense on July 1, 2025, and the offense was not one of the following: (a) a Class 1 felony; (b) if the victim was a minor, rape, forcible sodomy, object sexual penetration, or aggravated sexual battery or an attempt to commit any such act; or (c) carnal knowledge. The bill also requires the Parole Board to establish procedures for consideration of parole of persons entitled to it and also provides that any person who is eligible for parole as of July 1, 2025, shall be scheduled for a parole interview no later than July 1, 2026, allowing for extension of time for reasonable cause.
Patron - McQuinn

F **HB2271 Revocation of postrelease supervision.** Provides that a revocation hearing for a violation of postrelease supervision shall be conducted by the circuit court of the original sentencing jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions regarding revocation hearings for a suspended sentence or probation violation. Under current law, revocation hearings for violations of postrelease supervision are conducted by the Virginia Parole Board following the same procedures as a parole violation.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2290 Behavioral health services; exchange of medical and mental health information and records; correctional facilities.** Permits the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Social Services, and any local department of social services to access medical and mental health information and records for persons committed to any correctional facility for the purposes of providing pre-release services, reentry planning, and post-incarceration placement and services. The bill also authorizes the Department of Medical Assistance Services to access a juvenile's social, medical, psychiatric, and psychological reports and records during pre-release and up to 30 days following such juvenile's release from commitment for the purposes of providing pre-release services, reentry planning, and post-incarceration placement and services.
Patron - Coyner

F **HB2298 Transfer of prisoners convicted of designated illegal acts.** Adds certain felony offenses related to driving while intoxicated or operating a watercraft while intoxicated to the list of offenses that allow the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take physical custody of and responsibility for any alien upon conviction.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2318 Arrest of probationer without a warrant; repeal.** Repeals the provision allowing any probation officer appointed pursuant to relevant law to arrest a probationer without a warrant, or to deputize any other officer with power to arrest to do so, by a written statement setting forth that the probationer has, in the judgment of the probation officer, violated one or more of the terms or conditions upon which the probationer was released on probation.
Patron - Davis

F **HB2325 State Board of Local and Regional Jails; work group to review standards and regulations for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated persons in local and regional correctional facilities; report.** Directs the State Board of Local and Regional Jails to convene a work group to conduct a review of existing standards for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated persons in local and regional correctional facilities and to develop recommendations for new standards and recommendations for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated persons by considering certain best practices. The bill requires the work group to report such findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees for Courts of Justice, the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services, and the House Committee on Public Safety by July 1, 2026, and to adopt regulations consistent with such findings and recommendations by December 1, 2027.
Patron - Simonds

F **HB2354 Transfer of certain incarcerated persons to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.** Requires the Director of the Department of Corrections, sheriff, or other official in charge of the correctional facility in which an alien is incarcerated, upon receipt of a detainer from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, to transfer custody of the alien to U.S. Immigration and Customs

Enforcement no more than five days prior to the date that he would otherwise be released from custody.
Patron - Wilt

F **HB2363** **Department of Corrections; designated employees with same power as sheriff or law-enforcement officer.** Allows the Department of Corrections to designate employees to have the same power as a sheriff or a law-enforcement officer for the purpose of enforcing the criminal laws of the Commonwealth. Under current law, the Department can designate such employees with internal investigations authority to have such law-enforcement powers in the investigation of allegations of criminal behavior affecting the operations of the Department. Accordingly, the bill makes technical changes to additional sections that reference such designated employees, including in the definition of a law-enforcement officer used in various places throughout the Code and for the purposes of the Line of Duty Act, assault and battery of a law-enforcement officer, retired law-enforcement officers being able to carry a concealed handgun, and certain retired law-enforcement officers being able to purchase their service handgun or other weapon.
Patron - Wilt

F **HB2389** **Sanctuary policies prohibited.** Provides that no locality shall adopt any ordinance, procedure, or policy intended to restrict the enforcement of federal immigration laws. The bill also requires an official in charge of a correctional facility to transfer custody of certain persons to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement upon receipt of a detainer. Under current law, the official may make such transfer.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2467** **State Board of Local and Regional Jails; oversight of local and regional jails; powers and duties.** Increases from 11 to 19 the membership of the State Board of Local and Regional Jails (the Board) by requiring the appointment of (i) two members of the Senate and two members of the House of Delegates and (ii) four additional nonlegislative citizen members, including (a) one representative of a nonprofit organization that provides training or rehabilitation programs for incarcerated inmates; (b) one male citizen and one female citizen who were formerly incarcerated within the Commonwealth; and (c) one person who is a grandparent, parent, child, sibling, or spouse or domestic partner of a person currently incarcerated within the Commonwealth.
The bill also adds numerous additional duties for the Board, including to (1) provide information, as appropriate, to inmates, family members, representatives of inmates, and local, regional, and community correctional facility employees and contractors and others regarding the rights of inmates; (2) establish policies for a statewide uniform reporting system to collect and analyze data related to complaints received in or about local, regional, and community correctional facilities; (3) monitor, document, review, and report on the operation of stores and commissaries in local correctional facilities and systems for providing electronic visitation and messaging and telephone calls; and (4) review, monitor, and report and make recommendations on policies related to (A) attorney access to clients for calls and visitation; (B) access to voting for incarcerated individuals who are eligible to vote; and (C) the collection of data on suicides, suicide attempts, and self-harm in custody. The bill also specifies additional information to be included in the Board's currently required annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor and requires such report to be made available to the public online.
The bill enumerates certain items for assessment that may be included in the Board's annual inspection of each local correctional facility, as required by current law, and also specifies the Board's authority and right to access such facilities, interview persons, and access certain information and documents. Upon completion of an inspection, the bill requires the Board to produce a report, including information enumerated in the bill, to be made available to the public online and to be delivered to the Governor, the Attorney General, the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services, the House Committee on Public Safety, and the sheriff in charge of the local correctional facility or superintendent of the regional correctional facility.
Finally, the bill allows the Board to initiate and attempt to resolve an investigation upon its own initiative, or upon receipt of a complaint from an inmate, a family member or representative of an inmate, or a local, regional, or community correctional facility employee or contractor, or others, regarding various concerns as enumerated in the bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Henson

F **HB2576** **Conditional release of geriatric prisoners.** Expands the list of offenses that prohibit a person from petitioning the Parole Board for conditional release as a geriatric prisoner.
Patron - Phillips

F **SB1071** **Enhanced earned sentence credits; exemptions; felony drug offenses.** Removes any person convicted of a second or subsequent felony drug offense from being eligible to earn enhanced earned sentence credits.
Patron - Peake

F **SB1080** **Enhanced Earned sentence credits; inchoate offenses; concurrent and consecutive sentences.** Provides that a person who is convicted of an inchoate offense will earn sentence credits at the same rate as someone who is convicted of the completed offense for certain enumerated offenses. The bill also specifies that the provision in current law providing that a person who has been convicted of certain enumerated offenses may earn a maximum of 4.5 sentence credits for each 30 days served on any sentence for such offenses also applies to any other sentence that is to be served concurrent with or consecutive to any such sentence. The bill specifies that such provisions shall apply to the sentence of any person convicted of a felony offense committed on or after July 1, 2025, and who is sentenced to serve a term of incarceration in a state or local correctional facility.
Patron - Peake

F **SB1141** **Transfer of certain incarcerated persons to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.** Requires the Director of the Department of Corrections, sheriff, or other official in charge of the facility in which an alien is incarcerated to, upon receipt of a detainer from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, (i) provide U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement with prerelease notification of such alien's release and (ii) upon request of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, transfer custody of the alien to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement upon such alien's release, which shall occur no more than five days prior to the date on which he would otherwise be released from custody. Current law states that the Director, sheriff, or other official in charge of the facility may transfer such incarcerated person upon receipt of a detainer.
Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB1155** **Revocation of postrelease supervision.** Moves the supervision and oversight related to postrelease

supervision from the Virginia Parole Board to the circuit court and probation office of the original sentencing jurisdiction.
Patron - Obenshain

Professions and Occupations

Passed

P **HB1582 Pharmacists; collaborative agreements; drug therapy.** Specifies that a collaborative agreement between pharmacists and other health care providers may include prescribing, modification, continuation, or discontinuation of drug therapy after proof of such signed collaborative agreement is submitted to and authorized by the Board of Pharmacy.
Patron - Wachsmann

P **HB1587 Drug Control Act; Schedule I; Schedule IV.** Adds certain chemicals to Schedules I and IV of the Drug Control Act. The Board of Pharmacy has added these substances in an expedited regulatory process. A substance added via this process is removed from the schedule after 18 months unless a general law is enacted adding the substance to the schedule.
Patron - Wachsmann

P **HB1635 Certified nurse midwives; licensed certified midwives; independent practice; organized medical staff.** Permits licensed certified midwives who have completed 1,000 hours of practice under a practice agreement to practice without a practice agreement upon receipt of an attestation from the licensed physician or midwife with whom they entered into a practice agreement. The bill also permits certified nurse midwives and licensed certified midwives to enter into practice agreements with certified nurse midwives or licensed certified midwives who are authorized to practice independently. The bill directs the Department of Health to amend its regulations to clarify that an organized medical staff may include other practitioners, including independent practice midwives, in addition to physicians and dentists. This bill is identical to SB 1352.
Patron - Cole

P **HB1637 Opioid antagonists; dispensing and administration by person acting on behalf of an organization.** Permits persons acting on behalf of an organization that provides services to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose or training in the administration of naloxone or other opioid antagonists to dispense other opioid antagonists. The bill also allows persons to whom other opioid antagonists are dispensed to possess and administer such opioid antagonists. Under current law, persons acting on behalf of such organizations may only dispense naloxone. This bill is identical to SB 1035.
Patron - Hope

P **HB1646 Vitamins, minerals, and food supplements; practice of chiropractic; definition.** Amends the definition of "practice of chiropractic" to include recommending or directing patients on the use of vitamins, minerals, or food supplements. The bill also allows a chiropractor to recommend or direct patients on the use of vitamins, minerals, or food supplements, provided that the rationale for such recommendation is (i) documented in a patient's record and (ii) based on a reasonable expectation that the use of such vitamins, minerals, or food supplements will result in a favorable patient outcome, including preventive practices, and that a greater benefit will be achieved than that which can be expected without such use. Under the bill, such chiropractor is not permitted to sell, dispense, or recommend vitamins, minerals, or food supplements for use if such use will negatively impact any of the patient's existing medical conditions. This bill is identical to SB 1015.
Patron - Hayes

P **HB1653 Real Estate Board; regulations related to fees charged to a licensee.** Prohibits the Real Estate Board from charging a fee to a real estate licensee for the transfer of such licensee between offices within a licensed real estate firm, including from such firm's primary place of business to one of its branch offices or from a branch office to another branch office under the same primary place of business. This bill is identical to SB 785.
Patron - Thomas

P **HB1667 Board for Barbers and Cosmetology; employment prohibition exceptions; children 16 years of age or older.** Allows children 16 years of age or older to serve in a licensed barbershop or cosmetology salon, provided that (i) the child is an apprentice, (ii) the child is employed in a work-training program as provided by relevant law and in accordance with relevant regulations, or (iii) the child has obtained a cosmetology or barber license from the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology. This bill is identical to SB 1228.
Patron - Jones

P **HB1684 Real estate brokers and salespersons; licensees engaged by buyers.** Repeals the provision providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law requiring written brokerage agreements or governing the duties of licensees, nothing shall be construed to require that a written agreement between a licensee and a prospective buyer or tenant be executed prior to the licensee's showing properties to the prospective buyer. The bill also provides that a licensee engaged by a seller or landlord shall not be required to show property to a prospective buyer when such showing is conducted pursuant to and in accordance with a brokerage agreement entered into with a seller or landlord client. This bill is identical to SB 1309.
Patron - Sewell

P **HB1693 Real estate appraisers; educational requirements for licensure; fair housing and appraisal bias course.** Requires applicants for licensure as a certified residential real estate appraiser, a certified general real estate appraiser, or a licensed residential real estate appraiser to successfully complete a minimum of two hours of education on fair housing and appraisal bias administered or approved by the Real Estate Appraiser Board prior to licensure. The bill requires any such educational course on fair housing and appraisal bias to be audited annually by the Fair Housing Board. This bill is identical to SB 995. This bill was vetoed by the Governor. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Askew

P **HB1707 Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund; claim limits; license threshold amounts.** Increases from $20,000 to $30,000 per claim the individual limit of claims against the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund based upon an unpaid judgment arising out of the improper or dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor in connection with a single transaction involving contracting and increases from $40,000 to $100,000 during any biennium the aggregate claim limit against a single licensed contractor. The bill also raises the thresholds for the value of single contracts or projects and the total value of all construction, removal, repair, or improvements undertaken by a contractor in a 12-

month period that govern each class of contractor's licenses. This bill is identical to SB 1059.
Patron - Bulova

P **HB1803 Department of Human Resource Management; stakeholder advisory group; establishing a career group for licensed behavior analysts; report.** Directs the Department of Human Resource Management to convene a stakeholder advisory group to provide advice to the Department on establishing a career group and any other necessary associated defined roles within the health and human services occupational family for licensed behavior analysts employed by the Commonwealth. The bill directs the advisory group to submit its findings and recommendations to the Department no later than November 1, 2025. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Cohen

P **HB1835 Professions and occupations; regulation of geologists; licensure; penalty.** Provides that professional geologists shall be licensed by the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists. Under current law, professional geologists are certified by the Board. The bill requires the Board to issue a license to any individual who holds an unexpired certification to practice as a geologist issued prior to July 1, 2025. The bill also makes any person practicing or offering to practice geology without holding such license from the Board guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill requires the Board to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the bill to be effective within 280 days of the bill's enactment. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Wiley

P **HB1860 Board of Nursing; faculty supervision of direct client care; faculty-to-student ratio.** Directs the Board of Nursing to allow nursing education programs to apply for a waiver of the student-to-faculty ratios for direct client care. Under the bill, such waiver would permit a nursing education program to increase the ratio of students to faculty engaged in direct client care from 10 students per faculty member up to, but not to exceed, 15 students per faculty member. Current regulations permit faculty to supervise up to 10 students providing such care per faculty member without the utilization of a preceptor.
Patron - Price

P **HB1897 Board of Social Work; Board of Counseling; master's social worker; scope of practice; regulations.** Expands the scope of practice of master's social workers to allow the provision of clinical services under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker. The bill also directs the Board of Social Work to promulgate regulations to allow master's social workers to engage in clinical services under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker and directs the Board of Counseling to amend its regulations to state that a licensed baccalaureate social worker shall not be required to (i) register with the Board of Counseling or (ii) fulfill any additional training or education requirements in order to serve as a qualified mental health professional-trainee. The bill directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to amend their regulations to deem the services provided by a licensed baccalaureate social worker to be equivalent to the services provided by a qualified mental health professional-trainee and reimbursed at a comparable rate, and directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek all necessary federal authority to enact such changes.
Patron - Willett

P **HB1898 Optometry; TPA-Formulary; TPA-Formulary Committee; dissolution.** Dissolves the TPA-Formulary and the TPA-Formulary Committee. The TPA-Formulary is the list of the therapeutic pharmaceutical agents that a TPA-certified optometrist may prescribe. The TPA-Formulary Committee provides recommendations to the Board of Pharmacy regarding the therapeutic pharmaceutical agents to include on the TPA-Formulary for the treatment of diseases and abnormal conditions of the eye and its adnexa by TPA-certified optometrists. This bill is identical to SB 1081.
Patron - Willett

P **HB1899 License to teach dentistry; foreign dental program graduates; repeal sunset.** Repeals the July 1, 2025, sunset on the current provision of law allowing the Board of Dentistry to grant, without examination, a faculty license to teach dentistry in an accredited dental program to a graduate of a dental school or college or the dental department of an institution of higher education in a foreign country who has been granted a certification letter from the dean or program director of an accredited dental program confirming that the applicant has clinical competency and clinical experience that meet the credentialing standards of the dental school with which the applicant is to be affiliated. This bill is identical to SB 1360.
Patron - Willett

P **HB1905 Compounded drugs; exceptions for distribution within health systems under common ownership.** Allows for the distribution of compounded drugs within health systems under common ownership when such drugs will be administered only to patients within the hospital or health system. This bill is identical to SB 1366.
Patron - Willett

P **HB1940 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; international licensure and certification; regulations.** Directs the regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to promulgate regulations allowing the issuance of a license or certification to any applicant who holds a comparable international license or certification issued by another country. This bill incorporates HB 2251 and is identical to SB 1188.
Patron - Willett

P **HB2040 Speech-language pathology assistants; licensure, qualifications, scope of practice; revocation or suspension of license; continuing education.** Adds speech-language pathology assistants to the professions governed by the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. The bill also establishes qualifications, scope of practice, and supervision requirements for speech-language pathology assistants. The bill directs the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to adopt regulations governing the speech-language pathology assistant profession by July 1, 2026, and specifies that the provisions governing the licensure of speech-language pathology assistants have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. The bill also has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027, for individuals currently practicing as assistant speech-language pathologists under existing regulations. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Seibold

P **HB2042 Certified public accountant; educational requirements.** Clarifies education and experience requirements for candidates to qualify for CPA licensure. The bill also provides that, to qualify for practice privileges within

the Commonwealth, an individual must have a license in good standing in another jurisdiction and have passed the CPA examination. The bill directs the Board of Accountancy to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to SB 1042.
Patron - Seibold

P **HB2154 Professions and occupations; alternative to education requirement for licensure of architects.** Requires the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects to adopt regulations establishing work and education experience equivalencies that shall provide an alternative to the requirement of a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. The bill also requires the Board to adopt regulations establishing a credit system to account for varying degrees of work and education experience and to develop requirements for applicants seeking licensure to certify work and education experience on an annual basis. The bill requires the Board to evaluate any past work or education experience of any applicant under this bill until July 1, 2028. This bill is identical to SB 1310.
Patron - Carr

P **HB2195 Virginia Consumer Protection Act; Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; mold remediation; emergency.** Prohibits the selling or offering for sale of services as a professional mold remediator to be performed upon any residential dwelling without holding a mold remediation certification from a nationally or internationally recognized certifying body for mold remediation. The bill also requires such professionals to comply with pertinent standards in conducting remediation. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to study the state of the mold inspection and mold remediation workforce in the Commonwealth to determine whether the licensure or certification of mold inspectors and remediators would benefit the public health, safety, and welfare and submit a report by January 1, 2026. This bill incorporates HB 2355 and contains an emergency clause.
Patron - McQuinn

P **HB2210 Real Estate Board; membership; qualifications.** Increases from five to 10 years the amount of time a licensed real estate broker or salesperson must be actively engaged in the profession in order to serve as a member of the Real Estate Board. The bill also provides additional qualifications and requirements specific to those members who are licensed real estate brokers or salespersons. This bill is identical to SB 866. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Kilgore

P **HB2246 Funerals; disagreements among next of kin.** Permits funeral service establishments to proceed with funeral and disposition arrangements upon authorization from any next of kin after 30 days have passed since the funeral service establishment learned of a dispute between next of kin. Such procedure may only occur if the funeral service establishment has not received written notice of agreement among the next of kin or a court order resolving the dispute within the 30-day period.
Patron - Runion

P **HB2307 Prescription Monitoring Program; requirements of practitioners; pharmacy technicians; training programs.** Requires any prescriber of controlled substances approved for use in opioid addiction therapy to, prior to or as a part of execution of a treatment agreement with a patient, request information from the Director of the Department of Health Professions for the purpose of determining what, if any, other covered substances such patient is currently being prescribed. Under current law, only prescribers who hold a special identification number from the Drug Enforcement Administration authorizing the prescribing of controlled substances are required to request such information prior to or as a part of execution of a treatment agreement with a patient. The bill also adds training programs recognized by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or the National Healthcareer Association to the list of approved pharmacy technician training programs.
Patron - Hodges

P **HB2319 Drug paraphernalia; controlled paraphernalia; drug checking products; exception.** Creates an exception for drug checking products used to determine the presence or concentration of a contaminant that can cause physical harm or death from the definitions of drug paraphernalia and controlled paraphernalia. Under current law, the exception applies only to narcotic testing products used to determine whether a controlled substance contains fentanyl or a fentanyl analog.
Patron - Sickles

P **HB2378 Therapeutically equivalent drug products; provisions for return of outdated drugs.** Requires drug manufacturers to implement provisions for the return of drugs past their expiration date by pharmacies in order for their products to be eligible for dispensing as a therapeutically equivalent drug.
Patron - Hodges

P **HB2431 Attorneys; preliminary proof of education required of applicant for Virginia Bar examination.** Allows individuals who have received a master's or doctoral degree from an institution of higher education accredited by an accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and studied law for three years, consisting of not less than 18 hours per week for at least 40 weeks per year, (i) in the office of an attorney practicing in the Commonwealth, whose full time is devoted to the practice of law, or (ii) with a retired circuit court judge who served the Commonwealth as a circuit court judge for a minimum of 10 years to sit for the Virginia Bar examination.
Patron - Callsen

P **HB2448 Interstate Massage Compact.** Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Interstate Massage Compact. The Compact permits eligible licensed massage therapists to practice in Compact member states, provided that they meet certain requirements. The Compact takes effect when enacted by a seventh member state. Currently, two states have enacted the Compact.
Patron - Glass

P **HB2468 Advanced registered medication aides; administration of drugs.** Specifies that advanced registered medication aides may administer drugs to long-term care residents who do not have a clinical condition that requires evaluation by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for the administration of medications. The bill also limits the practice of advanced registered medication aides to nursing homes licensed by the Department of Health and permits advanced registered medication aides to administer drugs determined permissible by the Board of Nursing. The bill directs the Department of Health, the Board of Nursing, and the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations to be

effective as of December 15, 2025, pertaining to the administration of drugs to residents in nursing homes by advanced registered medication aides.
Patron - Henson

P **HB2473 Board of Pharmacy; long-acting injectable or extended-release prescription drugs; correctional facilities.** Allows the Board of Pharmacy to register a correctional facility to maintain a floor stock of long-acting injectable or extended-release prescription drugs for the treatment of mental illness or substance use disorder. The bill requires such long-acting injectable or extended-release prescription drugs to be stored in an area accessible only to persons who are licensed to administer such prescription drugs, regardless of whether the prescriber is on site. The bill provides that each correctional facility shall maintain an ongoing perpetual inventory of all such drugs in Schedules II through V and that such perpetual inventory shall (i) accurately indicate the physical count of each drug on hand at the time the inventory is performed and (ii) no less than once per month, include a reconciliation of each drug with a written explanation for any difference between the physical count and the theoretical count. This bill is identical to SB 1367.
Patron - Sickles

P **HB2553 Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation; powers and duties.** Requires the Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation to (i) review and comment on the budget for the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and (ii) periodically review professions and occupations regulated by the Department and determine whether the regulation level for such professions or occupations should change or whether such professions or occupations should be deregulated. Should the Board determine that a profession or occupation should be regulated at a different level than its current level of regulation or should be deregulated, the bill provides that it must make such recommendation to the General Assembly. This bill is identical to SB 1096.
Patron - Reaser

P **HB2557 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; real estate brokers, salespersons, and rental location agents; exemptions.** Clarifies that the provisions related to real estate brokers, salespersons, and rental location agents shall not apply to any person employed by a licensed real estate broker for and on behalf of the owner of any real estate or the improvements thereon that the licensed broker has contracted to manage for the owner if the actions of such employee are limited to (i) accepting and signing broker-approved rental agreements, state or federal required disclosures, and any documents required for compliance with Virginia Fair Housing Law related to such rental transaction and (ii) accepting security deposits, periodic rent, and other payments contracted for in the rental agreement for such real estate. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to SB 993.
Patron - McClure

P **HB2573 Boxing and wrestling events; license requirements for examining physicians.** Provides that a physician examining a boxer, martial artist, or professional wrestler prior to such athlete entering the ring must have held a license to practice medicine for at least three years in any jurisdiction of the United States and must be currently licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth. Current law requires such physician to have been licensed in the Commonwealth for at least five years. The bill also requires a promoter to furnish to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, within two weeks following the completion of an event, a report showing (i) the number of tickets sold, unsold, and given away; (ii) the amount of gross proceeds; and (iii) the total gross receipts received from distribution rights of such event. Current law requires such report to be furnished to the Department within 24 hours of the completion of an event. This bill is identical to SB 1245.
Patron - Leftwich

P **HB2649 Prescription Monitoring Program; exemptions; licensed narcotic maintenance treatment programs.** Removes dispensing of covered substances within a licensed narcotic maintenance treatment program from the list of circumstances that are exempt from the reporting requirements of the Prescription Monitoring Program. The bill specifies that any reporting of information related to dispensing covered substances within a licensed narcotic maintenance treatment program shall comply with applicable federal laws and regulations. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Wachsmann

P **HB2669 Professions and occupations; amending definitions of cosmetologist and cosmetology.** Amends the definitions of cosmetologist and cosmetology to clarify that cosmetic treatments are not included in such definitions.
Patron - Walker

P **HB2680 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; regulation of ear-piercers and ear-piercing salons and schools.** Provides for the licensure of ear-piercing salons, ear-piercing schools, and ear-piercers by the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology. The bill distinguishes ear-piercing salons from body-piercing salons by definition and requires the Board to adopt regulations establishing the requirements for licensure of ear-piercing salons, ear-piercing schools, and ear-piercers. Additionally, the bill requires the Board to develop specific training and apprenticeship programs for ear-piercers and permits localities to regulate the sanitary conditions of ear-piercing salons. This bill is identical to SB 1419.
Patron - Simon

P **HB2750 Common interest communities; termination of certain management contracts; transfer of association books and records.** Provides that within a reasonable time after termination of a management contract and without additional cost to the association a common interest community manager shall transfer and release all funds and close bank accounts maintained on behalf of an association. This bill incorporates HB 2292.
Patron - Oates

P **SB745 Board of Pharmacy; therapeutic interchange; work group; report.** Directs the Board of Pharmacy to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to review the current authority of pharmacists to initiate therapeutic interchange and make recommendations to streamline and modernize the therapeutic interchange process in the Commonwealth. The bill also directs the work group to submit a report to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 15, 2025.
Patron - Favola

P **SB752 Board of Psychology; prescriptive authority for clinical psychologists work group; report.** Directs the Boards of Psychology and Medicine to jointly convene a work group with stakeholders to study the education, training, and qualifications of clinical psychologists

licensed in the Commonwealth and assess under what conditions it may be appropriate for clinical psychologists to be granted prescriptive authority. The bill requires the work group to report its findings to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Favola

P **SB785 Real Estate Board; transfer of license; fee.** Prohibits the Real Estate Board from charging a fee to a real estate licensee for the transfer of such licensee between offices within a licensed real estate firm, including from such firm's primary place of business to one of its branch offices or from a branch office to another branch office under the same primary place of business. This bill is identical to HB 1653.
Patron - Suetterlein

P **SB826 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Department of Health Professions; predetermination for licensing eligibility; prior convictions.** Prohibits the use of vague or arbitrary terms by a regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or Department of Health when refusing a person a license, certificate, or registration to practice, pursue, or engage in any regulated occupation or profession. The bill requires such regulatory board denying a registration, license, or certificate based on information in the applicant's criminal history record to notify the applicant in writing of (i) the specific offense or offenses that contributed to such denial; (ii) how the criminal history directly relates to the occupation for which the registration, license, or certificate applies; and (iii) how the regulatory board weighed rehabilitation factors when making its decision.
The bill further allows an applicant to request a written predetermination from a regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation concerning whether his criminal record would disqualify him from obtaining a license, certificate, registration, or other authority to engage in a particular occupation, trade, or profession in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Locke

P **SB866 Real Estate Board; membership; qualifications.** Increases from five to 10 years the amount of time a licensed real estate broker or salesperson must be actively engaged in the profession in order to serve as a member of the Real Estate Board. The bill also provides additional qualifications and requirements specific to those members who are licensed real estate brokers or salespersons. This bill is identical to HB 2210. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Reeves

P **SB882 Board of Medicine; licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.** Establishes criteria for the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants and directs the Board of Medicine to adopt regulations governing the practice of anesthesiologist assistants. The bill provides that no person shall use or assume the title \"anesthesiologist assistant\" or hold himself out as an anesthesiologist assistant unless such person holds a license as an anesthesiologist assistant issued by the Board. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.
Patron - Locke

P **SB989 Declinable preneed funeral guarantee fee; definition.** Amends the definition of "declinable preneed funeral guarantee fee" to specify that a declinable preneed funeral guarantee fee, when offered by a seller, shall not exceed 25 percent of the guaranteed preneed supplies and services included in the funeral contract price. Under current law, a declinable preneed funeral guarantee fee, when offered by a seller, shall not exceed 25 percent of the preneed funeral contract price. The bill also directs the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers to amend its regulations to ensure that declinable preneed funeral guarantee fees are used solely to guarantee the cost of preneed supplies and services as described in preneed funeral contracts.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB993 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; real estate brokers, salespersons, and rental location agents; exemptions.** Clarifies that the provisions related to real estate brokers, salespersons, and rental location agents shall not apply to any person employed by a licensed real estate broker for and on behalf of the owner of any real estate or the improvements thereon that the licensed broker has contracted to manage for the owner if the actions of such employee are limited to (i) accepting and signing broker-approved rental agreements, state or federal required disclosures, and any documents required for compliance with Virginia Fair Housing Law related to such rental transaction and (ii) accepting security deposits, periodic rent, and other payments contracted for in the rental agreement for such real estate. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to HB 2557.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB995 Real estate appraisers; educational requirements for licensure; fair housing and appraisal bias course.** Requires applicants for licensure as a certified residential real estate appraiser, a certified general real estate appraiser, or a licensed residential real estate appraiser to successfully complete a minimum of two hours of education on fair housing and appraisal bias administered or approved by the Real Estate Appraiser Board prior to licensure. The bill requires any such educational course on fair housing and appraisal bias to be audited annually by the Fair Housing Board. This bill is identical to HB 1693. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB1008 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Board for Contractors; licensing examinations.** Requires that Class A and Class B contractor licensing examinations contain questions that include factors for determining areas that constitute Resource Protection Areas pursuant to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and factors for performing maintenance or constructing improvements on shorelines potentially subject to the requirements for living shorelines. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB1015 Vitamins, minerals, and food supplements; practice of chiropractic; definition.** Amends the definition of "practice of chiropractic" to include recommending or directing patients on the use of vitamins, minerals, or food supplements. The bill also allows a chiropractor to recommend or direct patients on the use of vitamins, minerals, or food supplements, provided that the rationale for such recommendation is (i) documented in a patient's record and (ii) based on a reasonable expectation that the use of such vitamins, minerals, or food supplements will result in a favorable patient outcome, including preventive practices, and that a greater benefit will be achieved than that which can be expected without such use. Under the bill, such chiropractor is not permitted to sell, dispense, or recommend vitamins, minerals, or food supplements for use if such use will

negatively impact any of the patient's existing medical conditions. This bill is identical to HB 1646.
Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SB1035 Opioid antagonists; dispensing and administration by person acting on behalf of an organization.** Permits persons acting on behalf of an organization that provides services to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose or training in the administration of naloxone or other opioid antagonists to dispense other opioid antagonists. The bill also allows persons to whom other opioid antagonists are dispensed to possess and administer such opioid antagonists. Under current law, persons acting on behalf of such organizations may only dispense naloxone. This bill incorporates SB 790 and is identical to HB 1637.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1042 Certified public accountant; educational requirements.** Clarifies education and experience requirements for candidates to qualify for CPA licensure. The bill also provides that, to qualify for practice privileges within the Commonwealth, an individual must have a license in good standing in another jurisdiction and have passed the CPA examination. The bill directs the Board of Accountancy to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to HB 2042.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1059 Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund; claim limits; license threshold amounts.** Increases from $20,000 to $30,000 per claim the individual limit of claims against the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund based upon an unpaid judgment arising out of the improper or dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor in connection with a single transaction involving contracting and increases from $40,000 to $100,000 during any biennium the aggregate claim limit against a single licensed contractor. The bill also raises the thresholds for the value of single contracts or projects and the total value of all construction, removal, repair, or improvements undertaken by a contractor in a 12-month period that govern each class of contractor's licenses. This bill is identical to HB 1707.
Patron - Hackworth

P **SB1081 Optometry; TPA-Formulary; TPA-Formulary Committee; dissolution.** Dissolves the TPA-Formulary and the TPA-Formulary Committee. The TPA-Formulary is the list of the therapeutic pharmaceutical agents that a TPA-certified optometrist may prescribe. The TPA-Formulary Committee provides recommendations to the Board of Pharmacy regarding the therapeutic pharmaceutical agents to include on the TPA-Formulary for the treatment of diseases and abnormal conditions of the eye and its adnexa by TPA-certified optometrists. This bill is identical to HB 1898.
Patron - Hashmi

P **SB1096 Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation; powers and duties.** Requires the Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation to (i) review and comment on the budget for the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and (ii) periodically review professions and occupations regulated by the Department and determine whether the regulation level for such professions or occupations should change or whether such professions or occupations should be deregulated. Should the Board determine that a profession or occupation should be regulated at a different level than its current level of regulation or should be deregulated, the bill provides that it must make such recommendation to the General Assembly. This bill is identical to HB 2553.
Patron - Jordan

P **SB1135 Board of Pharmacy; regulation of crystalline polymorph psilocybin.** Directs the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations that allow for prescribing, dispensing, possessing, and using the pharmaceutical composition of crystalline polymorph psilocybin upon approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and following rescheduling by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1188 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; international licensure and certification; regulations.** Directs the regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to promulgate regulations allowing the issuance of a license or certification to any applicant who holds a comparable international license or certification issued by another country. This bill is identical to HB 1940.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1228 Board for Barbers and Cosmetology; employment prohibition exceptions; children 16 years of age or older.** Allows children 16 years of age or older to serve in a licensed barbershop or cosmetology salon, provided that (i) the child is an apprentice, (ii) the child is employed in a work-training program as provided by relevant law and in accordance with relevant regulations, or (iii) the child has obtained a cosmetology or barber license from the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology. This bill is identical to HB 1667.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1245 Boxing and wrestling events; license requirements for examining physicians.** Provides that a physician examining a boxer, martial artist, or professional wrestler prior to such athlete entering the ring must have held a license to practice medicine for at least three years in any jurisdiction of the United States and must be currently licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth. Current law requires such physician to have been licensed in the Commonwealth for at least five years. The bill also requires a promoter to furnish to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, within two weeks following the completion of an event, a report showing (i) the number of tickets sold, unsold, and given away; (ii) the amount of gross proceeds; and (iii) the total gross receipts received from distribution rights of such event. Current law requires such report to be furnished to the Department within 24 hours of the completion of an event. This bill is identical to HB 2573.
Patron - DeSteph

P **SB1253 Unlawful designation as Doctor of Physical Therapy.** Adds to the list of titles that are unlawful to use without a license "D.P.T." and "Doctor of Physical Therapy." The bill also removes "P.T.T." and "Physical Therapy Technician" from such list.
Patron - Bagby

P **SB1309 Real estate brokers and salespersons; licensees engaged by buyers.** Repeals the provision providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law requiring written brokerage agreements or governing the duties of licensees, nothing shall be construed to require that a written agreement between a licensee and a prospective buyer or tenant be executed prior to the licensee's showing properties to the prospective buyer. The bill also provides that a licensee engaged by a seller or landlord shall not be required to show

property to a prospective buyer when such showing is conducted pursuant to and in accordance with a brokerage agreement entered into with a seller or landlord client. This bill is identical to HB 1684.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1310 Professions and occupations; alternative to education requirement for licensure of architects.** Requires the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects to adopt regulations establishing work and education experience equivalencies that shall provide an alternative to the requirement of a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. The bill also requires the Board to adopt regulations establishing a credit system to account for varying degrees of work and education experience and to develop requirements for applicants seeking licensure to certify work and education experience on an annual basis. The bill requires the Board to evaluate any past work or education experience of any applicant under this bill until July 1, 2028. This bill is identical to HB 2154.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1318 Board of Pharmacy; emergency medical services providers; work group.** Directs the Board of Pharmacy to convene a work group to advise the Board on issues related to emergency medical services providers. The bill requires the Board to staff the work group and directs the work group to meet at least quarterly. The bill has an expiration date of June 30, 2027. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1320 Public middle and high school students; interscholastic athletics; preparticipation physical evaluations; form; timeline.** Prohibits middle or high school students from participating in or trying out for any interscholastic athletic team unless such student has submitted a signed Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form from certain licensed providers attesting the student received a physical examination and was found fit for athletic competition no more than 14 calendar months prior to the date on which such form was signed.
Patron - Bagby

P **SB1352 Certified nurse midwives; licensed certified midwives; independent practice; organized medical staff.** Permits licensed certified midwives who have completed 1,000 hours of practice under a practice agreement to practice without a practice agreement upon receipt of an attestation from the licensed physician or midwife with whom they entered into a practice agreement. The bill also permits certified nurse midwives and licensed certified midwives to enter into practice agreements with certified nurse midwives or licensed certified midwives who are authorized to practice independently. The bill directs the Department of Health to amend its regulations to clarify that an organized medical staff may include other practitioners, including independent practice midwives, in addition to physicians and dentists. This bill is identical to HB 1635.
Patron - Srinivasan

P **SB1360 License to teach dentistry; foreign dental program graduates; repeal sunset.** Repeals the July 1, 2025, sunset on the current provision of law allowing the Board of Dentistry to grant, without examination, a faculty license to teach dentistry in an accredited dental program to a graduate of a dental school or college or the dental department of an institution of higher education in a foreign country who has been granted a certification letter from the dean or program director of an accredited dental program confirming that the applicant has clinical competency and clinical experience that meet the credentialing standards of the dental school with which the applicant is to be affiliated. This bill is identical to HB 1899.
Patron - Pillion

P **SB1363 Elimination of Board of Health Professions; transfer of powers and duties.** Eliminates the Board of Health Professions and transfers certain powers and duties from the Board to the Department of Health Professions.
Patron - Pillion

P **SB1366 Compounded drugs; exceptions for distribution within health systems under common ownership.** Allows for the distribution of compounded drugs within health systems under common ownership when such drugs will be administered only to patients within the hospital or health system. This bill is identical to HB 1905.
Patron - Pillion

P **SB1367 Board of Pharmacy; long-acting injectable or extended-release prescription drugs; correctional facilities.** Allows the Board of Pharmacy to register a correctional facility to maintain a floor stock of long-acting injectable or extended-release prescription drugs for the treatment of mental illness or substance use disorder. The bill requires such long-acting injectable or extended-release prescription drugs to be stored in an area accessible only to persons who are licensed to administer such prescription drugs, regardless of whether the prescriber is on site. The bill provides that each correctional facility shall maintain an ongoing perpetual inventory of all such drugs in Schedules II through V and that such perpetual inventory shall (i) accurately indicate the physical count of each drug on hand at the time the inventory is performed and (ii) no less than once per month, include a reconciliation of each drug with a written explanation for any difference between the physical count and the theoretical count. This bill is identical to HB 2473.
Patron - Pillion

P **SB1419 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; regulation of ear-piercers and ear-piercing salons and schools.** Provides for the licensure of ear-piercing salons, ear-piercing schools, and ear-piercers by the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology. The bill distinguishes ear-piercing salons from body-piercing salons by definition and requires the Board to adopt regulations establishing the requirements for licensure of ear-piercing salons, ear-piercing schools, and ear-piercers. Additionally, the bill requires the Board to develop specific training and apprenticeship programs for ear-piercers and permits localities to regulate the sanitary conditions of ear-piercing salons. This bill is identical to HB 2680.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1475 Board of Dentistry; expedited licensure.** Directs the Board of Dentistry to convene a work group including the Virginia Dental Association and the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association to assess expedited pathways for licensure for dentists and dental hygienists. The bill specifies that the work group shall (i) review the licensure by credentialing statutes governing dentists and the licensure statutes governing dental hygienists and make recommendations on how such statutes can be updated to reflect an expedited pathway for licensure and (ii) study options for and make recommendations on a pathway for

qualified internationally trained dentists to practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a licensed dentist.
Patron - Pillion

Failed

F **HB1647 Board of Medicine; licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.** Establishes criteria for the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants and directs the Board of Medicine to adopt regulations governing the practice of anesthesiologist assistants. The bill provides that no person shall use or assume the title "anesthesiologist assistant" or hold himself out as an anesthesiologist assistant unless such person holds a license as an anesthesiologist assistant issued by the Board.
Patron - Hayes

F **HB1689 Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; Real Estate Board; residential property disclosure statement form.** Requires the residential property disclosure statement form developed by the Real Estate Board and maintained on its website to include a statement to be signed by the parties to a real estate transaction acknowledging that the purchaser has been advised of the disclosures listed in such form. Under current law, such statement is not required to be included in the residential property disclosure statement form.
Patron - Convirs-Fowler

F **HB1857 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; boards; appointment requirements; years of experience.** Lowers from at least five years to at least three years the years of experience required for the appointment of (i) home inspectors to the Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; (ii) hearing aid specialists, otolaryngologists, opticians, and ophthalmologists to the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians; (iii) real estate appraisers to the Real Estate Appraiser Board; (iv) alternative onsite sewage system operators, alternative onsite sewage system installers, and onsite soil evaluators to the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals; and (v) cemetery operators to the Cemetery Board.
Patron - Arnold

F **HB1978 Joint Commission on Health Care; licensure of assisted living facility administrators; study; report.** Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to conduct a study on licensure of assisted living facility administrators. The bill requires the Commission to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Cohen

F **HB2079 Board of Pharmacy; membership; emergency medical services agencies authorized to obtain controlled substance registration.** Adds a career fire/emergency medical services (EMS) member and a volunteer fire/EMS member to the Board of Pharmacy for a total of 12 members. In addition, the bill directs the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations authorizing EMS agencies and regional EMS councils to obtain a controlled substance registration. The authorization allows an EMS agency or regional EMS council to receive controlled substances in Schedules II through VI from a wholesale distributor, manufacturer, third-party logistics provider, warehouse, or pharmacy. The bill also directs the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations specifying a fire station with around the clock staffing is authorized to store controlled substances in a locked room with an access control device and camera monitoring system.
Patron - Thomas

F **HB2131 Professions and occupations; practice of medicine; advertising of prescription drugs or devices.** Excludes prescription drugs or devices, as such terms are defined in relevant law, from the definition of "commercial appliances or remedies," as such term relates to the practice of medicine and other healing arts, and provides that the sale of such prescription drugs or devices shall not be prevented or prohibited. Current law provides that the advertising or sale of commercial appliances or remedies shall not be prevented or prohibited.
Patron - Milde

F **HB2144 Drug Control Act; manufacturers, wholesale distributors, and medical equipment suppliers; annual report.** Requires a manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or medical equipment supplier that is licensed, permitted, or registered with the Board of Pharmacy to submit an annual report of the amount such manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or medical equipment supplier spent during the preceding year on direct-to-consumer advertising of each prescription drug or device.
Patron - Milde

F **HB2251 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; international licensure and certification; regulations.** Directs the regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to promulgate regulations allowing the issuance of a license or certification to any applicant who holds a comparable international license or certification issued by another country. This bill was incorporated into HB 1940.

Patron - Maldonado

F **HB2374 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; deregulation of athlete agents.** Repeals certain provisions of the Code related to the regulation of athlete agents and makes it a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act to accept compensation for representing a student athlete without a properly executed agency contract.
Patron - Cherry

F **HB2391 Certified registered nurse anesthetists; elimination of supervision requirement.** Eliminates the requirement that certified registered nurse anesthetists must practice under the supervision of a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or dentistry and instead requires them to practice in consultation with a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or dentistry and in accordance with regulations jointly promulgated by the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing.
Patron - Sickles

F **HB2535 Uniform Health Care Decisions Act.** Repeals most provisions of the Health Care Decisions Act and enacts the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act. The bill creates a process for the execution of advance health care directives, as defined in the bill; establishes criteria for determining the capacity of an individual to make health care decisions; provides for the establishment of a default surrogate in the absence of an appointed agent for health care decisions; establishes powers and duties of agents appointed by powers of

attorney for health care; and establishes duties of health care professionals.
Patron - Hope

F **HB2612 Massage therapists; licensure; qualifications; minimum training.** Increases from 500 hours to 625 hours the minimum requirement for training in a massage therapy educational program for applicants for licensure as a massage therapist.
Patron - Walker

F **SB739 Supervision of certified registered nurse anesthetists; work group; report.** Clarifies that supervision of a certified registered nurse anesthetist requires that a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or dentistry is present during an operation or procedure or is immediately available to respond and provide patient care as needed. The bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in collaboration with the Board of Medicine, Board of Nursing, and Department of Health Professions, to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to evaluate and make recommendations to increase the anesthesia provider workforce in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the work group to report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health and Human Services by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Locke

F **SB790 Opioid antagonists; dispensing and administration by person acting on behalf of an organization.** Permits persons acting on behalf of an organization that provides services to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose or training in the administration of naloxone or other opioid antagonists to dispense other opioid antagonists. The bill also allows persons to whom other opioid antagonists are dispensed to possess and administer such opioid antagonists. Under current law, persons acting on behalf of such organizations may only dispense naloxone.
Patron - Head

F **SB841 Board of Pharmacy; Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; opioid treatment programs; mobile units; report.** Directs the Board of Pharmacy, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, to develop and implement a process by which opioid treatment programs can apply for and receive the necessary permissions and waivers to dispense opioid use disorder treatment medications from mobile units. The bill directs the Board to report to the Joint Commission on Health Care by November 1, 2025, on the status of and any barriers to the development and implementation of such process. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.
Patron - Favola

F **SB1168 Practice of acupuncture; definition; health insurance; coverage for acupuncture treatments.** Amends the definition of the "practice of acupuncture" as it relates to the practice of medicine and other healing arts to specify that it means the stimulation of selected points on the body to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to normalize physiological functions for the treatment of certain ailments or conditions of the body and includes acupuncture needle insertion, dry needling, electroacupuncture, cupping, gua sha, and moxibustion. Under current law, the "practice of acupuncture" means the stimulation of certain points on or near the surface of the body by the insertion of needles to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to normalize physiological functions for the treatment of certain ailments or conditions of the body and includes the techniques of electroacupuncture, cupping, and moxibustion. The bill requires health insurers, corporations providing health care coverage subscription contracts, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for acupuncture treatments. The bill applies to policies, contracts, and plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027.
Patron - Salim

F **SB1285 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; deregulation of residential building energy analysts.** Repeals certain provisions of the Code related to the regulation and licensure of residential building energy analysts and makes it a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act to perform for compensation without insurance coverage valued at no less than $100,000 or in a manner otherwise inconsistent with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines any inspection or evaluation of any of the readily accessible components of a residential building, such as appliances, water heaters, insulation materials, HVAC units, or electrical components, and provide recommendations to reduce the energy consumption or improve the efficiency of such components.
Patron - DeSteph

F **SB1362 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; real estate brokers, sales persons and rental location agents; criminal history information; self-certification.** Provides that the Real Estate Board must require each applicant for licensure to submit fingerprints and provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to obtain criminal history record information regarding such applicant. The bill requires the Board to require an applicant for licensure to self-certify on his application whether he has any prior criminal convictions. The bill provides that if the Board has not yet received an applicant's criminal history record but his application is otherwise complete and Board approved and such applicant has certified that he has no prior criminal history, the Board will issue a real estate license to such applicant. If the Board later receives such applicant's criminal history record and it indicates a previously undisclosed criminal history, the Board shall immediately terminate such applicant's license and refer the application for further review. The bill states that if an applicant certifies on the application that he has a prior criminal history, the Board shall refer the application for further review to determine whether a license shall be issued.
Patron - Pillion

F **SB1364 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; boards; appointment requirements; years of experience.** Lowers from at least five years to at least three years the years of experience required for the appointment of (i) home inspectors to the Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; (ii) hearing aid specialists, otolaryngologists, opticians, and ophthalmologists to the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians; (iii) real estate appraisers to the Real Estate Appraiser Board; (iv) alternative onsite sewage system operators, alternative onsite sewage system installers, and onsite soil evaluators to the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals; and (v) cemetery operators to the Cemetery Board.
Patron - Pillion

F **SB1388 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; contractors; designated employees; affiliates.**
Patron - French

Property and Conveyances

Passed

P **HB1606 Claims to unclaimed property; authority of administrator; emergency.** Authorizes the State Treasurer or his designee to make payments relating to unclaimed property without receiving a claim if the property is cash property, the apparent owner is a natural person and the sole owner of such property, the apparent owner has been identified by the State Treasurer or his designee, and the amount to be paid does not exceed $5,000. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 996.
Patron - Hernandez

P **HB1623 Eviction Diversion Pilot Program; name change; general application; expiration repealed.** Renames the Eviction Diversion Pilot Program as the Eviction Diversion Program, removes the July 1, 2025, expiration date from the Program, and makes the Program available to all general district courts. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission. This bill is identical to SB 830.
Patron - McClure

P **HB1638 Department of Housing and Community Development; Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; affordable housing; criminal record screening model policy.** Requires the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, with input from a stakeholder group convened by the Department of Housing and Community Development, to develop a criminal record screening model policy for admitting or denying an applicant for affordable housing covered under the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's guidance on the application of the federal Fair Housing Act and maintain such model policy on its website. The bill prohibits a landlord of an affordable housing unit from basing an adverse action, in whole or in part, on an applicant's criminal or arrest record unless the landlord does so in accordance with the criminal record screening model policy developed by the Department of Housing and Community Development and posted on its website and provides the applicant with a written copy of such policy. The provisions of the bill other than the creation of the stakeholder group have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Hayes

P **HB1704 Resale Disclosure Act; resale certificate; responsibility for payment of insurance deductible.** Requires the resale certificate form, developed by the Common Interest Community Board, to include a statement indicating that the governing documents of an association may make an owner responsible for payment of all or part of the deductible when making a claim against any insurance provided by the association for the benefit of the owners or insurance coverage recommended or required to be obtained by the owners. This bill is identical to SB 808.
Patron - Bulova

P **HB1706 Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures for buyer to beware; aircraft noise.** Requires that the owner of a residential real property include in the residential property disclosure statement provided to a potential purchaser of such residential real property a statement that the owner makes no representations or warranties with respect to the property's proximity to a public use airport nor any noise from aircraft due to the proximity of the property to flight operations, and purchasers are advised to exercise whatever due diligence they deem necessary to determine whether the property is within proximity to a flight path or public use airport aircraft noise zone. The bill also requires the Department of Aviation to establish and provide to the Real Estate Board by July 31, 2025, a website address that allows purchasers to access public use airport aircraft noise zone maps, and requires the Real Estate Board to include such website address on the form for signature by the parties stating that the purchaser has been advised of the disclosures listed in the residential property disclosure statement. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission. This bill is identical to SB 1210.
Patron - Bulova

P **HB1718 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; enforcement by localities.** Provides that if a condition exists in a rental dwelling unit that constitutes a material noncompliance by the landlord with the rental agreement or with any provision of law that, if not promptly corrected, constitutes a fire hazard or serious threat to the life, health, or safety of tenants or occupants of the premises, a locality may institute an action for injunction and damages to enforce the landlord's duty to maintain the rental dwelling unit in a fit and habitable condition, provided that (i) the property where the violation occurred is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the locality and (ii) the locality has notified the landlord who owns the property, either directly or through the managing agent, of the nature of the violation and the landlord has failed to remedy the violation to the satisfaction of the locality within a reasonable time after receiving such notice. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Price

P **HB1719 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; landlord remedies; noncompliance with rental agreement.** Increases from five days to 14 days the mandatory waiting period after a landlord serves written notice on a tenant notifying the tenant of his nonpayment of rent and of the landlord's intention to terminate the rental agreement if rent is not paid before the landlord may pursue remedies for termination of the rental agreement. This bill is identical to SB 812. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Price

P **HB1721 Condemnation of conservation or open-space easement; compensation; Uniform Easement Relocation Act.** Provides that if a person takes by condemnation proceedings any land or right-of-way or similar interest therein that is subject to a conservation easement or an open-space easement, the person shall compensate, in amounts proportionate to the land or interest therein being condemned, (i) the Commonwealth for the value of any tax credit received by the landowner under the provisions of the Virginia Land Conservation Incentives Act of 1999 during the pendency of the conservation easement or open-space easement and (ii) the locality in which the land or interest therein is located for any property tax avoided by the landowner during the pendency of the conservation easement or open-space easement. The bill further requires that compensation required to be paid to the Commonwealth pursuant to the provisions of the bill shall be in addition to (a) any compensation required by the provisions of the conservation easement due to the landowner and holder or compensation required by the provisions of the open-space easement due to the landowner and the public body and (b)

fulfillment of the requirements pertaining to the conversion or diversion of open-space land.
Subject to reenactment by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly, the bill further creates the Uniform Easement Relocation Act, which allows the owner of real estate burdened by an easement to obtain a court order to relocate the easement if the relocation does not materially impair, among other impairments, (1) the utility of the easement holder or (2) the physical condition, use, or value of the benefited property. The Act requires that the burdened property owner file a civil action, give notice to other potentially affected real property interest owners, and bear the costs of relocation. Under current law, the owner of land that is subject to an easement may seek relocation of the easement on the servient estate upon petition to the circuit court and notice to all parties in interest, and the petition will be granted if, after a hearing held, the court finds that (A) the relocation will not result in economic damage to the parties in interest, (B) there will be no undue hardship created by the relocation, and (C) the easement has been in existence for not less than 10 years. The bill directs the Boyd-Graves Conference to conduct a study on the provisions of such Uniform Easement Relocation Act and report any findings of such study to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees for Courts of Justice by November 1, 2025. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Watts

P **HB1867 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; terms and conditions of rental agreement; renewal notice.** Provides that a landlord who owns more than four rental dwelling units or more than a 10 percent interest in more than four rental dwelling units, whether individually or through a business entity, in the Commonwealth shall be required to provide written notice of nonrenewal to any tenant. This bill is identical to SB 1043.
Patron - McClure

P **HB1872 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; adverse action by landlord; tenant remedies.** Prohibits a residential landlord who owns more than four rental dwelling units or more than a 10 percent interest in more than four rental dwelling units, whether individually or through a business entity, in the Commonwealth from taking adverse action, as defined in the bill, against a prospective tenant due to the prospective tenant's history of a dismissed, nonsuited, or expunged unlawful detainer case or an unlawful detainer case that is eligible for expungement. The bill allows a prospective tenant to recover, as a result of any such adverse action, (i) actual damages, (ii) statutory damages of $1,000, and (iii) reasonable attorney fees. This bill is identical to SB 815. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Hernandez

P **HB2110 Resale Disclosure Act; resale certificate; prohibition on requiring purchaser's name.** Prohibits any association from requiring a purchaser's name prior to preparing the resale certificate or requiring such information to be set out on a completed resale certificate prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Resale Disclosure Act.
Patron - Simon

P **HB2122 Manufactured Home Lot Rental Act; landlord obligations.** Requires a landlord to provide a copy of any written rental agreement and the statement of tenant rights and responsibilities within 10 business days of the effective date of the written rental agreement; current law requires a landlord to provide such copies within one month of such effective date. The bill outlines required notice language to be included by the landlord in the rental agreement and provides that failures of the landlord to provide notice shall not affect the validity of the rental agreement.
The bill also requires a fee disclosure statement to be provided on the first page of the written rental agreement under the Manufactured Home Lot Rental Act. The bill applies to rental agreements that are entered into, extended, or renewed on or after July 1, 2025. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Maldonado

P **HB2151 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; definitions; community land trust.** Revises the definition of a community land trust to remove the requirement that a community housing development organization under such definition must have a corporate membership open to any adult resident or organization of a particular geographic area specified in the bylaws of the organization and that the organization's board of directors must include a majority of members who are elected by the corporate membership.
Patron - Carr

P **HB2218 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; rental payment methods.** Requires, with certain exceptions outlined in the bill, landlords subject to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to accept payment of periodic rent and any security deposit by any lawful means, including check, electronic funds transfer, debit or credit card, cash, and money order. The bill also removes the provision requiring the tenant to request a written receipt after paying in the form of cash or money order and requires the landlord to provide such written receipt as a matter of law. Finally, the bill prohibits a landlord from charging a tenant any fee for the collection or processing of any payment of rent, security deposit, or any other fees. This bill is identical to SB 1356. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Tran

P **HB2229 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; material noncompliance by landlord; rent escrow; relief.** Removes the requirement that, prior to the granting of any relief, a tenant shall pay into escrow any amount of rent called for under the rental agreement. The bill requires the tenant, during the pendency of the action, to pay into escrow the amount of rent that becomes due within five days of the date due under the rental agreement, unless or until such amount is modified by a subsequent order of the court. The bill also provides that a failure of the tenant to make timely payments into escrow shall not be grounds for dismissal of the underlying action but may be considered by the court when issuing an order. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Cousins

P **HB2415 Public housing authorities; indigent parties; unlawful detainer.** Exempts indigent defendants from having to post an appeal bond in unlawful detainer actions brought by a public housing authority. The bill also amends certain provisions of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to (i) prohibit any landlord that is a public housing authority from requiring a tenant to pay any fees for the maintenance or repair of a dwelling unit unless such repair is necessitated by the tenant's action or omission and (ii) require, if a public housing authority issues a notice of nonpayment of rent to a tenant, such public housing authority to provide the tenant certain information printed on pink or orange paper explaining how the tenant may recertify the tenant's income in accordance with federal law and policy. This bill is identical to SB 1221. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Cousins

P **HB2430 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; fee disclosure statement.** Requires landlords

subject to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to include on the first page of a written rental agreement an itemization of all charges to the tenant that comprises (i) the security deposit, (ii) the amount of rent due per payment period pursuant to the lease period, and (iii) any additional one-time charges due prior to the commencement date of the rental agreement or that will be included in the first rental payment. Current law requires such landlords to provide a description of any rent and fees to be charged to the tenant in addition to the periodic rent. The bill also requires that such rental agreement contain the following statement immediately above such itemized list: "No additional security deposits or rent shall be charged unless they are listed below or incorporated into this agreement by way of a separate addendum after execution of this rental agreement." The bill applies to rental agreements that are entered into, extended, or renewed on or after July 1, 2025.
Patron - Simon

P **HB2477** **Property under common ownership; creation of easements.** Provides that a private appurtenant easement may be created for any purposes by the owner of the dominant and servient estate by the recordation of an instrument that grants or reserves such easement. The bill further provides that the rule of property law known as the doctrine of merger shall not prevent such grant or reservation. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Henson

P **SB807** **Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act; recordkeeping by resellers.** Removes the requirement under the Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act that, if contact information has been obtained by a reseller of a time-share from any source, such reseller and the lead dealer of such time-share maintain a copy of a current government-issued photographic identification of the lead dealer who provided the contact information.
Patron - Craig

P **SB808** **Resale Disclosure Act; resale certificate; responsibility for payment of insurance deductible.** Requires the resale certificate form, developed by the Common Interest Community Board, to include a statement indicating that the governing documents of an association may make an owner responsible for payment of all or part of the deductible when making a claim against any insurance provided by the association for the benefit of the owners or insurance coverage recommended or required to be obtained by the owners. This bill is identical to HB 1704.
Patron - Craig

P **SB812** **Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; landlord remedies; noncompliance with rental agreement.** Increases from five days to 14 days the mandatory waiting period after a landlord serves written notice on a tenant notifying the tenant of his nonpayment of rent and of the landlord's intention to terminate the rental agreement if rent is not paid before the landlord may pursue remedies for termination of the rental agreement. This bill is identical to HB 1719. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Rouse

P **SB815** **Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; adverse action by landlord; tenant remedies.** Prohibits a residential landlord who owns more than four rental dwelling units or more than a 10 percent interest in more than four rental dwelling units, whether individually or through a business entity, in the Commonwealth from taking adverse action, as defined in the bill, against a prospective tenant due to the prospective tenant's history of a dismissed, nonsuited, or expunged unlawful detainer case or an unlawful detainer case that is eligible for expungement. The bill allows a prospective tenant to recover, as a result of any such adverse action, (i) actual damages, (ii) statutory damages of $1,000, and (iii) reasonable attorney fees. This bill is identical to HB 1872. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Rouse

P **SB830** **Eviction Diversion Pilot Program; name change; general application; expiration repealed.** Renames the Eviction Diversion Pilot Program as the Eviction Diversion Program, removes the July 1, 2025, expiration date from the Program, and makes the Program available to all general district courts. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission. This bill is identical to HB 1623.
Patron - Locke

P **SB884** **Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; early termination of rental agreement; victims of family abuse, sexual abuse or criminal sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.** Provides that a tenant who is a victim of family abuse, sexual abuse or other criminal sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking may terminate such tenant's obligations under an active and current rental agreement if the tenant has obtained a preliminary protective order or a magistrate, law-enforcement agency, grand jury, special grand jury, or court has issued a warrant, summons, information, or indictment charging any such crime. Under current law, there must be a permanent protective order or a conviction before the tenant may terminate such obligations under a rental agreement. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.
Patron - Perry

P **SB934** **Certain unclaimed property presumed abandoned; Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund.** Provides that any funds or other property held or payable to a member of the Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund that have remained unclaimed for more than five years after such member's forfeiture of his membership or the dissolution of a volunteer emergency medical services agency or volunteer fire department shall be presumed abandoned for the purposes of the Virginia Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act.
Patron - Craig

P **SB996** **Claims to unclaimed property; authority of administrator; emergency.** Authorizes the State Treasurer or his designee to make payments relating to unclaimed property without receiving a claim if the property is cash property, the apparent owner is a natural person and the sole owner of such property, the apparent owner has been identified by the State Treasurer or his designee, and the amount to be paid does not exceed $5,000. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill incorporates SB 867 and SB 922 and is identical to HB 1606.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB1043** **Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; terms and conditions of rental agreement; renewal notice.** Provides that a landlord who owns more than four rental dwelling units or more than a 10 percent interest in more than four rental dwelling units, whether individually or through a business entity, in the Commonwealth shall be required to provide written notice of nonrenewal to any tenant. This bill is identical to HB 1867.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1128** **Department of Housing and Community Development; Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; affordable housing; criminal record screening model policy.** Requires the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department), with input from a stakeholder group convened by the Department, to develop a criminal record screening model policy for admitting or denying an applicant for affordable housing covered under the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's guidance on the application of the federal Fair Housing Act to the use of criminal records and maintain such model policy on its website. The bill prohibits a landlord of an affordable housing unit from basing an adverse action, in whole or in part, on an applicant's criminal or arrest record unless the landlord does so in accordance with the criminal record screening model policy developed by the Department and posted on its website and provides the applicant with a written copy of such policy. The provisions of the bill other than the requirement for the Department to convene a work group have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Lucas

P **SB1210** **Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures for buyer to beware; aircraft noise.** Requires that the owner of a residential real property include in the residential property disclosure statement provided to a potential purchaser of such residential real property a statement that the owner makes no representations or warranties with respect to the property's proximity to a public use airport nor any noise from aircraft due to the proximity of the property to flight operations, and purchasers are advised to exercise whatever due diligence they deem necessary to determine whether the property is within proximity to a flight path or public use airport aircraft noise zone. The bill also requires the Department of Aviation to establish and provide to the Real Estate Board by July 31, 2025, a website address that allows purchasers to access public use airport aircraft noise zone maps, and requires the Real Estate Board to include such website address on the form for signature by the parties stating that the purchaser has been advised of the disclosures listed in the residential property disclosure statement. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission. This bill is identical to HB 1706.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1221** **Public housing authorities; indigent parties; unlawful detainer.** Exempts indigent defendants from having to post an appeal bond in unlawful detainer actions brought by a public housing authority. The bill also amends certain provisions of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to (i) prohibit any landlord that is a public housing authority from requiring a tenant to pay any fees for the maintenance or repair of a dwelling unit unless such repair is necessitated by the tenant's action or omission and (ii) require, if a public housing authority issues a notice of nonpayment of rent to a tenant, such public housing authority to provide the tenant certain information printed on pink or orange paper explaining how the tenant may recertify the tenant's income in accordance with federal law and policy. This bill is identical to HB 2415. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Aird

P **SB1356** **Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; rental payment methods.** Requires, with certain exceptions outlined in the bill, landlords subject to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to accept payment of periodic rent and any security deposit by any lawful means, including check, electronic funds transfer, debit or credit card, cash, and money order. The bill also removes the provision requiring the tenant to request a written receipt after paying in the form of cash or money order and requires the landlord to provide such written receipt as a matter of law. Finally, the bill prohibits a landlord from charging a tenant any fee for the collection or processing of any payment of rent, security deposit, or any other fees. This bill is identical to HB 2218. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Srinivasan

Failed

F **HB1640** **Virginia Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act; administrator to exercise due diligence to locate owner.** Requires the State Treasurer or his designee to exercise due diligence to locate the owner of unclaimed funds or abandoned property previously paid or delivered to the State Treasurer or his designee. Such exercise of due diligence shall include, if necessary, that the State Treasurer or his designee coordinate with the Tax Commissioner to provide the Department of the Treasury with relevant tax information for the purposes of locating such owner.
Patron - Hayes

F **HB1671** **Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act; recordkeeping by resellers.** Removes the requirement under the Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act that, if contact information has been obtained by a reseller of a time-share from any source, such reseller and the lead dealer of such time-share maintain a copy of a current government-issued photographic identification of the lead dealer who provided the contact information.
Patron - Wright

F **HB1709** **Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; landlord obligations; access of tenant to broadband services.** Prohibits the landlord of a multifamily dwelling unit from accepting payment from a provider of broadband service for granting such provider mere access to the landlord's tenants or giving such tenants mere access to such service. The bill also prohibits a landlord from demanding or accepting payment from tenants in exchange for such a service unless the landlord itself is the provider of the service.
Patron - Gardner

F **HB1870** **Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; algorithmic device services or products prohibited; civil penalty.** Prohibits the sale of algorithmic device services or products, as defined in the bill, for the purpose of setting or recommending the amount of rent to be charged to a tenant for the occupancy of a dwelling unit. The bill also prohibits a person engaged in the business of providing algorithmic device services or products for the purpose of advising a landlord of the amount of rent that such landlord may consider charging a tenant for the occupancy of a dwelling unit from using nonpublic competitor data, defined in the bill, pertaining to residential properties in the Commonwealth in algorithmic calculations. A violation of such prohibited practices is considered an unfair deceptive trade practice for which the Attorney General may cause an action to be brought in the name of the Commonwealth.
Patron - Callsen

F **HB2047** **Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; algorithmic pricing devices; study; report.** Prohibits a landlord from, for the purpose of advising the landlord of the amount of rent to charge a prospective tenant

for the occupancy of a dwelling unit, using, incorporating, or training an algorithmic pricing device, defined in the bill, to restrain the rental housing market in ways that constitute an unfair method of competition. The bill grants a tenant with a reasonable belief that his landlord has violated the prohibition an opportunity to file a written complaint with the Office of the Algorithmic Rent Pricing Ombudsman, created in the bill, or to bring an action against his landlord. The bill requires a landlord who uses an algorithmic pricing device to advise him of the amount of rent to charge a prospective tenant for the occupancy of a dwelling unit to disclose the same to a tenant.

The bill also directs the Virginia Housing Commission to study the deployment of algorithmic pricing devices and similar predictive technologies for the sale of housing in the Commonwealth to determine whether such devices perpetuate systemic biases prevalent in the housing market. The Commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology by November 1, 2026.

Patron - Anthony

F **HB2292** **Common interest communities; termination of certain management contracts; transfer of association books and records.** Provides that within a reasonable time after termination of a management contract and without additional cost to the association, a common interest community manager shall transfer and release all funds and close bank accounts maintained on behalf of an association.

Patron - Coyner

F **HB2348** **Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; flood-related disclosures.** Requires the owner of residential real property located in the Commonwealth who has actual knowledge that the dwelling unit is located within certain flood hazard areas or floodplains to disclose such fact to the purchaser. The bill also removes from the disclosure statement provided by the Real Estate Board that is furnished to the purchaser of residential real property that the owner makes no representation with respect to whether the property is located in one or more special flood hazard areas.

Patron - Hernandez

F **HB2542** **Common interest communities; amateur radio antennas permitted.** Prohibits certain common interest community associations from prohibiting the installation of an amateur radio antenna on the roof of the unit owned by the unit owner or on a roof appurtenant to the unit owned by the unit owner or, in the case of a property owners' association, a lot owner's property, and sets forth provisions governing the installation and removal of such amateur radio antennas.

Patron - Seibold

F **SB867** **Virginia Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act; administrator to exercise due diligence to locate owner.** Requires the State Treasurer or his designee to exercise due diligence to locate the owner of unclaimed funds or abandoned property previously paid or delivered to the State Treasurer or his designee. Such exercise of due diligence shall include, if necessary, that the State Treasurer or his designee coordinate with the Tax Commissioner to provide the Department of the Treasury with relevant tax information for the purposes of locating such owner. This bill was incorporated into SB 996.

Patron - Reeves

F **SB922** **Claims to unclaimed property; authority of administrator.** Authorizes the State Treasurer or his designee to make payments relating to unclaimed property without receiving a claim if the property is cash property, the apparent owner is a natural person and such apparent owner has been identified by the State Treasurer or his designee, and the amount to be paid does not exceed $5,000. This bill was incorporated into SB 996.

Patron - Craig

F **SB1140** **Prohibited acquisition of single family homes; affidavit; civil penalty.** Restricts any partnership, corporation, or real estate investment trust that manages funds pooled from investors; is a fiduciary to such investors; has net value or assets under management on any day during a taxable year; and holds an interest in more than fifty single-family homes from acquiring any interest in any other single-family home, as defined in the bill to include manufactured home parks and single family-residential duplexes, on or after July 1, 2025. The bill also requires an offering purchaser of a manufactured home park to provide a notarized affidavit certifying that the purchaser is not prohibited from acquiring such an interest. Any false statements on such affidavit shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to $10,000 per occurrence for deposit into the Revolving Loan Fund for the Purchase of Manufactured Home Parks pursuant to the appropriation act.

Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB1400** **Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; algorithmic device services or products prohibited; civil penalty.** Prohibits the sale of algorithmic device services or products, as defined in the bill, for the purpose of setting or recommending the amount of rent to be charged to a tenant for the occupancy of a dwelling unit. The bill also prohibits a person engaged in the business of providing algorithmic device services or products for the purpose of advising a landlord of the amount of rent that such landlord may consider charging a tenant for the occupancy of a dwelling unit from using nonpublic competitor data, defined in the bill, pertaining to residential properties in the Commonwealth in algorithmic calculations. A violation of such prohibited practices is considered an unfair deceptive trade practice for which the Attorney General may cause an action to be brought in the name of the Commonwealth.

Patron - Salim

F **SB1424** **Prohibited acquisition and ownership of single-family homes; restrictions; civil penalty.** Restricts any partnership, corporation, or real estate investment trust that manages funds pooled from investors and has $50 million or more in net value or assets under management on any day during a taxable year from acquiring any interest in single-family homes, as defined in the bill, in the Commonwealth and requires registration with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by September 1, 2026, for any such business that acquired such interest prior to July 1, 2026. The bill also requires any such business to divest at least 10 percent of such interest per year over a course of 10 years whereby no such business shall own any interest in single-family homes on and after July 1, 2036.

The bill requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to report annually by December 1 on the registrations and any penalties assessed for failure to register or divest ownership interests and to submit such report to the Governor and the General Assembly. The bill also requires all real property tax bills to contain notice of such prohibited business ownership restrictions and registration requirements. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Patron - VanValkenburg

Public Service Companies

Passed

P **HB1821 Electric utilities; accelerated renewable energy buyers; zero-carbon electricity; energy storage resources.** Permits an accelerated renewable energy buyer or group of accelerated renewable energy buyers to contract to (i) obtain bundled capacity, energy, and renewable energy certificates from zero-carbon electricity generation resources under certain conditions and (ii) offset all or a portion of their capacity needs through the procurement of energy storage resources under certain conditions. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Reid

P **HB1822 Electric utilities; construction of electrical transmission lines; advanced conductors.** Requires the State Corporation Commission to consider the prudency of using advanced conductors in making any determination regarding need, corridor, route, or method of installation as it relates to certain applications for the construction of transmission lines of 138 kilovolts or more. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - Reid

P **HB1883 Electric utilities; renewable energy portfolio standard program requirements; power purchase agreements.** Amends certain renewable energy portfolio standard program requirements for Dominion Energy Virginia, including (i) the annual percentage of program requirements to be met with behind-the meter solar, wind, or anaerobic digestion resources of three megawatts or less located in the Commonwealth and (ii) the date by which 75 percent of such requirements shall be met with resources located in the Commonwealth. The bill also removes the requirement for a solar-powered or wind-powered generation facility to have a capacity of no less than 50 kilowatts to qualify for a third party power purchase agreement under a pilot program. The bill permits Dominion Energy Virginia to recover certain costs prior to December 31, 2032, and provides that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to encourage development on previously developed project sites, as defined in existing law, to reduce the land use impacts of solar development. This bill is identical to SB 1040. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Callsen

P **HB1934 Electric utilities; generation of electricity from renewable and zero carbon sources; projects on or adjacent to public elementary or secondary schools.** Provides that for purposes of compliance with a renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) program, to the extent that low-income qualifying projects, as defined in existing law, are not available and projects located on or adjacent to public elementary or secondary schools are available, a certain percentage of the required projects shall be composed of projects located on or adjacent to public elementary or secondary schools. This bill is identical to SB 1192. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - LeVere Bolling

P **HB2084 State Corporation Commission regulatory proceeding; reasonable classifications of customers by public utilities.** Directs the State Corporation Commission, in an existing proceeding filed after January 1, 2025, but no late than July 1, 2027, to determine whether Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power are using rates, tolls, charges, or schedules that contain reasonable classifications of utility customers.
Patron - Shin

P **HB2087 Electric utilities; electric vehicle charging stations; transportation electrification.** Permits Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power Company to develop, own, maintain, and operate public-facing fast-charging stations, as defined in the bill, at or beyond a radial distance from privately owned fast-charging stations, which radial distance shall be determined by the Commission in a rulemaking proceeding initiated by June 1, 2027, with a final order entered no later than December 31, 2027. The bill repeals current law related to the recovery of costs associated with investment in transportation electrification on December 31, 2027, to coincide with such final order. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2030. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Shin

P **HB2090 Multi-family shared solar program; minimum bill.** Amends requirements for a shared solar facility for the purposes of the multi-family shared solar program to include facilities that are located on a rooftop of a commercial building that shares a common or adjacent substation of the investor-owned utility with the multi-family shared solar subscriber. The bill also adds requirements for the minimum bill for the multi-family shared solar program requiring that a subscriber's net bill not fall below the minimum bill and requiring that the calculation of a subscriber's minimum bill be based on the amount of kilowatt-hours billed by the utility. The bill requires the State Corporation Commission, by December 31, 2025, to adopt amendments to its regulations governing the multi-family shared solar program to reflect the bill's provisions. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Shin

P **HB2136 Office of the Public Utility Ombudsman; established.** Requires the State Corporation Commission to establish the Office of the Public Utility Ombudsman to protect the interests of residential customers of public utilities. The Office of the Public Utility Ombudsman shall serve (i) residential customers of public utilities that are jurisdictional or of limited jurisdiction and (ii) residential customers who cannot be assisted by other Commission staff due to a potential conflict of interest. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

P **HB2266 State Corporation Commission; distribution cost sharing program; required distribution system upgrades.** Directs the State Corporation Commission by July 1, 2026, to establish by regulation a distribution cost sharing program for Dominion Energy Virginia and Appalachian Power to construct distribution system upgrades required to interconnect participating projects, as defined in the bill. The bill directs the Commission to require each such utility to file any tariffs, agreements, or forms necessary for the implementation of the program by December 1, 2026, and to submit a report on the implementation of the program by November 1, 2028. This bill is identical to SB 1058. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Tran

P **HB2346 Electric utilities; virtual power plant pilot program.** Requires Dominion Energy Virginia to petition the State Corporation Commission for approval to conduct a pilot program to evaluate methods to optimize demand through various technology applications, including the establishment of

virtual power plants, by December 1, 2025. The bill requires the pilot program to evaluate electric grid capacity needs and the ability of such virtual power plants to provide grid services, including peak-shaving, during times of peak electric demand. This bill is identical to SB 1100. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Hernandez

P **HB2413 Electric utilities; integrated resource plans.** Makes various changes related to the content and process for an integrated resource plan (IRP) developed by an electric utility that provides a forecast of its load obligations and a plan to meet those obligations. The bill (i) extends the planning timeframe from 15 to 20 years; (ii) requires Appalachian Power to file an IRP by removing an exception from the definition of "electric utility"; (iii) changes the frequency a utility is required to file an IRP from biennially to triennially; and (iv) requires utilities to consider the use of grid-enhancing technologies as alternatives to new transmission infrastructure, and when new transmission lines are envisioned, to provide the reasons grid-enhancing technologies are not sufficient to defer or eliminate the need for new transmission infrastructure.
The bill requires that the current stakeholder review process for integrated resource plans be facilitated by a third-party facilitator selected by the State Corporation Commission and compensated by the utility. The bill requires, as part of the stakeholder review process, the utility to provide stakeholders with reasonable access to the same modeling software, modeling assumptions, modeling inputs, and data used by the utility to evaluate supply and demand resources in its integrated resource plan to enable stakeholders to create modeling scenarios for the utility's consideration during the development of its integrated resource plan.
The bill requires the Commission to (a) establish guidelines that ensure that utilities develop comprehensive integrated resource plans and provide meaningful public engagement and maximum transparency during the planning process; (b) conduct a proceeding by July 1, 2026, and at least once every five years thereafter, to identify and review each of its existing orders relevant to integrated resource plans to determine if such orders remain necessary and effective and are not overly burdensome; and (c) to convene a work group to make recommendations on the required guidelines.
Finally, the bill requires any petition to permit the construction and operation of electrical generating facilities filed by an electric utility that is required to file an integrated resource plan to (1) incorporate the intent to construct and operate such generating facilities or (2) if the utility's intent to construct and operate such generating facilities was not identified in the utility's most recently approved integrated resource plan, provide a detailed explanation of why the utility did not anticipate the need for such generating facilities.
As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation. This bill is identical to SB 1021. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2537 Electric utilities; energy storage requirements; Department of Energy and Department of Environmental Quality to develop model ordinances; work groups; reports.** Increases the targets for energy storage capacity that Appalachian Power and Dominion Energy Virginia are required to petition the State Corporation Commission for approval to construct, acquire, or procure and extends the time frame by which such capacity must be met. Under the bill, (i) Appalachian Power shall petition the Commission for approval to construct, acquire, or procure at least 780 megawatts of short-duration energy storage capacity by 2040 and 520 megawatts of long-duration energy storage capacity by 2045 and (ii) Dominion Energy Virginia shall petition the Commission for approval to construct, acquire, or procure at least 5,220 megawatts of short-duration energy storage capacity by 2045 and 3,480 megawatts of long-duration energy storage capacity by 2045. "Long-duration energy storage" and "short-duration energy storage" are defined in the bill. The bill requires the Commission to conduct a technology demonstration program for long-duration energy storage resources and initiate a proceeding to determine if such technology is viable and that the targets in the bill are reasonably achievable, for which a final order shall be entered no later than March 1, 2030. Certain provisions of the bill are only effective upon such determination by the Commission.
The bill requires the Department of Energy, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Fire Programs, to create model ordinances for use by localities in their regulation of energy storage projects and to convene a work group to develop such model ordinances and submit a report by December 1, 2025. The bill directs the Department of Energy and the Department of Environmental Quality to convene a work group to develop recommendations and financial incentives related to the development of long-duration energy storage projects and submit a report by December 1, 2025. The bill also directs the Department of Energy to engage with PJM Interconnection, LLC, in reviewing regional market conditions related to energy storage resources and permits Dominion Energy Virginia to propose a partnership with institutions of higher education to deploy energy storage resources. This bill is identical to SB 1394. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB2621 Phase I Utilities; securitized asset costs.** Authorizes Appalachian Power to petition the State Corporation Commission for a financing order for securitized asset costs, as defined in the bill. The bill creates the securitized asset cost charge and provides that the revenues generated by this charge, known as securitized asset cost property, are a property right that can be transferred and pledged as security for the securitized asset cost bonds. The bill establishes the procedures for creating, perfecting, and enforcing the security interest in securitized asset cost property.
The bill also prohibits rate increases for Appalachian Power during the months of November through February and prohibits rate adjustment clauses from taking effect on customer bills between the months of November through February. The bill prohibits Appalachian Power from charing a residential customer any interest or late fees between July 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, and from charging a residential customer any reconnection fees between July 1, 2025, and March 1, 2026. The bill also provides that in any rate proceeding for Appalachian Power, the State Corporation Commission shall include an invitation for public comment. This bill incorporates HB 1588.
Patron - Ballard

P **HB2644 Electric cooperative subsidiaries; customers exceeding 90 megawatts demand.** Permits electric cooperatives, through one or more of their affiliates, to make unregulated sales of electric power to certain customers that contract for electric utility services to serve a demand that is reasonably expected to exceed 90 megawatts. This bill is identical to SB 1197.
Patron - Sickles

P **HB2711 Water utilities and wastewater utilities; eligible infrastructure replacement and enhancement; cost recovery.** Permits a water or wastewater utility to petition the State Corporation Commission for the approval of an eligible infrastructure replacement and

enhancement plan, as defined in the bill. The bill requires that a water or wastewater utility that receives approval for an eligible infrastructure replacement and enhancement rider shall provide a proposed earnings test for informational purposes in each annual informational filing or base rate proceeding filed with the State Corporation Commission before December 1, 2030. The provisions of the bill expire on July 1, 2035. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the State Water Commission. This bill is identical to SB 850.
Patron - Lopez

P **HB2744 Phase I and Phase II Utilities; energy efficiency upgrades; low-income residents; report.** States that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to reduce, wherever feasible and cost-effective, heating-related costs of living for low-income residents. The bill requires Dominion Energy Virginia and Appalachian Power to make best, reasonable efforts to provide by December 31, 2030, prescriptive efficiency measures, as defined in the bill, and related efficiency improvements to at least 30 percent of the qualifying households, as defined in the bill, identified by such utilities, provided that the State Corporation Commission determines that such upgrades are in the public interest. The bill requires such utilities to report to the Commission its activities, plans, and filings regarding the bill's provisions no later than January 1, 2027, annually thereafter, and in any recurring filing that the Commission deems appropriate. This bill is identical to SB 1342.This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Sickles

P **SB823 Electric utilities; construction of renewable energy facilities.** Requires Dominion Energy Virginia and Appalachian Power, in constructing any renewable energy facility, to develop and submit a plan to the State Corporation Commission for review and approval that addresses the following considerations, to the extent not already addressed in existing filings: (i) options for utilizing local workers; (ii) the economic development benefits of the project for the Commonwealth, including capital investments and job creation; (iii) opportunities to advance the Commonwealth's workforce and economic development goals, including furtherance of apprenticeship and other workforce training programs; and (iv) giving priority to the hiring, apprenticeship, and training of local workers, workers from historically economically disadvantaged communities, and veterans. The bill requires that in approving any such facility, the Commission shall issue findings related to how the facility will advance such interests. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Rouse

P **SB850 Water utilities and wastewater utilities; eligible infrastructure replacement and enhancement; cost recovery.** Permits a water or wastewater utility to petition the State Corporation Commission for the approval of an eligible infrastructure replacement and enhancement plan, as defined in the bill. The bill requires that a water or wastewater utility that receives approval for an eligible infrastructure replacement and enhancement rider shall provide a proposed earnings test for informational purposes in each annual informational filing or base rate proceeding filed with the State Corporation Commission before December 1, 2030. The provisions of the bill expire on July 1, 2035. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the State Water Commission. This bill is identical to HB 2711.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB893 Renewable energy portfolio standard program; geothermal heating and cooling systems; report.** For purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard program, requires Dominion Energy Virginia and American Electric Power to procure and retire certain percentages of renewable energy certificates from geothermal heating and cooling systems, as defined in the bill, beginning with the 2026 or 2027 compliance year and thereafter. The bill amends the method by which renewable energy certificates from geothermal heating and cooling systems are calculated and directs the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation to prepare and deliver a report evaluating the procurement and retirement of renewable energy certificates from geothermal heating and cooling systems in the Commonwealth on or before November 1, 2027. The bill also directs the Real Estate Appraiser Board to promulgate regulations requiring the development of a continuing education curriculum and required training for all licensees that includes how to properly determine the increase in value of real estate created by reductions in building energy costs associated with solar, geothermal, and solar water heating investments. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB1021 Electric utilities; integrated resource plans.** Makes various changes related to the content and process for an integrated resource plan (IRP) developed by an electric utility that provides a forecast of its load obligations and a plan to meet those obligations. The bill (i) extends the planning timeframe from 15 to 20 years; (ii) requires Appalachian Power to file an IRP by removing an exception from the definition of "electric utility"; (iii) changes the frequency a utility is required to file an IRP from biennially to triennially; and (iv) requires utilities to consider the use of grid-enhancing technologies as alternatives to new transmission infrastructure, and when new transmission lines are envisioned, to provide the reasons grid-enhancing technologies are not sufficient to defer or eliminate the need for new transmission infrastructure.
The bill requires that the current stakeholder review process for integrated resource plans be facilitated by a third-party facilitator selected by the State Corporation Commission and compensated by the utility. The bill requires, as part of the stakeholder review process, the utility to provide stakeholders with reasonable access to the same modeling software, modeling assumptions, modeling inputs, and data used by the utility to evaluate supply and demand resources in its integrated resource plan to enable stakeholders to create modeling scenarios for the utility's consideration during the development of its integrated resource plan.
The bill requires the Commission to (a) establish guidelines that ensure that utilities develop comprehensive integrated resource plans and provide meaningful public engagement and maximum transparency during the planning process; (b) conduct a proceeding by July 1, 2026, and at least once every five years thereafter, to identify and review each of its existing orders relevant to integrated resource plans to determine if such orders remain necessary and effective and are not overly burdensome; and (c) to convene a work group to make recommendations on the required guidelines.
Finally, the bill requires any petition to permit the construction and operation of electrical generating facilities filed by an electric utility that is required to file an integrated resource plan to (1) incorporate the intent to construct and operate such generating facilities or (2) if the utility's intent to construct and operate such generating facilities was not identified in the utility's most recently approved integrated resource plan, provide a detailed explanation of why the utility did not anticipate the need for such generating facilities.
As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation. This bill is identical to HB 2413. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB1040 Electric utilities; renewable energy portfolio standard program requirements; power purchase agreements.** Amends certain renewable energy portfolio standard program requirements for Dominion Energy Virginia, including (i) the annual percentage of program requirements to be met with behind-the meter solar, wind, or anaerobic digestion resources of three megawatts or less located in the Commonwealth and (ii) the date by which 75 percent of such requirements shall be met with resources located in the Commonwealth. The bill also removes the requirement for a solar-powered or wind-powered generation facility to have a capacity of no less than 50 kilowatts to qualify for a third party power purchase agreement under a pilot program. The bill permits Dominion Energy Virginia to recover certain costs prior to December 31, 2032, and provides that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to encourage development on previously developed project sites, as defined in existing law, to reduce the land use impacts of solar development. This bill is identical to HB 1883. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SB1047 Department of Energy; demand response programs; evaluation and assessment; report.** Directs the Department of Energy to evaluate and assess benefits, impacts, best practices, and implementation recommendations for demand response programs in the Commonwealth and to report such evaluation and assessment by November 1, 2025. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Roem

P **SB1058 State Corporation Commission; distribution cost sharing program; required distribution system upgrades.** Directs the State Corporation Commission by July 1, 2026, to establish by regulation a distribution cost sharing program for Dominion Energy Virginia and Appalachian Power to construct distribution system upgrades required to interconnect participating projects, as defined in the bill. The bill directs the Commission to require each such utility to file any tariffs, agreements, or forms necessary for the implementation of the program by December 1, 2026, and to submit a report on the implementation of the program by November 1, 2028. This bill is identical to HB 2266. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1076 Phase I Utilities; securitized asset costs.** Authorizes Appalachian Power to petition the State Corporation Commission for a financing order for securitized asset costs, as defined in the bill. The bill creates the securitized asset cost charge and provides that the revenues generated by this charge, known as securitized asset cost property, are a property right that can be transferred and pledged as security for the securitized asset cost bonds. The bill establishes the procedures for creating, perfecting, and enforcing the security interest in securitized asset cost property.

The bill also prohibits rate increases for Appalachian Power during the months of November through February and prohibits rate adjustment clauses from taking effect on customer bills between the months of November through February. The bill prohibits Appalachian Power from charing a residential customer any interest or late fees between July 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, and from charging a residential customer any reconnection fees between July 1, 2025, and March 1, 2026. The bill also provides that in any rate proceeding for Appalachian Power, the State Corporation Commission shall include an invitation for public comment.

Patron - Peake

P **SB1100 Electric utilities; virtual power plant pilot program.** Requires Dominion Energy Virginia to petition the State Corporation Commission for approval to conduct a pilot program to evaluate methods to optimize demand through various technology applications, including the establishment of virtual power plants, by December 1, 2025. The bill requires the pilot program to evaluate electric grid capacity needs and the ability of such virtual power plants to provide grid services, including peak-shaving, during times of peak electric demand. This bill is identical to HB 2346. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Hashmi

P **SB1192 Electric utilities; generation of electricity from renewable and zero carbon sources; projects on or adjacent to public elementary or secondary schools.** Provides that for purposes of compliance with a renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) program, to the extent that low-income qualifying projects, as defined in existing law, are not available and projects located on or adjacent to public elementary or secondary schools are available, a certain percentage of the required projects shall be composed of projects located on or adjacent to public elementary or secondary schools. This bill is identical to HB 1934. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Deeds

P **SB1197 Electric cooperative subsidiaries; customers exceeding 90 megawatts demand.** Permits electric cooperatives, through one or more of their affiliates, to make unregulated sales of electric power to certain customers that contract for electric utility services to serve a demand that is reasonably expected to exceed 90 megawatts. This bill is identical to HB 2644.

Patron - Deeds

P **SB1239 Cybersecurity; electric service by investor-owned electric utilities and electric cooperatives; work group; report.** Directs the State Corporation Commission to convene a work group to evaluate cybersecurity as it relates to the provision of electric service by investor-owned electric utilities and electric cooperatives and requires the Commission to report on its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Labor and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor by November 30, 2025.

Patron - McDougle

P **SB1316 Renewable energy portfolio standard eligible sources; geothermal electric generating resources.** Provides that geothermal electric generating resources, as defined in the bill, located in the Commonwealth or physically located within the PJM region are eligible for compliance with renewable energy portfolio standard requirements. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - McPike

P **SB1342 Phase I and Phase II Utilities; energy efficiency upgrades; low-income residents; report.** States that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to reduce, wherever feasible and cost-effective, heating-related costs of living for low-income residents. The bill requires Dominion Energy Virginia and Appalachian Power to make best, reasonable efforts to provide by December 31, 2030, prescriptive efficiency measures, as defined in the bill, and related efficiency improvements to at least 30 percent of the qualifying households, as defined in the bill, identified by such utilities, provided that the State Corporation Commission determines that such upgrades are in the public interest. The bill requires

such utilities to report to the Commission its activities, plans, and filings regarding the bill's provisions no later than January 1, 2027, annually thereafter, and in any recurring filing that the Commission deems appropriate. This bill is identical to HB 2744. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Bagby

P **SB1394** **Electric utilities; energy storage requirements; Department of Energy and Department of Environmental Quality to develop model ordinances; work groups; reports.** Increases the targets for energy storage capacity that Appalachian Power and Dominion Energy Virginia are required to petition the State Corporation Commission for approval to construct, acquire, or procure and extends the time frame by which such capacity must be met. Under the bill, (i) Appalachian Power shall petition the Commission for approval to construct, acquire, or procure at least 780 megawatts of short-duration energy storage capacity by 2040 and 520 megawatts of long-duration energy storage capacity by 2045 and (ii) Dominion Energy Virginia shall petition the Commission for approval to construct, acquire, or procure at least 5,220 megawatts of short-duration energy storage capacity by 2045 and 3,480 megawatts of long-duration energy storage capacity by 2045. "Long-duration energy storage" and "short-duration energy storage" are defined in the bill. The bill requires the Commission to conduct a technology demonstration program for long-duration energy storage resources and initiate a proceeding to determine if such technology is viable and that the targets in the bill are reasonably achievable, for which a final order shall be entered no later than March 1, 2030. Certain provisions of the bill are only effective upon such determination by the Commission.
The bill requires the Department of Energy, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Fire Programs, to create model ordinances for use by localities in their regulation of energy storage projects and to convene a work group to develop such model ordinances and submit a report by December 1, 2025. The bill directs the Department of Energy and the Department of Environmental Quality to convene a work group to develop recommendations and financial incentives related to the development of long-duration energy storage projects and submit a report by December 1, 2025. The bill also directs the Department of Energy to engage with PJM Interconnection, LLC, in reviewing regional market conditions related to energy storage resources and permits Dominion Energy Virginia to propose a partnership with institutions of higher education to deploy energy storage resources. This bill is identical to HB 2537. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Bagby

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F **HB1588** **Public utilities; rate increases during certain months prohibited.** Prohibits the regulated operating revenues of certain public utilities from being increased in the months of November, December, January, or February. The bill's limitation does not apply to certain increases, which are the same exceptions as allowed for the existing prohibition on multiple rate increases during a 12-month period. This bill was incorporated into HB 2621.
Patron - Williams

F **HB1672** **Retail electric energy; renewable energy certificates.** Requires competitive service providers, as defined in the bill, to serve 100 percent of their customers' energy and capacity needs from electric generating units located within the PJM transmission region. Under the bill, a competitive service provider must ensure that 100 percent of its customers' energy is either zero-carbon electricity or matched with zero-carbon electricity or renewable energy certificates. A certain percentage of a retail customer's annual load must be matched with renewable energy certificates from within the PJM transmission region. The bill allows certain retail customers to be exempt from non-bypassable charges associated with the renewable energy portfolio standard. The bill also requires the State Corporation Commission to promulgate rules as necessary to ensure that the provisions of the bill do not create an unreasonable shifting of costs to nonparticipating customers and to ensure that in all integrated resource plans and cost recovery proceedings no incumbent electric utility is improperly incorporating the loads of retail electric customers into its forecasts or load projections.
Patron - Jones

F **HB1875** **Electric utilities; renewable energy portfolio standard program; zero-carbon electricity.** Amends the definition of renewable energy for purposes of the Virginia Electric Utility Regulation Act to include energy derived from hydrogen and nuclear power. The bill provides that the existing renewable energy portfolio standard program that establishes goals for the sale of renewable energy shall also include goals for the sale of zero-carbon electricity and adds zero-carbon electricity generating resources and certain other resources approved by the State Corporation Commission to the list of eligible sources for purposes of the renewable portfolio standard program.
Patron - Bloxom

F **HB1999** **Energy Innovation Pilot Program established.** Establishes the Energy Innovation Pilot Program to foster the development of innovative energy projects by allowing Program participants to provide grid services or other beneficial energy measures. Under the Program, a participant, after obtaining State Corporation Commission approval, is not required to comply with specific state statutes and regulations pertaining to the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale, except for those laws and regulations that are required for worker safety, public safety, or environmental protection, for a period of five years. The bill includes provisions for application requirements, an approval process, Program exit procedures, a test period extension process, suspension or revocation of Commission approval, consumer protections, Commission investigations, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements.
Patron - McNamara

F **HB2003** **Electric utilities; regional transmission entities; annual report.** Requires each incumbent electric utility that is a member of or has established a regional transmission entity for purposes of management and control of its transmission system as required under current law to submit an annual report by February 1 of each year. Such report shall include all recorded votes cast by the utility during the immediately preceding calendar year, all votes cast by an affiliate of the utility, and a brief description explaining how each vote cast by the utility or its affiliate is in the public interest.
Patron - Laufer

F **HB2027** **State Corporation Commission; certificate of operation for high load facilities.** Prohibits any person from operating a high load facility, defined in the bill as a facility whose electricity demand exceeds 25 megawatts that was not operating before July 1, 2026, without first having obtained a certificate of operation from the State Corporation Commission. The bill requires the Commission to permit the operation of a high load facility upon a finding that such facility and associated facilities (i) will have no material

adverse effect upon the rates paid by customers of any regulated public utility in the Commonwealth, taking into account any likely generation, transmission, or distribution needs attributable to the operation of the high load facility; (ii) will have no material adverse effect upon reliability of electric service provided by any regulated public utility; (iii) would be consistent with the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy; and (iv) are not otherwise contrary to the public interest. The bill requires the Commission to consider certain factors in a review of a petition for a certificate to operate a high load facility, including whether there is sufficient energy, capacity, and grid infrastructure to support the operation of the high load facility and whether the operation of the high load facility would create an unreasonable cross-subsidy across customers served by the incumbent electric utility. Finally, the bill requires the Commission to conduct a proceeding to establish minimum criteria for the issuance of a certificate of operation for a high load facility and requirements for public notice and an opportunity for hearing.
Patron - Thomas

F **HB2101** **Electric utilities; data center cost allocation.** Directs the State Corporation Commission to initiate proceedings to determine if the current allocation of costs among different customer classifications of electric utilities requires customers that are not data centers to unreasonably subsidize the costs of customers that are data centers. If the Commission determines that the current allocation of costs requires customers that are not data centers to unreasonably subsidize the costs of customers that are data centers, the bill directs the Commission to promulgate such rules as necessary to eliminate or minimize such unreasonable subsidies to the maximum possible extent. The bill directs the Commission to complete such proceedings prior to January 1, 2026.
Patron - Maldonado

F **HB2185** **Regulation of electric utilities; development of renewable energy facilities; powers of State Air Pollution Control Board; powers of State Corporation Commission.** Repeals provisions (i) requiring the State Air Pollution Control Board to adopt regulations to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from any electricity generating unit in the Commonwealth and authorizing the Board to establish an auction program for energy allowances; (ii) prohibiting the State Corporation Commission from approving any new utility-owned generation facilities that emit carbon dioxide as a by-product of energy generation, in certain circumstances; (iii) declaring that statutory allowances for energy derived from sunlight, onshore wind, offshore wind, and storage facilities are in the public interest; and (iv) relating to the development of solar and wind generation and energy storage capacity, development of offshore wind capacity, and generation of electricity from renewable and zero-carbon sources. The bill provides that planning and development activities for new nuclear generation facilities are in the public interest.
Patron - Freitas

F **HB2197** **Electric utilities; renewable energy standard eligible sources; zero-carbon electricity generating nuclear facilities.** Provides that, for the purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard, eligible sources include zero-carbon electricity generating nuclear facilities located in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Kilgore

F **HB2200** **Electric utilities; renewable portfolio standard program; deficiency payments.** Removes provisions requiring deficiency payments by certain electric utilities if such utilities are unable to meet the compliance obligation of the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) program requirements or if the cost of renewable energy certificates necessary to comply with RPS program requirements exceeds $45 per megawatt hour.
Patron - Kilgore

F **HB2281** **Electric utilities; municipal and state power aggregation; State Corporation Commission.** Permits municipalities to aggregate the electric energy load of residential, commercial, and industrial retail customers within its boundaries on an opt-in or opt-out basis if the retail electric customers are not already being served by a licensed supplier. The bill also requires the State Corporation Commission to promulgate rules as necessary to ensure that the provisions of the bill do not create an unreasonable shifting of costs to nonparticipating customers and to ensure that in all integrated resource plans and cost recovery proceedings no incumbent electric utility is improperly incorporating the loads of retail electric customers into its forecasts or load projections.
Patron - McNamara

F **HB2323** **Electric utilities; controlled environment agriculture facilities; time-of-use.** Requires electric utilities, upon the request of a controlled environment agriculture facility, as defined in the bill, to advise such facility of available time-of-use rate structures for such facility based on its expected electricity usage patterns.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2365** **Electric utilities; renewable energy portfolio standard program; zero-carbon electricity.** Amends the definition of renewable energy for purposes of the Virginia Electric Utility Regulation Act to include energy derived from hydrogen and nuclear power. The bill provides that the existing renewable energy portfolio standard program that establishes goals for the sale of renewable energy shall also include goals for the sale of zero-carbon electricity and adds zero-carbon electricity generating resources and certain other resources approved by the State Corporation Commission to the list of eligible sources for purposes of the renewable portfolio standard program.
Patron - Wilt

F **HB2376** **Electrical generating facilities; capacity factor; report.** Requires the owner of any electrical generating facility in the Commonwealth with a nameplate capacity of at least one megawatt to provide an annual report to the State Corporation Commission, including for each month of the immediately preceding year (i) the amount of electricity produced by such facility and (ii) the capacity factor, as defined in the bill, for such facility. The bill requires the Commission to compile all information reported pursuant to the bill's provisions and to publish an annual report of such compiled information.
Patron - Zehr

F **HB2386** **Public utilities; certificate of convenience and necessity for certain new transmission lines.** Provides that for construction of any overhead transmission line of 230 kilovolts and associated facilities, a public utility shall demonstrate that either the construction of such line remains within an existing right-of-way or that no alternatives are feasible within the existing right-of-way.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2422** **Public utilities; classification of customers.** Requires that a public electric utility or a public utility authorized to furnish water or water and sewer service include a separate classification for data centers, as defined in the bill, when satisfying the existing requirement that any rate,

toll, charge, or schedule of a public utility is only considered to be just and reasonable by the State Corporation Commission if the public utility has demonstrated that such rates, tolls, charges, or schedules contain reasonable classifications of customers.
Patron - Webert

F HB2436 Electric utilities; retail customer return to service. Changes from five years' advance written notice to one year's advance written notice the requirement for a retail customer of electric energy to return to service by an incumbent electric utility. The bill requires that electric energy sold by a licensed supplier be generated by renewable portfolio standard eligible sources.
Patron - Webert

F HB2437 Utility Facilities Act; definition of public utility. Provides that for the purpose of the Utility Facilities Act, "public utility" does not include a company that provides electric service from a generation facility located on the same tract of land as a customer with an actual or anticipated load greater than one megawatt that has been notified by its incumbent electric utility that such utility is unable to provide adequate electric service within six months of the customer's request, provided that (i) the company utilizes an electricity generation process that has an emissions rate at least 30 percent lower than the average annual marginal grid emissions rate in the PJM transmission region at the time of installation and (ii) all costs associated with such generator are borne by the customer and not by other ratepayers.
Patron - Webert

F HB2442 Public utilities; certificate of convenience and necessity. Provides that, if a public utility has already received a certificate of convenience and necessity to furnish service within its territory, such utility may construct, enlarge, contract with, or acquire and operate facilities for the generation and distribution of electric energy solely to a specific customer or customers located on the same tract of land as existing facilities without obtaining another certificate of convenience and necessity, provided that all costs associated with the new facilities shall be borne by the specific customer or customers.
Patron - Webert

F HB2459 New solar generation facilities; certificate of convenience and necessity; bond required. Provides that the State Corporation Commission shall only issue a certificate of convenience and necessity for a public utility to construct, enlarge, or acquire a solar generation facility that has a size of over one acre if the public utility has filed with the Commission a bond for performance payable to the Commonwealth. The amount of such bond shall be determined by the Commission depending on the size of the solar generation facility but shall not be less than $10,000.
Patron - O'Quinn

F HB2470 Electric utilities; construction of certain transmission lines; notice required. Requires any electric utility that is responsible for the construction, operation, or maintenance of an electric transmission line of 138 kilovolts or more within a locality to provide at least 180 days' written notice to the governing body of such locality prior to the construction of such transmission line.
Patron - Higgins

F HB2528 Electric utilities; customer energy choice; customer return to service; subscription cap and queue. Removes certain restrictions on the ability of individual retail customers of electric energy within the Commonwealth, regardless of customer class, to purchase electric energy matched 100 percent by renewable energy certificates from any supplier of electric energy licensed to sell retail electric energy within the Commonwealth. The bill requires a licensed supplier to match a percentage of each retail electric customer's annual load with renewable energy certificates from within the PJM transmission region. The bill decreases from five years to six months the required written notice period for certain electric energy customers to return to service by an incumbent electric utility after purchasing electric energy from other suppliers.

The bill also directs the Commission, by October 1, 2026, to establish a subscription cap allowance for certain utility customers seeking to participate in purchasing electric energy from a licensed supplier. The Commission is required to review the subscription cap allowance every two years starting on January 1, 2028, and electric utilities are required to file their subscription queues with the Commission by January 15, 2027, and annually thereafter. The bill contains an exception to the subscription cap allowance for customers seeking to expand usage at an existing or new facility. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, unless the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated pursuant to the bill specify a commencement date.
Patron - Lopez

F HB2545 Gas pipeline safety; regulations. Requires that for pipeline facilities used in the interstate transport of gas, as defined in federal regulations, any gas transported in transmission lines in the Commonwealth shall be adequately odorized, with an exception for certain pipelines in operation before May 5, 1975. The bill directs the State Corporation Commission to promulgate regulations related to the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Rasoul

F HB2547 Electric utilities; retail competition; aggregation of load. Provides, for retail competition for the purchase and sale of electric energy, that when two or more individual nonresidential retail customers of electric energy within the Commonwealth petition the State Corporation Commission for permission to aggregate or combine their demands to become qualified to purchase electric energy from a retail supplier, such retail customers shall be able to modify existing site accounts outlined in the petition without penalty or risk of revocation of petition approval, provided the petition continues to adhere to program requirements. Additionally, for a pilot program under which two or more nonresidential customers have filed applications seeking to aggregate their load and purchase electric energy from a supplier, such retail customers shall be able to modify existing site accounts outlined in the petition without penalty or risk of removal from the program, provided the petition continues to adhere to program requirements.
Patron - Rasoul

F HB2552 Electric utilities; emissions intensity target program. Requires the State Corporation Commission to develop an emissions intensity target program for Dominion Energy Virginia and American Electric Power to achieve net-zero emissions. The bill requires the Commission to promulgate regulations to implement its provisions by January 1, 2026. Upon the promulgation of such regulations, the bill repeals certain provisions that require Dominion Energy Virginia and American Electric Power to participate in a renewable energy portfolio standard program, authorize the State Air Pollution Control Board to promulgate certain regulations, and provide that the construction or purchase by a

public utility of certain generation facilities is in the public interest.
Patron - Bloxom

F **HB2604 Electric utilities; request for proposals required for certain facilities.** Requires an electric utility seeking approval to construct or purchase a generating facility that emits carbon dioxide to demonstrate that it has conducted a request for proposals designed to fairly evaluate all available supply-side and demand-side options prior to seeking approval for such generating facility. The bill requires the State Corporation Commission to review the request for proposals before the utility's issuance to ensure all available resources will be fairly evaluated.
Patron - Tran

F **HB2648 State Corporation Commission; time frame for completion of certain transmission lines proceedings.** Requires the State Corporation Commission to complete proceedings regarding the approval of certain transmission lines of 138 kilovolts or more that are located in Planning District 1, 2, or 3 within nine months.
Patron - Ballard

F **HB2665 Electric utilities; rate caps; Commission on Electric Utility Regulation; utility rate reviews.** Requires the State Corporation Commission to establish capped rates for Appalachian Power. The bill requires the capped rates to be the rates in effect for each Phase I electric utility as of July 1, 2025. The bill authorizes the Commission to adjust such capped rates in connection with the electric utility's recovery of fuel and purchased power costs. The bill's capped rates expire on July 1, 2027.
The bill requires the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation (the Commission) to review and make recommendations regarding certain petitions filed by Appalachian Power with the State Corporation Commission. For each such review, the bill requires the Commission to convene a subcommittee that includes one nonlegislative citizen member from each planning district commission within the Phase I Utility's service territory, each of whom is appointed by the relevant planning district commission. The Commission shall submit its recommendation to the State Corporation Commission no later than 90 days following the date such petition is filed. The bill prohibits the Commission from adopting any recommendation if a majority of the members of the subcommittee vote against the recommendation. The bill requires the State Corporation Commission to consider the recommendations of the Commission.
Patron - Morefield

F **HB2676 Electric utilities; renewable energy definition and facilities.** Amends the definition of "renewable energy" for the purposes of electric utility regulation to include fuel cells. The bill also adds any renewable energy generation facility located in the coalfield region of the Commonwealth to the list of projects for which a utility may seek a rate adjustment clause.
Patron - Kilgore

F **HB2684 Phase II Utility; plan for certain generation and transmission infrastructure costs.** Directs a Phase II Utility, as defined in existing law, to develop and file with the State Corporation Commission every two years a plan for addressing the risk of generation and transmission infrastructure costs associated with providing electric service to new customers that are data centers, as defined in existing law, being stranded with new customers.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2693 Regulation of electric utilities; development of renewable energy facilities; powers of State Air Pollution Control Board; powers of State Corporation Commission.** Repeals provisions (i) requiring the State Air Pollution Control Board to adopt regulations to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from any electricity generating unit in the Commonwealth and authorizing the Board to establish an auction program for energy allowances; (ii) prohibiting the State Corporation Commission from approving any new utility-owned generation facilities that emit carbon dioxide as a by-product of energy generation, in certain circumstances; (iii) declaring that statutory allowances for energy derived from sunlight, onshore wind, offshore wind, and storage facilities are in the public interest; and (iv) relating to the development of solar and wind generation and energy storage capacity, development of offshore wind capacity, and generation of electricity from renewable and zero-carbon sources. The bill provides that planning and development activities for new nuclear generation facilities are in the public interest.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2699 Natural gas utilities; retail supply choice; work group; report.** Allows every person access to distribution service or retail natural gas from a natural gas utility authorized to provide natural gas service to the area where the service will be received. The bill prohibits a public entity from adopting an ordinance, resolution, or any other requirement that limits or prohibits customers from acquiring natural gas service and supply from both utility and non-utility gas companies. The bill prohibits public entities from denying building permits solely based on a proposed utility provider and directs public entities to ensure that all applicable permits and fees are reasonable, as compared to other utility providers, and do not restrict an applicant's ability to use the services of an authorized utility provider. The bill also directs the Department of Energy to convene a work group for the purposes of evaluating the impact of critical infrastructure sectors on natural gas service or natural gas supply choice and the impact of any public entity restricting a critical infrastructure sector from acquiring fuel and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations by November 1, 2025.
Patron - O'Quinn

F **HB2755 Pilot program for underground transmission lines; qualifying projects.** Authorizes the State Corporation Commission to, in reviewing any application submitted by a public utility for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of an electrical transmission line of 500 kilovolts filed between January 2025 and July 2032, approve up to two applications for qualifying projects to be constructed in whole or in part underground as part of the pilot program for underground transmission lines and to provide an expedited review of any such application. The bill removes certain provisions related to the existing pilot program. Under the bill, a project shall be qualified if an engineering analysis demonstrates that it is technically feasible, if the applicant provides an overall cost of the project and its impact on electric service rates, and if the governing body of each locality in which a portion of the proposed line will be placed underground indicates support for the transmission line to be placed underground. The bill permits the Commission to deny an application for a project that otherwise meets the criteria to qualify, provided that the Commission shares its rationale for doing so. Additionally, rather than assigning certain costs to be recovered by Virginia jurisdictional customers, the bill requires that such costs be allocated by the Commission in a manner that is just and reasonable for customers.
Patron - Singh

F **HB2758** **Electric utilities; rate increases during certain months; biennial rate reviews.** Provides that Appalachian Power Company shall not be required to file a case for fuel recovery in 2025 and that commencing in 2026, it shall make annual filings by January 15 with interim rates effective March 1 of each year. The bill prohibits certain rate adjustments from being applied during the months of November through February. The bill also changes from March 31 to April 30 the date on which biennial rate review proceedings shall commence each biennial review year, from November 20 to December 31 the date for final orders to be granted, and from no later than January 1 of the subsequent year to no later than March 1 of the subsequent year the date by which any rate revisions shall take effect.

Patron - Shin

F **HB2780** **Electric Utility Regulation.**

Patron - O'Quinn

F **SB779** **Railroad safety; minimum train crew; movement of freight; civil penalties.** Requires railroad companies to comply with federal requirements for minimum train crews on all trains, locomotives, or light engines used in connection with moving freight and provides civil penalties for violations of such requirement.

Patron - Carroll Foy

F **SB887** **Dulles Greenway; toll rates.** Requires that (i) the toll rates for the Dulles Greenway set by the State Corporation Commission do not materially discourage the public's use of the toll road; (ii) the cost of operating the toll road is reasonably apportioned across all toll road users based on the relative distance each class of user travels on the toll road, such that the toll rates are established in a reasonable and nondiscriminatory manner in relation to the benefit obtained; and (iii) such toll rates provide the operator with no more than a reasonable return, which is defined in the bill.

Patron - Perry

F **SB902** **Electric utilities; renewable portfolio standard program; deficiency payments.** Removes provisions requiring deficiency payments by certain electric utilities if such utilities are unable to meet the compliance obligation of the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) program requirements or if the cost of renewable energy certificates necessary to comply with RPS program requirements exceeds $45 per megawatt hour.

Patron - Stanley

F **SB944** **Natural gas utilities; retail supply choice; work group; report.** Allows every person access to distribution service or retail natural gas from a natural gas utility authorized to provide natural gas service to the area where the service will be received. The bill prohibits a public entity from adopting an ordinance, resolution, or any other requirement that limits or prohibits customers from acquiring natural gas service and supply from both utility and non-utility gas companies. The bill prohibits public entities from denying building permits solely based on a proposed utility provider and directs public entities to ensure that all applicable permits and fees are reasonable, as compared to other utility providers, and do not restrict an applicant's ability to use the services of an authorized utility provider. The bill also directs the Department of Energy to convene a work group for the purposes of evaluating the impact of critical infrastructure sectors on natural gas service or natural gas supply choice and the impact of any public entity restricting a critical infrastructure sector from acquiring fuel and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations by November 1, 2025.

Patron - DeSteph

F **SB960** **Electric utilities; data center cost allocation.** Directs the State Corporation Commission to initiate proceedings to determine if the current allocation of costs among different customer classifications of electric utilities requires customers that are not data centers to unreasonably subsidize the costs of customers that are data centers. If the Commission determines that the current allocation of costs requires customers that are not data centers to unreasonably subsidize the costs of customers that are data centers, the bill directs the Commission to promulgate such rules as necessary to eliminate or minimize such unreasonable subsidies to the maximum possible extent.

Patron - Perry

F **SB973** **Pilot program; electric generation from captured waste mine methane; renewable portfolio standard.** Directs the State Corporation Commission to establish a pilot program for American Electric Power and Dominion Energy to submit proposals to deploy electric generation that utilizes, in whole or in part, captured waste mine methane, as defined in the bill. Under the bill, reasonable and prudent costs incurred under the captured waste mine methane pilot program shall be recovered through utility base rates for generation and distribution services. Additionally, the bill provides that electricity generated using captured waste mine methane with a non-combustion electric generator under the captured waste mine methane project shall be considered an eligible resource for purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard program until December 31, 2045.

Patron - Hackworth

F **SB1022** **State Corporation Commission; time frame for completion of certain transmission lines proceedings.** Requires the State Corporation Commission to complete proceedings regarding the approval of certain transmission lines of 138 kilovolts or more within nine months.

Patron - Hackworth

F **SB1049** **Electric utilities; approval required for construction of certain electrical transmission lines.** Prohibits the construction of a new transmission line overhead unless the State Corporation Commission first determines that the construction of such transmission line in whole or in part underground is not in the public interest.

Patron - Roem

F **SB1077** **Regulation of electric utilities; development of renewable energy facilities; powers of State Air Pollution Control Board; powers of State Corporation Commission.** Repeals provisions (i) requiring the State Air Pollution Control Board to adopt regulations to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from any electricity generating unit in the Commonwealth and authorizing the Board to establish an auction program for energy allowances; (ii) prohibiting the State Corporation Commission from approving any new utility-owned generation facilities that emit carbon dioxide as a by-product of energy generation, in certain circumstances; (iii) declaring that statutory allowances for energy derived from sunlight, onshore wind, offshore wind, and storage facilities are in the public interest; and (iv) relating to the development of solar and wind generation and energy storage capacity, development of offshore wind capacity, and generation of electricity from renewable and zero-carbon sources. The bill provides that planning and development activities for new nuclear generation facilities are in the public interest.

Patron - Peake

F **SB1091 Electric utilities; renewable energy standard eligible sources; zero-carbon electricity generating nuclear facilities.** Provides that, for the purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard, eligible sources include zero-carbon electricity generating nuclear facilities located in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Hackworth

F **SB1160 Electric utilities; emissions intensity target program.** Requires the State Corporation Commission to develop an emissions intensity target program for Dominion Energy Virginia and American Electric Power to achieve net-zero emissions. The bill requires the Commission to promulgate regulations to implement its provisions by January 1, 2026. Upon the promulgation of such regulations, the bill repeals certain provisions that require Dominion Energy Virginia and American Electric Power to participate in a renewable energy portfolio standard program, authorize the State Air Pollution Control Board to promulgate certain regulations, and provide that the construction or purchase by a public utility of certain generation facilities is in the public interest.
Patron - Obenshain

F **SB1216 Retail electric energy; renewable energy certificates.** Requires competitive service providers, as defined in the bill, to serve 100 percent of their customers' energy and capacity needs from electric generating units located within the PJM transmission region. Under the bill, a competitive service provider must ensure that 100 percent of its customers' energy is either zero-carbon electricity or matched with renewable energy certificates. A certain percentage of a retail customer's annual load must be matched with zero-carbon electricity or renewable energy certificates from within the PJM transmission region. The bill allows certain retail customers to be exempt from non-bypassable charges associated with the renewable energy portfolio standard. The bill also requires the State Corporation Commission to promulgate rules as necessary to ensure that the provisions of the bill do not create an unreasonable shifting of costs to nonparticipating customers and to ensure that in all integrated resource plans and cost recovery proceedings no incumbent electric utility is improperly incorporating the loads of retail electric customers into its forecasts or load projections.
Patron - Pekarsky

F **SB1243 Electric utilities; electric distribution infrastructure serving data centers.** Prohibits the costs associated with the construction or extension of any electric distribution infrastructure that primarily serves the load of a data center from being recovered from any other customer.
Patron - Stuart

F **SB1281 Electric utilities; retail competition.** Authorizes a customer who is a customer of a Phase I Utility that had a typical residential customer bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month that exceeded 125 percent of the statewide average during the most recent calendar year to purchase electric energy from any supplier of electric energy licensed to sell retail electric energy within the Commonwealth. The bill also decreases the period that such a customer who switches from an investor-owned electric utility to a competing supplier is barred from returning as a customer of its utility from five years to 90 days.
Patron - Hackworth

F **SB1358 Pilot program for underground transmission lines; qualifying projects.** Requires the State Corporation Commission to approve applications for a newly proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line filed between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2026, as a qualifying project to be constructed in whole or in part underground, as a part of a pilot program. The bill requires such a qualifying project to traverse along highways in developed areas and where the route of the proposed transmission lines and towers traverse areas are protected by a scenic easement, a view shed easement, areas of registered historic designation, or areas with conservation easements, where such easements run to the benefit of the public and are held by the governing body of the federal, state, or local jurisdiction in which the transmission line is to be placed and where the project is required to meet reliability requirements and at least a portion of the project is needed to support and promote economic development of the Commonwealth and its localities. The bill also requires that the governing body of each locality in which a portion of the proposed line will be placed has entered into an agreement with the public utility to pay its proportional share of 20 percent of any portion of the cost of the project not recoverable under applicable rates, terms, and conditions approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Under the bill, the remainder of the cost will be assigned to the utility's data center customers.
Patron - Srinivasan

F **SB1373 Energy Innovation Pilot Program established.** Establishes the Energy Innovation Pilot Program to foster the development of innovative energy projects by allowing Program participants to provide grid services or other beneficial energy measures. Under the Program, a participant, after obtaining State Corporation Commission approval, is not required to comply with specific state statutes and regulations pertaining to the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale, except for those laws and regulations that are required for worker safety, public safety, or environmental protection, for a period of five years. The bill includes provisions for application requirements, an approval process, Program exit procedures, a test period extension process, suspension or revocation of Commission approval, consumer protections, Commission investigations, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements.
Patron - Suetterlein

F **SB1403 Electric utilities; request for proposals required for certain facilities.** Requires an electric utility seeking approval to construct or purchase a generating facility that emits carbon dioxide to demonstrate that it has conducted a request for proposals designed to fairly evaluate all available supply-side and demand-side options prior to seeking approval for such generating facility. The bill requires the State Corporation Commission to review the request for proposals before the utility's issuance to ensure all available resources will be fairly evaluated.
Patron - Surovell

F **SB1435 Certain eminent domain powers; conservation easements; compensation to the Commonwealth and localities.** Requires any person, defined in the bill, if it takes by condemnation proceedings any land or right-of-way or similar interest therein that is subject to a conservation easement, to compensate (i) the Commonwealth in an amount equal to the value of any tax credit received by the landowner under the provisions of the Virginia Land Conservation Incentives Act of 1999 during the pendency of the conservation easement and (ii) the locality in which the right-of-way is located (a) in an amount of any property tax avoided by the landowner during the pendency of the conservation easement and (b) if the right-of-way is located on property that is registered with the Virginia Landmarks

Register and the National Register of Historic Places, in an amount equal to the additional value conferred upon the property during the period that property was registered.
Patron - Perry

F **SB1485** **Electric utilities; customer energy choice; customer return to service; subscription cap and queue.** Removes certain restrictions on the ability of individual retail customers of electric energy within the Commonwealth, regardless of customer class, to purchase electric energy matched 100 percent by renewable energy certificates from any supplier of electric energy licensed to sell retail electric energy within the Commonwealth. The bill requires a licensed supplier to match a percentage of each retail electric customer's annual load with renewable energy certificates from within the PJM transmission region. The bill decreases from five years to six months the required written notice period for certain electric energy customers to return to service by an incumbent electric utility after purchasing electric energy from other suppliers.
The bill also directs the Commission, by October 1, 2026, to establish a subscription cap allowance for certain utility customers seeking to participate in purchasing electric energy from a licensed supplier. The Commission is required to review the subscription cap allowance every two years starting on January 1, 2028, and electric utilities are required to file their subscription queues with the Commission by January 15, 2027, and annually thereafter. The bill contains an exception to the subscription cap allowance for customers seeking to expand usage at an existing or new facility. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, unless the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated pursuant to the bill specify a commencement date.
Patron - Srinivasan

Religious and Charitable Matters; Cemeteries

Passed

P **SB1055** **Interment rights; public property.** Allows any immediate family member or descendant of a deceased person buried in an identified family cemetery located on public property owned by a locality or held in trust for such a locality to petition the circuit court of the county or city where the property is located for interment rights upon such property.
Patron - Roem

State Corporation Commission

Passed

P **SB824** **State Corporation Commission; powers and duties.** Provides that in proceedings before the State Corporation Commission relating to the regulation and oversight of Dominion Energy Virginia and Appalachian Power, the Commission shall consider public health and safety, the economy of the Commonwealth, the promotion of workforce development for residents of the Commonwealth, and the maintenance of fair labor standards for workers employed by public service companies and their contractors, if applicable to the proceedings. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Rouse

Taxation

Passed

P **HB1579** **License taxes; local gas road improvement and Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority tax; sunset.** Extends from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028, the expiration date for provisions permitting any county or city to impose a license tax at a rate not to exceed one percent on every person engaged in the business of severing gases from the earth for the purposes of funding improvements to public roads or as otherwise provided for the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority.
Patron - Morefield

P **HB1698** **Retail sales and use tax; exemption for prescription medicine and drugs purchased by veterinarians; sunset.** Extends to July 1, 2028, the exemption from sales and use tax available for the purchase by veterinarians of prescription medicines and drugs that are administered or dispensed to patients within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship that is currently set to expire on July 1, 2025. This bill is identical to SB 1369.
Patron - Askew

P **HB1699** **Tax exemptions; Confederacy organizations.** Eliminates the exemption from state recordation taxes for the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and eliminates the tax-exempt designation for real and personal property owned by the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the General Organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, the Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Incorporated, the Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the J.E.B. Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust, Inc. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Askew

P **HB1729** **Retail sales and use tax; aircraft components.** Extends the sunset date for the sales and use tax exemption for parts, engines, and supplies used for maintaining, repairing, or reconditioning aircraft or any aircraft's avionics system, engine, or component parts to July 1, 2030. This bill incorporates HB 2248 and is identical to SB 942.
Patron - Delaney

P **HB1743** **License taxes; deduction for out-of-state receipts; work group; report.** Directs the Department of Taxation to convene a work group to review the policies, methods, existing laws, and potential impacts of the local license tax deduction in Virginia for receipts attributable to out-of-state business and to submit a report of the findings and recommendations, if any, of the work group to the Joint Subcommittee on Tax Policy and to the Chairs of the House Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by October 1, 2025.
Patron - Watts

P **HB1764** **Disposable plastic bag tax; distribution to towns.** Provides that any town located within a

county that has imposed a disposable plastic bag tax shall receive a distribution of revenues collected by the county based on the local sales tax distribution formula for appropriations to towns. The bill requires that towns use such revenues for the same purposes allowable for a county or city. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Martinez

P **HB1792 Local taxes; nonjudicial sale of tax delinquent real properties; threshold for nonjudicial sale.** Raises the assessment threshold at which a local treasurer or other officer responsible for collecting taxes has general authority to sell real property with more than three years of delinquent taxes from $10,000 or less to $15,000 or less. The bill also raises the assessment range at which such local treasurer or officer may sell parcels of real property with more than three years of delinquent taxes and that meet certain criteria from more than $10,000 but no more than than $25,000 to more than $15,000 but no more than $30,000. The bill also increases the assessment threshold for the nonjudicial sale of real property with more than three years of delinquent taxes when such property is (i) unimproved, (ii) one-half acre or less in size, and (iii) located within a designated urban redevelopment or revitalization zone from properties assessed at more than $25,000 but no more than $40,000 to properties assessed at more than $30,000 but no more than $40,000.
Patron - Orrock

P **HB1799 Virginia Lottery; disclosure of identity of winners.** Prohibits the Virginia Lottery (the Department) from disclosing information about any individual winner whose prize is $1 million or greater and exempts such information from disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act unless the winner consents to such disclosure. Under current law, the Department is prohibited from disclosing information about any individual winner whose prize exceeds $10 million.
Patron - Wyatt

P **HB1841 Motor vehicle sales and use tax; abandoned vehicles not sold at auction.** Clarifies the basis by which the motor vehicle sales and use tax is calculated in cases where a person is applying for a title to an abandoned motor vehicle that is in their possession and did not sell at auction.
Patron - Wyatt

P **HB1868 Real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty; clarification for deaths resulting from suicide.** Clarifies that the real property tax exemption currently available to the surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who died in the line of duty with a Line of Duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense includes the death of any such member that was the result of suicide.
Patron - Feggans

P **HB1896 Real property tax; exemption by classification.** Provides that the property of an organization that is tax exempt by classification includes the property of a single member limited liability company whose sole member is such an organization.
Patron - Willett

P **HB1939 Tangible personal property tax; electric landscaping equipment.** Establishes a separate classification of tangible personal property for electric-powered landscaping equipment employed in a trade or business and used to maintain commercial, public, or private gardens, lawns, trees, shrubs, or other plants, including lawn mowers, edgers, trimmers, leaf blowers, and chainsaws. Such property may be taxed by a locality at a rate not to exceed that applied to the general class of tangible personal property. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Reid

P **HB1970 Tax exempt property; nonprofit institutions of learning; emergency.** Clarifies that institutions licensed by the Department of Education that provide services pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or any school that is licensed by the Board of Education as a school for students with disabilities are institutions of learning not conducted for profit whose property is exempt from taxation pursuant to the Constitution of Virginia. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to SB 1202. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Watts

P **HB2029 Real property tax; exemption for elderly and disabled individuals.** Revises various provisions of the local real property tax exemption and deferral program for elderly and disabled individuals. The bill allows a locality to require that an individual (i) pay all delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest assessed by the locality and incurred prior to becoming eligible for an exemption or deferral; (ii) enter into an installment agreement with the locality for the payment of all such delinquent amounts in installments over a period that is reasonable under the circumstances, but that in no event shall exceed 72 months; (iii) submit and obtain the treasurer's agreement to an offer in compromise with respect to all amounts of delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest; or (iv) carry out a combination thereof. Additionally, the bill provides that notice of the terms and conditions of the exemption and deferral program may be included in any notice of change in assessment and that the treasurer shall post such information on the locality's website. Finally, the bill allows a locality to provide a prorated exemption or deferral for the portion of the taxable year during which the taxpayer would have qualified for such exemption or deferral but had not yet filed an application. This bill is identical to SB 816.
Patron - Hernandez

P **HB2245 Real property tax; assessment of affordable rental housing.** Directs the Department of Taxation to develop a uniform income and expense reporting form that may be provided by duly authorized assessors and completed by the owners of affordable rental housing properties prior to assessment of such affordable rental housing properties. The bill provides that the duly authorized real estate assessor charged with determining the fair market value of affordable rental housing shall use the income approach when such housing generates income unless certain information is not provided by the property owner. The bill specifies that the foregoing provisions shall become effective for assessments beginning on or after January 1, 2026. Finally, the bill directs the Department to develop, in consultation with a stakeholder group, the uniform income and expense reporting form no later than September 1, 2025, and directs the Department to provide by November 1, 2025, a letter to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the House Committee on Finance with an update on the development of such form and implementation of training for assessing officials and contracted assessors on the assessment of affordable rental housing.
Patron - Callsen

P **HB2264 Department of Taxation; free tax filing program.** Directs the Tax Commissioner to terminate the Virginia Free File program and the related agreement with the Consortium for Virginia. The bill also requires the Tax

Commissioner to develop and offer a free individual state income tax filing program, effective beginning in taxable year 2028, that is similar to and compatible with the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Direct File program. To implement the new program, the bill requires the Tax Commissioner to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the IRS and coordinate with the IRS in program development. The bill contains technical amendments that remove obsolete language regarding fillable forms. This bill is identical to SB 1306. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Patron - Tran

P **HB2302 Real property tax; exemption for religious buildings; rebuilding structure.** Provides that the property tax exemption for property used for religious worship shall include property on which a church or other building for religious worship is being replaced or rebuilt. The property owner shall demonstrate the intention to use such structure exclusively for religious worship or for the residence of the minister of any church or religious body, as well as certain other requirements provided in the bill. This bill applies to tax years on and after January 1, 2023. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Sickles

P **HB2383 Transient occupancy tax; administration.** Provides that an accommodations provider shall not be required to transmit a transient occupancy tax return to a locality if (i) all retail sales of accommodations owned by the accommodations provider are facilitated by an accommodations intermediary and (ii) the accommodations provider attests to the locality that all such sales were facilitated by an accommodations intermediary. Such attestation shall be effective for 12 months beginning with the month in which the attestation is made, and annual attestations shall be due thereafter on a date set by the locality. However, such accommodations provider shall be required to transmit returns for the retail sale of any accommodations not facilitated by an accommodations intermediary.

The bill also requires that information provided by an accommodations intermediary to a local commissioner of the revenue, treasurer, or any other local tax or revenue officer or employee of a county, city, or town for transient occupancy tax purposes shall be confidential and shall not be divulged to any other department or official of the locality or any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth. Such information shall be used by such officials only for the purpose of levying and collecting retail sales and use tax, transient occupancy tax, and any other taxes imposed on the sale of accommodations. This bill is identical to SB 1402.

Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2595 Firearm safety device tax credit; definitions.** Redefines an "eligible transaction" for purposes of the firearm safety device tax credit as one in which a taxpayer purchases one or more firearm safety devices from a commercial retailer, as defined in the bill. Current law defines "eligible transaction" as one in which a taxpayer purchases one or more firearm safety devices from a federally licensed dealer. The provisions of the bill apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025. This bill incorporates HB 1581 and is identical to SB 1389.

Patron - Singh

P **HB2653 Qualified equity and subordinated debt investments tax credit; sunset.** Provides that the qualified equity and subordinated debt investments tax credit expires after taxable year 2025.

Patron - Bennett-Parker

P **HB2663 Electricity consumption tax; rate adjustments.** Increases the electric utility consumption tax's special utility tax rates for commercial and industrial consumer electricity consumed per month (i) in excess of 2,500 kWh but not in excess of 50,000 kWh and (ii) in excess of 50,000 kWh. This bill is identical to SB 1336. This bill received Governor's recommendations.

Patron - Fowler

P **HB2675 Retail sales and use tax; media-related exemptions; sunset.** Extends from 2025 to 2028 the expiration of the retail sales and use tax exemption for certain printed materials purchased by an advertising business from a printer in the Commonwealth, so long as such materials are distributed outside of the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to SB 871.

Patron - Simon

P **HB2696 Voluntary contributions of refunds requirements; endowment fund of the Board for the Blind and Vision Impaired.** Adds the Board for the Blind and Vision Impaired to the list of organizations and funds that may receive contributions of taxpayer refunds. The bill requires that moneys contributed shall be paid to the endowment fund of the Board for use in its mission in providing quality services to assist citizens of the Commonwealth who are blind, vision impaired, or deafblind in achieving their desired level of employment, education, and personal independence.

Patron - Walker

P **SB816 Real property tax; exemption for elderly and disabled individuals.** Revises various provisions of the local real property tax exemption and deferral program for elderly and disabled individuals. The bill allows a locality to require that an individual (i) pay all delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest assessed by the locality and incurred prior to becoming eligible for an exemption or deferral; (ii) enter into an installment agreement with the locality for the payment of all such delinquent amounts in installments over a period that is reasonable under the circumstances, but that in no event shall exceed 72 months; (iii) submit and obtain the treasurer's agreement to an offer in compromise with respect to all amounts of delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest; or (iv) carry out a combination thereof. Additionally, the bill provides that notice of the terms and conditions of the exemption and deferral program may be included in any notice of change in assessment and that the treasurer shall post such information on the locality's website. Finally, the bill allows a locality to provide a prorated exemption or deferral for the portion of the taxable year during which the taxpayer would have qualified for such exemption or deferral but had not yet filed an application. This bill is identical to HB 2029.

Patron - Rouse

P **SB871 Retail sales and use tax; media-related exemptions; sunset.** Extends from 2025 to 2028 the expiration of the retail sales and use tax exemption for certain printed materials purchased by an advertising business from a printer in the Commonwealth, so long as such materials are distributed outside of the Commonwealth. This bill is identical to HB 2675.

Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SB942 Retail sales and use tax; aircraft components.** Extends the sunset date for the sales and use tax exemption for parts, engines, and supplies used for maintaining, repairing, or reconditioning aircraft or any

aircraft's avionics system, engine, or component parts to July 1, 2030. This bill is identical to HB 1729.
Patron - DeSteph

P **SB1202 Tax exempt property; nonprofit institutions of learning; emergency.** Clarifies that institutions licensed by the Department of Education that provide services pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or any school that is licensed by the Board of Education as a school for students with disabilities are institutions of learning not conducted for profit whose property is exempt from taxation pursuant to the Constitution of Virginia. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to HB 1970. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Deeds

P **SB1280 Gaming; posting of problem gambling helpline information.** Requires those legally authorized to sell Virginia lottery tickets or conduct charitable gaming, horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering, and casino gaming in the Commonwealth to post in a conspicuous place on their premises a sign that bears the toll-free telephone number for the National Problem Gambling Helpline.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1306 Department of Taxation; free tax filing program.** Directs the Tax Commissioner to terminate the Virginia Free File program and the related agreement with the Consortium for Virginia. The bill also requires the Tax Commissioner to develop and offer a free individual state income tax filing program, effective beginning in taxable year 2028, that is similar to and compatible with the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Direct File program. To implement the new program, the bill requires the Tax Commissioner to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the IRS and coordinate with the IRS in program development. The bill contains technical amendments that remove obsolete language regarding fillable forms. This bill is identical to HB 2264. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1307 Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum.** Authorizes all counties and cities to impose an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent with the revenue used only for public school capital projects, defined in the bill, if such levy is approved in a voter referendum. The bill removes the requirement that such a tax must have an expiration date on either (i) the date of the repayment of any bonds or loans used for such capital projects or (ii) a date chosen by the governing body. Under current law, only Charlotte, Gloucester, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Patrick, and Pittsylvania Counties and the City of Danville are authorized to impose such a tax. This bill incorporates SB 874. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1336 Electricity consumption tax; rate adjustments.** Increases the electric utility consumption tax's special utility tax rates for commercial and industrial consumer electricity consumed per month (i) in excess of 2,500 kWh but not in excess of 50,000 kWh and (ii) in excess of 50,000 kWh. This bill is identical to HB 2663. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Marsden

P **SB1369 Retail sales and use tax; exemption for prescription medicine and drugs purchased by veterinarians; sunset.** Extends to July 1, 2028, the exemption from sales and use tax available for the purchase by veterinarians of prescription medicines and drugs that are administered or dispensed to patients within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship that is currently set to expire on July 1, 2025. This bill is identical to HB 1698.
Patron - Pillion

P **SB1389 Firearm safety device tax credit; definitions.** Redefines an "eligible transaction" for purposes of the firearm safety device tax credit as one in which a taxpayer purchases one or more firearm safety devices from a commercial retailer, as defined in the bill. Current law defines "eligible transaction" as one in which a taxpayer purchases one or more firearm safety devices from a federally licensed dealer. The provisions of the bill apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025. This bill is identical to HB 2595.
Patron - Srinivasan

P **SB1402 Transient occupancy tax; administration.** Provides that an accommodations provider shall not be required to transmit a transient occupancy tax return to a locality if (i) all retail sales of accommodations owned by the accommodations provider are facilitated by an accommodations intermediary and (ii) the accommodations provider attests to the locality that all such sales were facilitated by an accommodations intermediary. Such attestation shall be effective for 12 months beginning with the month in which the attestation is made, and annual attestations shall be due thereafter on a date set by the locality. However, such accommodations provider shall be required to transmit returns for the retail sale of any accommodations not facilitated by an accommodations intermediary.
The bill also requires that information provided by an accommodations intermediary to a local commissioner of the revenue, treasurer, or any other local tax or revenue officer or employee of a county, city, or town for transient occupancy tax purposes shall be confidential and shall not be divulged to any other department or official of the locality or any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth. Such information shall be used by such officials only for the purpose of levying and collecting retail sales and use tax, transient occupancy tax, and any other taxes imposed on the sale of accommodations. This bill is identical to HB 2383.
Patron - Surovell

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F **HB1550 Taxation; rate of interest.** Provides that (i) the rate of interest on omitted taxes and assessments is equal to the Underpayment Rate established by the Internal Revenue Code and (ii) the rate of interest on refunds is equal to the Overpayment Rate for noncorporate taxpayers established by the Internal Revenue Code. Current law provides that (a) the rate of interest on omitted taxes and assessments is equal to the Underpayment Rate plus two percent and (b) the rate of interest on refunds is equal to the Overpayment Rate for noncorporate taxpayers plus two percent.
Patron - McNamara

F **HB1551 Virginia taxable income; standard deduction; sunset.** Removes the sunset on elevated standard deduction amounts for single individuals and married persons that is scheduled to expire for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026.
Patron - McNamara

F **HB1557 Short-term rentals; registration; civil penalty.** Directs the Department of Taxation to establish a registry of short-term rental properties and require accommodations providers and intermediaries to register.

Under the bill, an accommodations provider shall provide to the Department its name and the address of each property it offers for short-term rental. The bill states that the Department shall issue each such accommodations provider a unique numerical identifier for each such property.

An accommodations intermediary shall provide the Department its name and the contact information for the individual responsible for liaising with state and local officials regarding noncompliant short-term rental listings. The bill states that as a condition of listing a short-term rental on its platform, an accommodations intermediary shall require each accommodations provider to provide such provider's name and the unique numerical identifier and specific address for each short term-rental offered. Under the bill, such information, as well as information regarding receipts and taxes paid, shall be provided to the Department by the accommodations intermediary on a quarterly basis. However, an accommodations intermediary shall not be required to provide such information to the Department if the intermediary provides monthly reports of property addresses and gross receipts for all accommodations facilitated by the accommodations intermediary to each locality in which an accommodation is located. Such monthly reports are a compliance requirement imposed by law for the payment of transient occupancy taxes.

The bill states that the Department shall provide the commissioner of the revenue for each locality with access to the registry and information contained therein. The commissioner of the revenue shall notify an accommodations intermediary of any short-term rental on its platform that is not lawfully authorized to be offered on its platform, and the accommodations intermediary shall remove any such listing from its platform. Under the bill, any accommodations intermediary who does not remove such a listing from its platform shall be subject to a civil penalty of $1,000, to be paid into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. Finally, the bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Patron - Ware

F **HB1560** **Sales and use tax; accommodations for transients.** Provides that the term "retail sale" shall include the sale of accommodations to transients for less than 30 days. Under current law, "retail sale" includes such sales to transients for less than 90 days.

Patron - McNamara

F **HB1561** **Classification of land and improvements for tax purposes; localities.** Reclassifies improvements to real property as a separate class of real property and authorizes any locality to impose a real property tax on improvements to real property at a tax rate that is different than the rate applied to the land on which such improvements are located. Such rate may exceed, equal, or be less than the tax imposed upon the land on which the improvements are located.

Under current law, such classification is allowed only for the Cities of Fairfax, Poquoson, Richmond, and Roanoke. For the Cities of Fairfax, Richmond, and Roanoke, the rate applied is required to be less than the rate applied to land under current law. The City of Poquoson is currently the only locality authorized to impose a rate in excess of the rate applied to land. The bill applies only to taxable years beginning on and after July 1, 2025.

Patron - McNamara

F **HB1562** **Income tax deduction; tips.** Provides, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, an income tax deduction for the amount of cash tips received during the taxable year that are included on statements furnished to the employer for federal tax purposes.

Patron - Green

F **HB1572** **Department of Taxation; tobacco products tax; cigars; report.** Directs the Department of Taxation to update its form TT-8, Virginia Tobacco Products Tax Return (OTP), to begin collecting data on the number of cigars sold in the Commonwealth at a sales price equal to or greater than $1.50 as a distinct category from all other cigars. The bill directs the Department to update such form or devise another appropriate method for data collection as soon as practicable and provide a report of the data so collected and estimated fiscal impacts of adopting a cap of 30 cents ($0.30) per cigar or another rate on the tobacco products tax imposed on this category of cigars to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than January 15, 2026.

Patron - Ware

F **HB1581** **Firearm safety device tax credit; defines commercial retailer.** Redefines an "eligible transaction" for purposes of the firearm safety device tax credit as one in which a taxpayer purchases one or more firearm safety devices from a commercial retailer, as defined in the bill. Current law defines "eligible transaction" as one in which a taxpayer purchases one or more firearm safety devices from a federally licensed dealer. The provisions of the bill apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025. This bill was incorporated into HB 2595.

Patron - Ballard

F **HB1591** **Tax credit; veterinary care for retired police canines.** Creates a nonrefundable income tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for costs directly incurred for the veterinary care, defined in the bill, of a retired police canine, also defined in the bill, during such taxable year up to $1,500. The bill requires the Tax Commissioner to establish guidelines for claiming the credit and provides that any unused credit may be carried forward by the taxpayer for five taxable years following the taxable year for which the credit was issued.

Patron - Kent

F **HB1598** **First-time Homebuyer Grant Program.** Establishes a First-time Homebuyer Grant Program for the purpose of assisting first-time homebuyers with first-time homebuyer expenses, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill provides that the Department of Housing and Community Development shall award eligible first-time homebuyers a grant in an amount equal to five percent of such expenses incurred during a calendar year, not to exceed $10,000. Any grant awarded pursuant to the Program shall be repaid to the Commonwealth if the property for which expenses were incurred is sold within three years from the purchase date, unless the sale is made following a natural disaster or other act of God.

Patron - Cole

F **HB1668** **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 - Wright

F **HB1701** **Income tax; housing opportunity tax credit; sunset extended.** Extends the housing opportunity tax credit sunset date from taxable year 2025 to taxable year 2030. The bill also increases the aggregate credit cap across all

calendar years from $255 million to $595 billion and imposes an annual aggregate credit cap of $68 million in each calendar year between 2026 and 2030. The bill also provides that of the $68 million in credits authorized per calendar year from 2026 through 2030, 33 percent shall be reserved for qualified projects located in a geographic area within the Balance of State Pool, defined in the bill. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.
Patron - Bulova

F **HB1717 Earned income tax credit.** Allows eligible low-income taxpayers to claim a refundable income tax credit equal to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit claimed that year by the taxpayer for the same taxable year. The bill also states that individuals who would have been entitled to the federal equivalent of this credit but for the fact that the individual, the individual's spouse, or one or more of the individual's children does not have a valid social security number are eligible to claim this credit. Under current law, taxpayers may choose to claim either a nonrefundable tax credit equal to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit claimed that year or a refundable tax credit equal to 15 percent of the federal earned income tax credit claimed that year.
Patron - Price

F **HB1741 Venison donation tax credit.** Creates a nonrefundable income tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for expenses incurred by a taxpayer to butcher and process an antlerless deer for human consumption. A taxpayer may claim this credit provided that (i) the hunting and harvesting of the deer complies with the Commonwealth's hunting laws and regulations and (ii) the taxpayer donates the processed deer meat to a venison donation program administered by a nonprofit organization. The amount of the credit that may be claimed in any single taxable year cannot exceed (a) $200, if the taxpayer did not harvest each deer for which the credits are claimed in accordance with a deer management permit, or (b) the taxpayer's liability in that taxable year, if the taxpayer harvested each deer for which the credits are claimed in accordance with a deer management permit. Finally, the bill provides for an exemption from civil liability arising from injury or death resulting from the nature, age, condition, or packaging of the donated food.
Patron - Reid

F **HB1754 Income tax; imposition of tax and standard deduction.** Adds, beginning in taxable year 2026, a new top income tax bracket such that a seven percent tax shall be imposed on Virginia taxable income in excess of $600,000. Current law imposes a top tax bracket of five and three-quarters percent on income in excess of $17,000. Additionally, the bill increases the standard deduction to $12,000 for single individuals and $24,000 for married individuals beginning in taxable year 2025 and indexes such deduction amount for inflation annually beginning in taxable year 2026.
Patron - Watts

F **HB1755 Sales and use tax on services and digital personal property.** Levies the retail sales and use tax on the following services: admissions; charges for recreation, fitness, or sports facilities; nonmedical personal services or counseling; dry cleaning and laundry services; companion animal care; residential home repair or maintenance, landscaping, or cleaning services when paid for directly by a resident or homeowner; vehicle and engine repair; repairs or alterations to tangible personal property; storage of tangible personal property; delivery or shipping services; travel, event, and aesthetic planning services; and digital services. Digital services are defined in the bill as the following: software application services, computer-related services, website hosting and design, data storage, and digital subscription services. The services taxed under the bill include any transaction for digital services where the purchaser or consumer of the service is a business but do not include any service otherwise exempt under law.
The bill also imposes the retail sales and use tax on digital personal property, defined in the bill as a digital product delivered electronically that the purchaser owns or has the ability to continually access without having to pay an additional subscription or usage fee to the seller after paying the initial purchase price.
Revenues generated by the taxes levied on services and digital personal property shall be allocated in the same manner as other sales and use taxes; however, revenues from the state portion of the sales and use tax that would be allocated to the general fund shall instead be allocated to school divisions as follows: (i) 60 percent shall be distributed to localities on the basis of school-age population and (ii) 40 percent shall be distributed to localities on the basis of the high-need student population in the locality. The bill clarifies that a high-need student population includes students who are (a) automatically certified for free school meals because of participation in social services programs, (b) participants in a program of special education, or (c) English language learners.
The bill provides certain exemptions to the sales and use tax on services, including health care services that must be performed by a person licensed or certified by the Department of Health Professions, veterinary services, professional services, Internet access services, and services provided by a person who does not receive more than $2,500 per year in gross receipts for performance of such services. The bill exempts services purchased by a nonprofit organization and services purchased by a homeowners' association or by a landlord for the benefit of his tenant. The bill also repeals the service exemptions currently provided for the sale of custom programs and modification of prewritten programs.
Finally, the bill exempts food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products from all state, local, and regional sales taxes on and after July 1, 2025. Under current law, food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products are subject only to the one percent local option sales tax.
Patron - Watts

F **HB1813 Board of Wildlife Resources; trout-fishing access-site registry; income tax credit.** Requires the Board of Wildlife Resources to establish and manage a trout-fishing access-site registry through which eligible landowners may register real property to allow valid fishing-license holders access to such property for the sole purpose of fishing trout. The bill authorizes such registrants to claim a nonrefundable income tax credit in the amount of $2,000 for each full tax year that such person had real property registered as a trout-fishing access site with the Board.
Patron - Campbell

F **HB1866 Corporate income tax; sourcing of sales other than sales of tangible personal property.** Implements market-based corporate income tax sourcing for attributing sales, other than sales of tangible personal property, to Virginia beginning in taxable year 2026.
Patron - McNamara

F **HB1962 Income tax; nonfamily adoption tax credit.** Creates the nonfamily adoption tax credit as a $4,000 nonrefundable tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for an individual or married persons who, during the taxable year, finalize a legal nonfamily adoption as defined in the bill. The bill limits the aggregate amount of credits allowable to $5

million per taxable year with credits allocated by the Department of Taxation on a first-come, first-served basis.

Patron - Tata

F **HB1965 Income tax deduction; tips and overtime compensation.** Provides, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, an income tax deduction for the amount of tips received during the taxable year that are included on statements furnished to the employer for federal tax purposes. The bill also establishes, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, an income tax deduction for any overtime compensation, defined in the bill, received by an employee who is not exempt from overtime compensation rules pursuant to the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Patron - Tata

F **HB1969 Taxation; extension of expiring sunsets.** Extends to taxable year 2026: 1. The exemption for discharged loans for eligible veterans currently set to expire January 1, 2026; 2. The credit for amounts paid to another state for income taxes of a pass-through entity currently set to expire January 1, 2026; 3. The standard deduction in an amount equal to $8,500 for single individuals and $17,000 for married persons currently set to revert to $3,000 for single individuals and $6,000 for married persons as of January 1, 2026; 4. The deduction for eligible educator expenses currently set to expire January 1, 2025; 5. The tax credit for low-income taxpayers currently set to expire January 1, 2026; 6. The tax credit for reforestation and afforestation currently set to expire January 1, 2025; 7. The election for eligible owners of pass-through entities to be taxed at the entity level currently set to expire January 1, 2026; 8. The subtractions from the numerators of the property and payroll apportionment factors for eligible companies for (i) property acquired in any qualified locality before January 1, 2025, and (ii) payroll attributable to jobs created within such locality before January 1, 2025; 9. The major business facility job tax credit currently set to expire July 1, 2025; 10. The worker training tax credit for (i) expenses incurred by a business for eligible worker training currently set to expire July 1, 2025, and (ii) direct costs incurred by a business engaged primarily in manufacturing in conducting orientation, instruction, and training in the Commonwealth, relating to the manufacturing activities undertaken by the business currently set to expire January 1, 2025; 11. The tax credit for purchase of machinery and equipment used for advanced recycling and processing recyclable materials currently set to expire January 1, 2025; 12. The tax credit for participating landlords renting qualified housing units (i) in eligible census tracts currently set to expire January 1, 2026, and (ii) in eligible non-metropolitan census tracts currently set to expire January 1, 2026; 13. The tax credit for green and alternative energy job creation currently set to expire January 1, 2025; 14. The tax credit for qualified research and development expenses currently set to expire January 1, 2025; 15. The tax credit for Virginia qualified major research and development expenses currently set to expire January 1, 2025; 16. The exemption from sales and use taxation for gold, silver, or platinum bullion or legal tender coins currently set to expire June 30, 2025; 17. The exemption from sales and use taxation for certain printed materials purchased from an advertising business from a printer within the Commonwealth and distributed outside the Commonwealth before July 1, 2025; and 18. The exemptions from sales and use taxation for (i) parts, engines, and supplies for aviation component parts currently set to expire July 1, 2025, and (ii) prescription medicines and drugs purchased by veterinarians currently set to expire July 1, 2025.

Patron - Watts

F **HB1979 Wage garnishment; state or local tax debt.** Provides that the maximum part of the aggregate disposable earnings of an individual for any workweek that is subject to garnishment to collect delinquent taxes and charges owed to the state or any local government shall not exceed 25 percent of such individual's disposable earnings for that week. The bill contains technical amendments and applies only to garnishments issued on and after January 1, 2026.

Patron - Hernandez

F **HB1997 Income tax; pass-through entities; sunset.** Removes the sunset for the elective entity level tax on pass-through entities that is currently set to expire after taxable year 2025.

Patron - McNamara

F **HB2004 Local meals and prepared food and beverage taxes; maximum rate.** Provides a cap on the maximum allowable tax rate that localities may impose on meals and prepared food and beverages. The bill sets the maximum rate at no more than four percent, unless a higher rate of no more than six percent is authorized via a referendum in the locality. The new limitation applies to localities beginning January 1, 2028. In the case of a town, the maximum rate is limited by the amount of any food and beverage tax imposed by the county in which the town is located. The bill requires that no town shall impose any rate if, when added to the county food and beverage tax rate, such tax rate exceeds the four or six percent limit, as applicable.

Patron - McNamara

F **HB2006 Sales and use tax; food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products.** Eliminates, beginning July 1, 2025, the remaining one percent local sales and use tax that is imposed on food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products. Under current law, no other sales and use tax is currently applied to such products. The bill requires an equivalent amount of revenue to be distributed to cities and counties on a monthly basis in compensation for the lost tax revenue.

Patron - McNamara

F **HB2007 Sales and use tax; sales through vending machines.** Provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, only a one percent local sales and use tax shall be applied to sales through vending machines of food purchased for human consumption or essential personal hygiene products. Under current law, the rate applicable to such sales is 5.3 percent or 6.0 percent, as applicable depending on the locality, plus the one percent local sales and use tax.

Patron - McNamara

F **HB2012 Film industry community zones; local designation.** Allows localities to establish, by ordinance, one or more zones in a film industry community, defined in the bill as a community that has a film industry presence or the potential of a film industry presence within the designated area and where such presence drives, or has the potential to drive, significant economic activity. The bill provides that a locality, or another political subdivision acting on behalf of the locality, may offer unique benefits to film industry businesses, along with related businesses that serve the needs of the film industry, looking to locate within a film industry community zone, including the reduction of certain fees and taxes. In addition, the bill provides that local governing bodies are authorized to enter into agreements for the payment of economic development incentive grants to such businesses. The bill also allows a governing body to provide for certain

regulatory flexibility and incentives and provides that the establishment of a film industry community zone does not preclude a filmmaker from participating in the Governor's Motion Picture Opportunity Fund and the motion picture production tax credit.
Patron - Walker

F **HB2048 Virginia Housing Trust Fund; geographic equity impact assessment.** Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct an annual geographic equity assessment (GEIA) to identify distressed localities that have historically received less investment for housing and economic development. The bill provides that, of the 80 percent of moneys from the Virginia Housing Trust used to provide flexible financing for low-interest loans, no more than 20 percent shall be allocated to a single locality unless such locality has been identified as underserved in the most recent GEIA.
Patron - Anthony

F **HB2049 Retail sales and use tax exemption; motor vehicle child restraint device.** Creates an exemption from the retail sales and use tax for the purchase of a child restraint device for personal use in a passenger car beginning July 1, 2025.
Patron - Seibold

F **HB2062 Income tax exclusion; veteran student loan forgiveness.** Eliminates the sunset date and expands eligibility for the income tax exclusion for any income received by a disabled veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States from the discharge of federal student loan indebtedness.
Patron - Garrett

F **HB2076 Virginia taxable income; subtractions; volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services personnel.** Provides a state income tax subtraction of $2,000 beginning in taxable year 2026 for bona fide volunteers who perform qualifying services, defined in the bill as volunteer firefighting and fire prevention services, emergency medical services, auxiliary police officer services, ambulance services, emergency rescue services, and all training and training-related activities required by law to perform such services.
Patron - Garrett

F **HB2086 Income tax; energy efficient homes tax credits.** Authorizes an eligible contractor, defined in the bill, to claim a nonrefundable income tax credit, during taxable years 2025 through 2029, in an amount equal to $1,000 per construction of a qualified new energy efficient home and $2,000 per construction of a zero energy ready home, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill establishes a maximum credit amount that an eligible contractor may claim per taxable year of $250,000.
Patron - Shin

F **HB2108 Motion picture production tax credit.** Increases the aggregate cap on the motion picture production tax credit allocated in each fiscal year from $6.5 million to $8.5 million beginning in fiscal year 2025.
Patron - Herring

F **HB2114 Department of Taxation; collection of state taxes; period of limitations on collection.** Removes provisions requiring that the period of limitations on tax collection by the Department of Taxation be suspended during the effective period of an installment agreement between a taxpayer and the Tax Commissioner for the payment of income taxes.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

F **HB2147 Tax increment financing; use of other local taxes.** Authorizes the governing body of a county, city, or town to apply tax revenues from sources other than real estate taxes for use in tax increment financing of development projects. Under current law, only real estate taxes are specifically authorized to be used for such projects. The governing body may choose any or all of such taxes to be applied in such manner. The amount of revenues to be so used shall be the amount of the increase of such taxes collected in the development project area in a given year compared with the base amount of revenues prior to the establishment of such area. The local taxes that may be so applied include local sales and use taxes, merchants' capital taxes, license taxes, admissions taxes, transient occupancy taxes, meals taxes, and other local taxes and fees for utilities and transportation purposes.
Patron - Milde

F **HB2171 Virginia Lottery; casinos; Internet gaming authorized; penalties.** Authorizes Internet gaming in the Commonwealth to be regulated by the Virginia Lottery Board. The bill permits the Board to issue an Internet gaming operator license to a casino gaming operator that submits an application on forms approved by the Board, meets certain qualifications, and pays an application fee of $1 million. The tax rate is set at 15 percent of an Internet gaming operator's adjusted gross Internet gaming revenue with 2.5 percent allocated to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund and the remaining 97.5 percent allocated to the general fund.
Patron - Simon

F **HB2180 Child tax credit; Virginia adjusted gross income.** Creates a one-time tax credit in taxable years 2025 through 2029 for taxpayers whose households include dependents younger than 12 years of age and whose family Virginia adjusted gross income, defined in the bill, does not exceed $100,000. Such credit shall be in an amount equal to $300 for each such dependent and only one credit may be claimed for each such dependent. The bill provides that if the taxpayer is a resident of the Commonwealth for the full taxable year, the credit is refundable. Otherwise, the credit is nonrefundable.
Patron - Tran

F **HB2232 Casino gaming; Tri-Cities Improvement Commission established.** Establishes the Tri-Cities Improvement Commission, consisting of members from the Cities of Petersburg, Colonial Heights, and Hopewell and Dinwiddie and Prince George Counties, to receive disbursements of gaming tax revenues and to prioritize and fund certain improvements in those jurisdictions.
Patron - Cherry

F **HB2239 Entitlement to sales tax revenues from certain public facilities; sunset.** Extends from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2028, the period of time during which authorized localities may issue bonds on or after January 1, 2013, for the construction of public facilities and retain sales and use tax revenue generated within such facilities to pay off such bonds.
Patron - Cousins

F **HB2248 Retail sales and use tax; aircraft components.** Removes the July 1, 2025, sunset for the retail sales and use tax exemption for parts, engines, and supplies

used for maintaining, repairing, or reconditioning aircraft or any aircraft's avionics system, engine, or component parts. The bill also redefines a manned systems aircraft for purposes of the exemption to include aircraft with any maximum takeoff weight. Under current law, a manned systems aircraft is defined to include only aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight of at least 2,400 pounds. This bill was incorporated into HB 1729.
Patron - Runion

F **HB2262 Income tax; organ donation leave tax credit.** Establishes a nonrefundable income tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for a taxpayer that is a private employer, as defined by the bill, for certain costs incurred during a period of organ donation leave received by an organ donor employee.
Patron - Delaney

F **HB2305 Income tax; eligible conception tax credit.** Allows, in taxable years 2025 through 2029, a refundable income tax credit for an individual or married individuals whose family Virginia adjusted gross income does not exceed 400 percent of the poverty guidelines, defined in the bill, in an amount equal to $250 per eligible conception, also defined in the bill, during such taxable year.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2333 Imposition of income tax.** Establishes a new income tax bracket beginning on and after January 1, 2025, that taxes income in excess of $1 million at a rate of 10 percent. Currently, all income in excess of $17,000 is taxed at the rate of 5.75 percent. The bill provides that, from the additional revenue generated from such increased tax rate upon income in excess of $1 million, 50 percent will be dedicated to providing additional basic aid funding for public schools, 30 percent will be dedicated to the Child Care Subsidy Program, and 20 percent will be dedicated to the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. The bill contains technical amendments.
Patron - Hernandez

F **HB2336 Retail sales and use tax; exemptions; gold, silver, or platinum bullion; sunset.** Extends to June 30, 2032, the exemption from the retail sales and use tax for gold, silver, or platinum bullion and legal tender coins. The exemption is currently set to expire on June 30, 2025.
Patron - Batten

F **HB2345 Child day-care facility investment and child day-care expense reimbursement tax credits.** Allows a taxpayer to claim a nonrefundable income tax credit for 25 percent of amounts incurred for eligible child day-care expenses of the taxpayer's employees that are either paid directly by the taxpayer or reimbursed by such taxpayer to the taxpayer's employees during the taxable year. The bill also increases from $25,000 to $50,000 the amount for which a taxpayer may claim a credit for establishing a child day-care facility for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026. Finally, approval of applications for the credits shall be limited to those that are assumed to result in no more than $200,000 of credits in any fiscal year. Under current law, such limit is $100,000.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2382 Land preservation tax credit; maximum amount increase.** Increases from $75 million to $100 million, beginning in 2025, the maximum amount of land preservation tax credits that may be issued in a calendar year and adjusts such amount each year for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The bill also requires the Governor to submit a recommended appropriation each year in the Budget Bill, or as amendments to the general appropriations act, from the General Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the inflation adjusted annual credit cap and $100 million, but not more than $25 million, for purposes described in the bill.
Patron - Higgins

F **HB2404 Real property tax; exemptions for disabled veterans and surviving spouses; driveways.** Clarifies that any driveway used to access land otherwise exempt from real property taxes as being owned by a veteran who has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability shall also be exempt from such taxation. The bill also clarifies that any driveway used to access land otherwise exempt from real property taxes due to being owned by a surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who died in the line of duty shall be similarly exempt from real property taxes.
Patron - Scott, P.A.

F **HB2408 Tax credit for vehicle emissions testing equipment; certain vehicles and refueling property.** Allows a tax credit equal to 10 percent of the purchase price of a vehicle with an internal combustion engine that is principally garaged in Virginia to a corporation, individual, or public service corporation. Current law allows such a credit only for certain clean-fuel vehicles. The provisions of the bill shall apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2410 Tangible personal property tax; classification for rate purposes; boats and watercraft powered by green technology; registration and titling.** Authorizes localities to classify for tangible personal property tax rate purposes boats or watercraft weighing less than five tons and any accompanying trailers, not used solely for business purposes and powered exclusively by green technology, defined in the bill. Localities would have the option to assign a rate of tax or rate of assessment to this class different from the rate applicable to the general class of tangible personal property.

The bill also exempts such boats or watercraft and any accompanying trailers powered exclusively by green technology from titling and registration requirements, including fees, required under current law.
Patron - Griffin

F **HB2428 Classification of tangible personal property; computer equipment and peripherals used in data centers; facilities housing systems used to engage in digital asset mining business activities.** Provides that, for purposes of the separate tax classification of tangible personal property for computer equipment and peripherals used in a data center, a data center includes facilities housing systems used to engage in digital mining business activities, defined in the bill.
Patron - Webert

F **HB2449 Real property tax; special assessment for land preservation.** Allows a locality to provide for the use value assessment and taxation of qualifying leased real estate. Qualifying leased real estate is defined in the bill as real estate devoted to open-space use that is subject to an active lease with a lessor who is using the property for agricultural purposes. The taxpayer seeking to qualify for the different assessment of any such qualifying leased real estate must apply to the commissioner of the revenue and provide any documentation necessary to determine eligibility.
Patron - Webert

F **HB2487 Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; use of funds.** Authorizes Gloucester County to utilize the revenues from its additional one percent local sales and use tax for school capital projects for repayment of existing indebtedness incurred from school projects that were begun or completed prior to the imposition of the tax. The bill allows use of funds for prior indebtedness regardless of whether such use of funds was described in the referendum authorizing such tax. Such use of funds would require approval via ordinance passed by the county board of supervisors.

Patron - Green

F **HB2488 Local tax authority; nicotine vapor products.** Authorizes localities by ordinance to impose a sales and use tax on nicotine vapor products and includes directives for the administration and enforcement of any such ordinance. The bill also directs the Department of Taxation to consult with localities, the Virginia Association of Counties, and the Virginia Municipal League in implementing and administering such local taxation of nicotine vapor products.

Patron - Green

F **HB2506 Income tax; energy-efficient homes tax credits.** Authorizes an eligible contractor, defined in the bill, or an eligible purchaser, also defined in the bill, to claim a nonrefundable income tax credit, during taxable years 2025 through 2029, in an amount equal to $2,000 per construction or purchase of a qualified new energy-efficient home and $4,000 per construction or purchase of a zero energy ready home, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill clarifies that either an eligible contractor or an eligible purchaser, but not both, shall be able to claim the credit for any single qualified new energy-efficient or zero energy ready home, as applicable, and establishes a maximum credit amount that an eligible contractor may claim per taxable year of $500,000.

Patron - Runion

F **HB2514 Income tax credit; advertising in local newspapers and media.** Creates, for taxable years 2025 through 2029, a nonrefundable income tax credit for eligible small businesses with fewer than 50 employees for certain expenses incurred for local media advertising in a local newspaper or in a broadcast of a local radio or television station. The credit is equal to (i) for the first taxable year in which the credit is claimed, the lesser of 80 percent of the actual amounts paid or incurred for qualified local media advertising expenses or $4,000 and (ii) in subsequent taxable years, the lesser of 50 percent of the actual amounts paid or incurred for qualified local media advertising expenses during such taxable year or $2,000. The credit includes an aggregate cap of $10 million per taxable year.

Patron - Lopez

F **HB2519 Income tax deductions; in vitro fertilization.** Allows an income tax deduction for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for an individual or married couple filing jointly for expenses incurred for in vitro fertilization, as defined in the bill.

Patron - Taylor

F **HB2524 Taxable income; subtractions; military benefits.** Removes the current cap of $40,000 of military benefits that may be subtracted from Virginia taxable income for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, such that the total amount of military benefits may be subtracted from such income.

Patron - Fowler

F **HB2544 Codification of tax preferences in effect pursuant to the appropriation act.** Codifies certain tax and fee provisions that are in effect under current law pursuant to provisions of the appropriation act. The provisions are (i) an annual vehicle registration fee increase of $2 that is used for emergency medical services, (ii) a clarification of the amount of sales tax revenue pledged to public facility projects, (iii) a sales and use tax exemption for tangible personal property purchased by a federally funded research and development center, (iv) an additional $20 recordation fee that is used for conservation purposes, and (v) a clarification that aviation fuel is not subject to the regional gas tax.

Patron - Watts

F **HB2549 Individual income taxes; creation of currently not collectible status.** Directs the Department of Taxation to create a form through which taxpayers may file for currently not collectible status and specifies that corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies shall be ineligible for such status. The bill provides that the Department shall place an applicant into such status upon a finding that the collection of income taxes from such applicant would create or exacerbate an undue hardship for such applicant. Such applicant shall reapply for such status annually. This bill incorporates HB 2667 and has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Patron - Clark

F **HB2558 Retail sales and use tax; firearm and ammunition taxes.** Imposes (i) a firearm tax in the amount of $5 per firearm and (ii) a firearm ammunition tax of one cent ($0.01) per round of firearm ammunition that is sold by firearm seller, defined in the bill. The bill requires any revenue proceeds from such taxes to be used to prevent gun violence and enhance school safety.

Patron - Lopez

F **HB2567 Department of Taxation; evaluation of income tax subtraction for military benefits received by members of the uniformed services; report.** Directs the Department of Taxation (the Department) to evaluate the effects of extending the income tax subtraction for military benefits to military retirement income paid to a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran for such veteran's service in the uniformed services, defined in federal law as the armed forces, the commissioned corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, and the commissioned corps of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Current law restricts such income tax subtraction to certain military benefits received for service in the armed forces. The bill directs the Department to submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than November 30, 2025.

Patron - Leftwich

F **HB2575 Income tax; subtraction; retirement income of certain federal employees.** Establishes, beginning in taxable year 2025, an individual income tax subtraction for 20 percent of the retirement income of retirees covered under the federal Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS).

Patron - Leftwich

F **HB2578 Retail sales and use tax; exemption for data centers; reports.** Requires a data center operator, in order to be eligible for the existing data center sales and use tax exemption to (i) beginning July 1, 2030, purchase a certain percentage of the data center's annual electric load from clean energy resources, (ii) beginning July 1, 2030, demonstrate

sufficient investment in energy efficiency measures to provide system-wide benefits, and (iii) beginning July 1, 2027, use only backup generators that meet certain emissions standards.
The bill requires the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation to examine the cost and feasibility of data centers using onsite backup and primary generation that is not diesel-fired and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2025.
The bill requires the Department of Energy to (a) identify opportunities for beneficial use of waste heat from data centers; (b) create and publish on its website an interactive map of existing and proposed data centers and potential public and private heat users; (c) develop a strategic plan to accelerate data center heat reuse in the Commonwealth; (d) designate an employee within the Department to lead the Commonwealth's efforts to reuse data center heat; and (e) convene a stakeholder work group to provide expertise and feedback on the Department's efforts to accelerate the use of waste heat from data centers. The Department is required to report its findings to the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2025.
Finally, the bill requires investor-owned electric utilities to file with the State Corporation Commission for approval of a voluntary tariff to facilitate large customer procurement of clean energy.
Patron - Sullivan

F **HB2580 Virginia income tax subtractions; disability income.** Allows an individual who claims an income tax subtraction for disability income to also claim an income tax deduction for taxpayers age 65 and older.
Patron - Cordoza

F **HB2582 Real property tax; permanent and total disability; definition.** Amends the definition of "permanently and totally disabled" for the purposes of real property tax exemptions to include those individuals who are blind or have uncorrectable vision loss that interferes with daily activities.
Patron - Cordoza

F **HB2639 Income tax; alternative schooling and public school tax credits.** Creates an alternative schooling tax credit as a refundable income tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029, for up to $5,000 in qualifying expenses, defined in the bill, incurred by the parent or legal guardian of an eligible student in home education or attending a private school. If the taxpayer's family Virginia adjusted gross income does not exceed 300 percent of federal poverty guidelines, the taxpayer may claim an additional $2,500 refundable tax credit.
The bill also creates a public school tax credit as a refundable individual tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029, for up to $1,500 in qualifying expenses, defined in the bill, incurred by the parent or legal guardian of a student in public school. If the taxpayer's family Virginia adjusted gross income does not exceed 300 percent of federal poverty guidelines, the taxpayer may claim an additional $2,500 refundable tax credit.
The bill allows the taxpayer one credit per eligible student per year and requires the taxpayer to submit purchase receipts to verify qualifying expenses for each credit.
The aggregate amount of credits allowable for each credit is limited to $25 million per taxable year and will be allocated by the Department of Taxation on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that the aggregate amount of credits claimed in a single taxable year is greater than 90 percent of such amount, then such aggregate credit cap amount shall be increased in the immediately succeeding taxable year by 10 percent.
Patron - Walker

F **HB2643 Estimated tax; failure by individual, trust, or estate to pay.** Increases from $150 to $1,000 the maximum underpayment of estimated tax for which no addition to tax shall be added.
Patron - McNamara

F **HB2646 Income tax; eligibility of companies for apportionment modification; certification by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.** Extends from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2031, the date after which a corporation or pass-through entity that did not have any existing property or payroll in Virginia as of January 1, 2018, shall constitute an eligible company if such entity (i) either (a) spends at least $5 million on new capital investment in a qualified locality or qualified localities and creates at least 10 new jobs in such locality or localities or (b) creates at least 50 new jobs in a qualified locality or qualified localities, (ii) is a traded-sector company, and (iii) is certified by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority as generating a positive fiscal impact.
The bill also extends from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2031, the date prior to which an eligible company may (a) acquire property in or create jobs in any qualified locality or qualified localities and (b) subtract the value of such property acquired from the property factor or the value of such payroll attributable to such jobs created from the payroll factor from the numerator used in determining its taxable income apportionable to the Commonwealth.
Patron - Morefield

F **HB2667 Individual income taxes; creation of currently not collectible status.** Directs the Department of Taxation to create a form through which taxpayers may file for currently not collectible status. The Department may place an applicant into such status upon a finding that the collection of income taxes from such applicant would create or exacerbate an undue hardship for such applicant. Such applicant shall reapply for such status annually and shall not be eligible for such status for any single tax assessment for a total of more than five years from the date that the original application for such status was approved. This bill was incorporated into HB 2549.
Patron - Taylor

F **HB2673 Sales and use tax; dealer discount.**
Patron - Phillips

F **HB2681 Department of Taxation; corporate tax returns involving net operating losses; work group; report.** Directs the Department of Taxation to convene a work group composed of tax practitioners experienced in the preparation of corporate tax returns involving net operating losses to study the treatment of net operating losses in Virginia when compared to other states and to make recommendations to simplify such treatment in Virginia. The bill directs the work group to complete its meetings by October 1, 2025, and the Department to submit a report of the work group's findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Finance, and the House Committee on Appropriations by November 1, 2025.
Patron - Ballard

F **HB2685 Retail sales and use tax; commercial and industrial exemptions; data centers.** Provides that, between July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2030, the retail sales and use tax exemption for computer equipment or enabling software purchased or leased for use in a data center shall not apply for such equipment if it is purchased or leased for use in a data center that is constructed after July 1, 2025, in Planning District 8.
Patron - Lovejoy

F **HB2700 Taxable income; subtractions; military benefits.** Removes the current cap of $40,000 of military benefits that may be subtracted from Virginia taxable income for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, such that the total amount of military benefits may be subtracted from such income.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2703 Virginia Aircraft Sales and Use Tax Act; credit for tax paid on aircraft purchased from broker for noncommercial use.** Provides that a credit shall be granted against the tax imposed by the Virginia Aircraft Sales and Use Tax Act with respect to a person's use in the Commonwealth of an aircraft purchased from any broker, defined in the bill, for noncommercial use in an amount equal to the tax paid by such person to such broker.
Patron - Taylor

F **HB2707 Income tax; toll charges for disabled veterans tax credit.** Creates a nonrefundable income tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for expenses incurred during the taxable year by a disabled veteran, defined in the bill, for documented toll charges, also defined in the bill. The amount of the credit shall be equal to the lesser of the documented toll charges or $100. The bill requires the Tax Commissioner to establish guidelines for claiming the credit and provides that any unused credit may be carried forward by the taxpayer for five taxable years following the taxable year for which the credit was issued.
Patron - Runion

F **HB2715 Sales and use tax exemption; data centers.** Requires data center operators to meet certain wage rate standards in order to be eligible for the sales and use tax exemption for data center purchases. Under the bill, a data center operator shall be eligible for the exemption only if such operator ensures that every building service employee, as defined by the bill, employed at the data center is compensated at a rate that is no less than the standard building service employee rate, as defined by the bill. The bill requires the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to audit any qualifying person claiming this exemption to determine whether such person is in compliance with the wage requirements. Upon three violations of the wage requirement, the Department of Taxation shall revoke any such exemption received by a data center operator or tenant and require repayment.
Patron - Martinez

F **HB2717 Unclaimed property; application to delinquent taxes.** Directs the administrator of unclaimed property to transmit information to the Department of Taxation regarding the value of the property and the identity of the taxpayer. The bill also directs the Department to subtract the value of any unclaimed cash property, as defined in the bill, from the amount of any state taxes owed and specifies that the unclaimed cash property shall be paid to the Department.
Patron - Walker

F **HB2728 Imposition of tax; adjustments and child tax credit.** Creates a refundable income tax credit for an individual or married persons filing a joint return whose family Virginia adjusted gross income does not exceed $100,000 for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for each dependent member of the taxpayer's household who is younger than the age of 18. The amount of the credit equals $250 for each such dependent, to be increased by $50 for each taxable year that the Department of Taxation certifies annual revenue growth for the prior year of at least five percent, adjusted for the impact of tax policy changes. Additionally, the bill sets the Virginia deduction in the amount of $930 for each personal exemption allowable to the taxpayer for federal income tax purposes to expire after taxable year 2024.
The bill also removes the two percent and three percent tax brackets, while maintaining the current five percent tax to be imposed on income in excess of $5,000 but not in excess of $17,000 and reduces from 5.75 percent to 5.6 percent the tax to be imposed on incomes in excess of $17,000, beginning with taxable year 2025. Finally, the bill provides that the tax imposed on income in excess of $17,000 shall be reduced by one-tenth of a percent for each taxable year between 2025 and 2029 that the Department of Taxation certifies annual revenue growth of at least five percent, adjusted for the impact of tax policy changes.
Patron - McNamara

F **HB2737 Real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty.** Authorizes localities by ordinance to provide a total exemption from real property taxes regardless of assessed value beginning in tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2025, for surviving spouses of members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty. Under law effective January 1, 2025, a total exemption is only allowed for such surviving spouses for those dwellings in the locality with assessed values in the most recently ended tax year that are not in excess of the average assessed value for such year of a dwelling situated on property that is zoned as single family residential.
Patron - Tata

F **HB2740 Tax credit; purchase of asphalt recycling equipment for reprocessing existing asphalt materials from pavements and roadways; report.** Creates a nonrefundable tax credit for taxable years 2025 and 2026 in an amount equal to 20 percent of the purchase price, as defined in the bill, paid during the taxable year for asphalt recycling equipment. The bill defines asphalt recycling equipment as machinery and equipment that is used to reclaim, recycle, or reprocess existing asphalt materials from pavements and roadways in the Commonwealth and that has been certified by the Department of Environmental Quality as being integral to the recycling process. The bill provides a $3 million aggregate annual cap on the number of credits to be distributed, as administered by the Department of Taxation, and an annual cap of 40 percent of the taxpayer's liability for taxes for any taxable year. Any credit not used for the taxable year in which the purchase price for recycling machinery was paid may be carried over for the next 10 years until the total credit amount is used.
Finally, the bill requires the Department of Taxation, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Transportation, to submit a report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Finance and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than December 1, 2025, on the number of claims for such credit and any impact to environmental quality and pavement performance resulting from the use of asphalt recycling equipment.
Patron - Lopez

F **HB2759 Education improvement scholarships tax credits; sunset repeal.** Repeals the sunset following taxable year 2027 for the education improvement scholarships tax credits and current benefit and eligibility requirements.
Patron - Earley

F **HB2762 Education improvement scholarships tax credit; guidelines for scholarship foundations;**

scholarship amount. Provides that, on and after July 1, 2025, the aggregate amount of scholarships provided to each student, eligible student with a disability, or pre-kindergarten child by scholarship foundations may exceed the maximum amounts established in current law for such students.
Patron - Earley

F **HJ449 Study; Department of Transportation; taxation of hybrid and electric trucks; report.** Requests the Department of Transportation to study options for taxation of hybrid and electric trucks to account for the shortfall in gas and diesel tax revenues that will result from the use of such vehicles.
Patron - Austin

F **SB763 Income tax deduction; tips.** Provides, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, an income tax deduction for the amount of cash tips received during the taxable year that are included on statements furnished to the employer for federal tax purposes.
Patron - McDougle

F **SB782 Income tax; deductions and earned income tax credit; sunset.** Removes the current January 1, 2026 expiration date for the standard deduction in the amount of $8,500 for single individuals and $17,000 for married individuals. Current law provides that on and after January 1, 2026, the standard deduction shall revert back to the amounts that existed before taxable year 2019, which was $3,000 for individuals and $6,000 for married individuals.
The bill also removes the current January 1, 2026 expiration date from the partially refundable credit that an individual or married individuals may claim against their Virginia income tax liability in an amount equal to 15 percent of the federal earned income tax credit claimed by an individual or married individuals for federal earned income tax purposes. This bill incorporates SB 845 and SB 951.
Patron - Suetterlein

F **SB789 Newborn and stillborn tax credit.** Establishes a refundable income tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for married individuals in an amount equal to $2,000 per eligible birth, defined in the bill. The bill also allows individuals and married individuals filing jointly to claim a refundable credit in an amount equal to $2,000 per stillborn birth so long as such stillborn birth is not also the birth of a child by a surrogate. The bill specifies that only one tax credit may be claimed for each eligible birth or stillborn birth.
Patron - Head

F **SB810 Earned income tax credit.** Allows eligible low-income taxpayers to claim a refundable income tax credit equal to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit claimed that year by the taxpayer for the same taxable year. The bill also states that individuals who would have been entitled to the federal equivalent of this credit but for the fact that the individual, the individual's spouse, or one or more of the individual's children does not have a valid social security number are eligible to claim this credit. Under current law, taxpayers may choose to claim either a nonrefundable tax credit equal to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit claimed that year or a refundable tax credit equal to 15 percent of the federal earned income tax credit claimed that year.
Patron - Rouse

F **SB827 Virginia Lottery; casinos; Internet gaming authorized; penalties.** Authorizes Internet gaming in the Commonwealth to be regulated by the Virginia Lottery Board. The bill permits the Board to issue an Internet gaming operator license to a casino gaming operator that submits an application on forms approved by the Board, meets certain qualifications, and pays an application fee of $1 million. The tax rate is set at 15 percent of an Internet gaming operator's adjusted gross Internet gaming revenue with 2.5 percent allocated to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund and the remaining 97.5 percent allocated to the general fund.
Patron - Locke

F **SB828 Income tax; housing opportunity tax credit; sunset extended.** Extends the housing opportunity tax credit sunset date from taxable year 2025 to taxable year 2030. The bill also increases the aggregate credit cap across all calendar years from $255 million to $1.505 billion and imposes an annual aggregate credit cap of $250 million in each calendar year between 2026 and 2030. The bill also provides that of the $250 million in credits authorized per calendar year from 2026 through 2030, 33 percent shall be reserved for qualified projects located in a geographic area within the Balance of State Pool, defined in the bill. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.
Patron - Locke

F **SB845 Virginia taxable income; standard deduction; sunset.** Removes the sunset on elevated standard deduction amounts for single individuals and married persons that is scheduled to expire for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026. This bill was incorporated into SB 782.
Patron - Stuart

F **SB862 Casino gaming; set-off of debts to the Commonwealth from prizes.** Directs the Virginia Lottery Board to adopt regulations to establish and implement a set-off debt collection program in accordance with the provisions of the Setoff Debt Collection Act, wherein certain casino gaming prizes shall be subjected to delinquent debts of agencies and institutions of the Commonwealth.
Patron - Reeves

F **SB865 Taxable income; subtractions; military benefits.** Removes the current cap of $40,000 of military benefits that may be subtracted from Virginia taxable income for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026, such that the total amount of military benefits may be subtracted from such income.
Patron - Reeves

F **SB874 Local sales and use tax; capital projects for schools; Pulaski County.** Adds Pulaski County to the list of localities that are authorized to levy an additional general retail sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent to provide revenue solely for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools within such locality. This bill was incorporated into SB 1307.
Patron - Hackworth

F **SB895 Real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty.** Authorizes localities by ordinance to provide a total exemption from real property taxes regardless of assessed value beginning in tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2025, for surviving spouses of members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty. Under law effective January 1, 2025, a total exemption is only allowed for such surviving spouses for those dwellings in the locality with assessed values in the most recently ended tax year that are not in excess of the average assessed value for such year of a dwelling situated on property that is zoned as single family residential.
Patron - Rouse

F **SB900 Real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty.** Authorizes localities by ordinance to provide a total exemption from real property taxes regardless of assessed value beginning in taxable year 2025. Under current law, a total exemption is only allowed for those dwellings in the locality with assessed values in the most recently ended tax year that are not in excess of the average assessed value for such year of a dwelling situated on property that is zoned as single family residential.

Patron - DeSteph

F **SB943 Income tax; subtraction; retirement income of certain federal employees.** Establishes, beginning in taxable year 2025, an individual income tax subtraction for 20 percent of the retirement income of retirees covered under the federal Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS).

Patron - DeSteph

F **SB951 Income tax; certain sunset repeals.** Removes the sunset for the standard deduction in the amount of $8,500 for individuals and $17,000 for married individuals that is currently set to expire beginning in taxable year 2026, and revert back to $3,000 for individuals and $6,000 for married individuals. The bill also removes the taxable year 2026 sunset for the partially refundable earned income tax credit that an individual or married individuals may claim in an amount equal to 15 percent of the federal earned income tax credit claimed for federal earned income tax purposes and removes the taxable year 2026 sunset for the elective income tax on pass-through entities. This bill was incorporated into SB 782.

Patron - McDougle

F **SB971 Income tax; second-chance employment tax credit.** Creates a nonrefundable second-chance employment tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for five percent of the amount of wages paid to a qualified employee during the taxable year. The bill defines a qualified employee as an individual who was convicted of a felony or a Class 1 or Class 2 misdemeanor. The annual amount of the credit that may be claimed by the employer shall not exceed $1,250 per qualified employee or $2,250 in the case of a qualified employee who is on probation or parole. The credit may be claimed in the first year in which the qualified employer employs a qualified employee and in each subsequent year in which such employer continues to employ such qualified employee. The bill requires that such qualified employer adopt and implement a second-chance hiring policy that meets or exceeds standards set in guidance by the Department of Human Resource Management. The aggregate amount of tax credits available in any fiscal year shall not exceed the amount appropriated for such year as provided in the general appropriation act.

Patron - Rouse

F **SB982 Casino gaming; eligible host localities.** Adds Fairfax County to the list of localities eligible to host a casino in the Commonwealth and provides that any proposed site for a casino gaming establishment considered by Fairfax County shall be (i) located within one-quarter of a mile of an existing station on the Metro Silver Line, (ii) part of a coordinated mixed-use project development consisting of no less than 1.5 million square feet, (iii) within two miles of a regional enclosed mall containing not less than 1.5 million square feet of gross building area, and (iv) outside of the Interstate 495 Beltway.

Patron - Surovell

F **SB983 Sales and use tax; dealer discount.** Provides that the dealer discount deduction for state retail sales and use tax that the dealer accounts for in submitting his return and paying the amount due, beginning July 1, 2025, will be six percent of the first three percent of the tax imposed. Under current law, the dealer discount is allowed as a deduction from the first three percent of the state retail sales and use tax that the dealer accounts for in submitting his return and paying the amount due in the following percentages: four percent, if the monthly taxable sales of the dealer are $0 to $62,500; three percent, if the monthly taxable sales of the dealer are $62,501 to $208,000; and two percent if the monthly taxable sales of the dealer are $208,001 and above.

Patron - Mulchi

F **SB1001 Sales and use tax; exemption for electric utility equipment.** Exempts from the retail sales and use tax, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending July 1, 2030, tangible personal property used directly in the initiation, production, generation, transmission, or distribution of electricity by Appalachian Power.

Patron - Head

F **SB1085 Income tax; alternative schooling and public school tax credits.** Creates an alternative schooling tax credit as a refundable income tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029, for up to $5,000 in qualifying expenses, defined in the bill, incurred by the parent or legal guardian of an eligible student in home education or attending a private school. If the taxpayer's family Virginia adjusted gross income does not exceed 300 percent of federal poverty guidelines, the taxpayer may claim an additional $2,500 refundable tax credit.

The bill also creates a public school tax credit as a refundable individual tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029, for up to $1,500 in qualifying expenses, defined in the bill, incurred by the parent or legal guardian of a student in public school. If the taxpayer's family Virginia adjusted gross income does not exceed 300 percent of federal poverty guidelines, the taxpayer may claim an additional $2,500 refundable tax credit. The bill allows the taxpayer one credit per eligible student per year and requires the taxpayer to submit purchase receipts to verify qualifying expenses for each credit.

The aggregate amount of credits allowable for each credit is limited to $25 million per taxable year and will be allocated by the Department of Taxation on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that the aggregate amount of credits claimed in a single taxable year is greater than 90 percent of such amount, then such aggregate credit cap amount shall be increased in the immediately succeeding taxable year by 10 percent.

Patron - Craig

F **SB1113 Income tax credit; adaptive repurposing of underutilized structures; Affordable Dwelling Units.** Creates a nonrefundable income tax credit in taxable years 2025 through 2029 for eligible expenses, defined in the bill, incurred in converting office buildings to residential uses. The credit may be claimed only in the year during which a qualified converted building, defined in the bill, is placed into service and is equal to (i) 20 percent or (ii) 30 percent in an at-risk locality, defined in the bill, of the amount of eligible expenses incurred. No single taxpayer may claim more than $2.5 million in credits in any single taxable year and the credit is subject to an aggregate annual cap of $30 million.

The bill also allows localities to restrict certain partial exemptions from real estate taxation to real property on which the improvement is a residential structure that has set aside at least 30 percent of such structure for Affordable Dwelling Units.

Patron - Williams Graves

F **SB1117 Income tax credit; braille labeling program.** Creates a nonrefundable individual and corporate income tax credit, as applicable, for up to $50,000 of expenditures incurred in the development and implementation of a braille labeling program on products, items, or packages sold in or shipped to the Commonwealth in taxable years 2025 through 2029. The aggregate amount of credits allowed for all taxpayers in a taxable year is $1,000,000.
Patron - Roem

F **SB1162 Tobacco products tax; cigars.** Caps the statutory tax rate imposed on the selling or distributing of cigars by a distributor or remote retail seller at 20 percent of the manufacturer's sales price or 30 cents ($0.30) per cigar, whichever is lower. Under current law, the effective rate is 20 percent of the manufacturer's sales price due to language in the appropriation act, which doubles the statutory rate. The bill also directs the Department of Taxation to update its form TT-8, Virginia Tobacco Products Tax Return (OTP), to begin collecting data on the number of premium cigars sold in the Commonwealth as a distinct category from all other cigars. The bill directs the Department to update such form as soon as practicable and provide a report of the data so collected and estimated fiscal impacts of adopting a cap of 30 cents ($0.30) per cigar or another rate on the tobacco products tax imposed on premium cigars to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than December 1, 2025.
Patron - McDougle

F **SB1172 Sales and use tax; food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products.** Eliminates the remaining one percent local sales and use tax that is imposed on food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products. Under current law, no other sales and use tax is currently applied to such products. The bill requires an equivalent amount of revenue to be distributed to cities and counties on a monthly basis in compensation for the lost tax revenue. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.
Patron - Suetterlein

F **SB1179 Motion picture production tax credit; renamed as content manufacturing tax credit; sunset.** Removes the sunset for the motion picture tax credit, which currently is set to expire after taxable year 2026, and expands and redesignates the tax credit as the content manufacturing tax credit. The bill increases the total amount of credits that can be allocated to eligible taxpayers from $6.5 million to $11.5 million beginning in fiscal year 2025 and allows unclaimed aggregate credit amounts to be carried over and added to the aggregate credit cap in the following fiscal year.
The bill also amends the definition of the "qualifying expenses" eligible for the content manufacturing tax credit to mean certain amounts spent in connection with the production of an eligible project filmed in the Commonwealth, defined as the production of a motion picture or an episodic television series.
Patron - Hashmi

F **SB1196 Sales and use tax exemption; data centers.** Requires data center operators to meet certain energy efficiency standards in order to be eligible for the sales and use tax exemption for data center purchases. Under the bill, a data center operator shall be eligible for the exemption only if such operator demonstrates that (i) its facilities either have a power usage effectiveness score of no greater than 1.2 or, for data centers co-located in buildings with other commercial uses, achieve an energy efficiency level of no less than the most efficient 15 percent of similar buildings constructed in the previous five years and (ii) by January 1, 2028, it will procure carbon-free renewable energy and associated renewable energy certificates equal to 90 percent of its electricity requirements or its electricity will be otherwise derived from non-carbon-emitting, renewable sources.
Patron - Deeds

F **SB1276 Labor and employment; portable benefit accounts; income tax; deduction.** Authorizes a Virginia resident who has worked as an independent contractor to establish a portable benefit account. Under the bill, a portable benefit account offered through and administered by a bank, credit union, or other depository institution and distributions from the account may be used for the payment of various health-related costs. The bill also creates a temporary deduction for the amount of contributions made to a portable benefit account by an independent contractor for the 2025 and 2026 taxable years.
Patron - DeSteph

F **SB1305 Local taxes; zoning; assessments; ordinances.** Provides that for purposes of real estate subject to a special tax assessment for land preservation by local ordinance, a change to the zoning ordinance shall only be effective following the later of (i) the approval of the relevant modification in the zoning classification of real estate; (ii) the exhaustion of the challenge or appeal period; (iii) if pending, the final determination of any challenge or appeal made within such period; or (iv) the sale of the subject property.
The bill also provides that for purposes of subdivided or rezoned lots, the assessment or reassessment required by law shall only be effective following the later of (a) the approval of a modification in the zoning classification of the subject real estate, an exception to zoning or classification of the subject real estate, or a reclassification of the subject real estate; (b) the exhaustion of the challenge or appeal period for such approvals; (c) if pending, the final determination of any such challenge or appeal made within such period; or (d) the sale of the subject property.
Finally, the bill provides that changes to the zoning ordinance refers to such ordinances enacted after December 1, 2023.
Patron - McPike

F **SB1312 Real property tax; high exemption locality reimbursements.** Provides that in tax year 2025 and all tax years thereafter, a high exemption locality, defined in the bill, shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth for 50 percent of the exemption value, also defined in the bill, multiplied by the 2022 effective real property tax rate in such locality.
Patron - McPike

F **SB1321 Retail sales and use tax; exemptions; gold, silver, or platinum bullion; sunset.** Extends to June 30, 2032, the exemption from the retail sales and use tax for gold, silver, or platinum bullion and legal tender coins. The exemption is currently set to expire on June 30, 2025.
Patron - French

F **SB1322 Virginia Gaming Commerce Regulation Act established; penalties.** Establishes the Virginia Gaming Commerce Regulation Act for the purpose of providing a regulatory and registration scheme for electronic gaming devices in the Commonwealth. The bill authorizes and specifies the registration requirements for the distribution, operation, hosting, and play of electronic gaming devices, as defined in the bill. The bill imposes a $1,200 monthly tax on each electronic gaming device from each distributor, as defined in the bill, and provides for the use of such tax proceeds after

deposit in the Virginia Gaming Commerce Regulation Fund, established in the bill for distribution as follows: (i) 70 percent to the Elementary and Secondary Education Fund, also established in the bill, but only to supplement and not supplant existing funding for public primary and secondary education; (ii) 15 percent to the host locality contingent upon 33 percent of such amount being used for local law enforcement; (iii) five percent for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program and Fund; (iv) three percent to the I-81 Corridor Improvement Fund, (v) three percent to the Gaming Regulatory Fund for administration and oversight costs; (vi) 2.5 percent to the State Police for the Office of Gaming Enforcement; and (vii) 1.5 percent to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund.

The bill directs the Virginia Lottery Board to promulgate regulations no later than June 30, 2026, to implement the provisions of the bill and authorizes the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to grant a provisional registration, until the Virginia Lottery Board regulations are promulgated, to any entity that meets the respective criteria.

Patron - DeSteph

F **SB1323** **Virginia Gaming Commerce Regulation Act established; penalties.** Establishes the Virginia Gaming Commerce Regulation Act for the purpose of providing a regulatory and registration scheme for electronic gaming devices in the Commonwealth. The bill authorizes and specifies the registration requirements for the distribution, operation, hosting, and play of electronic gaming devices, as defined in the bill. The bill imposes a $1,200 monthly tax on each electronic gaming device from each distributor, as defined in the bill, and provides for the use of such tax proceeds after deposit in the Virginia Gaming Commerce Regulation Fund, established in the bill, with most being distributed to the Elementary and Secondary Education Fund, also established in the bill. The bill directs the Virginia Lottery Board to promulgate regulations no later than June 30, 2026, to implement the provisions of the bill and authorizes the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to grant a provisional registration, until the Virginia Lottery Board regulations are promulgated, to any entity that meets the respective criteria.

Patron - Craig

F **SB1330** **Short-term rentals; registration; civil penalty.** Directs the Department of Taxation to establish a registry of short-term rental properties and requires accommodations providers and accommodations intermediaries to register with the Department. Under the bill, an accommodations provider shall provide to the Department its name and the address of each property it offers for short-term rental. The bill states that the Department shall issue each such accommodations provider a unique numerical identifier for each such property. Furthermore, an accommodations intermediary shall provide the Department with its name and the contact information for the individual responsible for liaising with state and local officials regarding noncompliant short-term rental listings. The bill states that as a condition of listing a short-term rental on its platform, an accommodations intermediary shall require each accommodations provider to provide such provider's name and the unique numerical identifier and specific address for each short-term rental offered. Under the bill, such information, as well as information regarding receipts and taxes paid, shall be provided to the Department by the accommodations intermediary on a quarterly basis, unless the accommodations intermediary submits monthly reports containing the property addresses and gross receipts for all accommodations facilitated by such intermediary in a locality during such quarter.

The bill states that the Department shall provide the commissioner of the revenue for each locality with access to the registry and information contained therein. The commissioner of the revenue shall notify an accommodations intermediary of any short-term rental on its platform that is not lawfully authorized to be offered on its platform, and the accommodations intermediary shall remove any such listing from its platform. Under the bill, any accommodations intermediary that does not remove such a listing from its platform shall be subject to a civil penalty of $1,000 to be paid into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.

The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Patron - Marsden

F **SB1343** **Tax administration; award for tax underpayment detection assistance.** Authorizes the Tax Commissioner to award monetary compensation to individuals who provide information that assists the Department of Taxation in the successful collection of delinquent state taxes owed by other individual or business taxpayers. The bill provides that such awards may be given only if (i) the underpaying individual taxpayer's gross income exceeds $100,000 or the underpaying business taxpayer's gross income exceeds $500,000 and (ii) the amount in question exceeds $50,000.

Patron - Surovell

F **SB1378** **Child tax credit; Virginia adjusted gross income.** Creates a one-time individual income tax credit in taxable years 2025 through 2029 for taxpayers whose households include dependents younger than 13 years of age and whose family Virginia adjusted gross income, defined in the bill, does not exceed $100,000. Such credit shall be in an amount equal to $300 for each such dependent and only one credit may be claimed for each such dependent. The bill provides that if the taxpayer is a resident of the Commonwealth for the full taxable year, the credit is refundable. Otherwise, the credit is nonrefundable.

Patron - Aird

F **SB1410** **Estimated tax; failure by individual, trust, or estate to pay.** Increases from $150 to $1,000 the maximum underpayment of estimated tax for which no addition to tax shall be added.

Patron - Jordan

F **SB1423** **Taxation; rate of interest.** Provides that (i) the rate of interest on omitted taxes and assessments is equal to the Underpayment Rate established by the Internal Revenue Code and (ii) the rate of interest on refunds is equal to the Overpayment Rate for noncorporate taxpayers established by the Internal Revenue Code beginning in the third quarter of calendar year 2025 and thereafter. Current law provides that (a) the rate of interest on omitted taxes and assessments is equal to the Underpayment Rate plus two percent and (b) the rate of interest on refunds is equal to the Overpayment Rate for noncorporate taxpayers plus two percent.

Patron - Hackworth

F **SB1425** **Retail sales and use tax; data center exemption expiration; distribution of revenues.** Provides for a sunset on the data center retail sales and use tax exemption, and any extensions thereof, on and after July 1, 2025. The bill requires that the revenues generated by the expiration of the exemption be distributed for school construction and road and bridge construction.

Patron - Stuart

F **SB1426** **Corporate income tax; Virginia taxable income; definitions.** Defines, for purposes of income tax, "entire net income" as the total net income from all sources that a taxpayer is required to report for purposes of the federal

income tax. The bill further defines "net operating loss" as the excess of any allowable income tax deductions over the gross income used in computing entire net income.
Patron - Bagby

F **SB1433 Tax credit for purchase of mobile machinery and equipment used by road contractors for processing recyclable asphalt materials on pavements and roadways.** Creates a nonrefundable tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029 in an amount equal to 20 percent of the purchase price paid, as defined in the bill, during the taxable year for machinery and equipment used to reclaim, recycle, or reprocess existing asphalt materials from pavements and roadways. The bill requires a taxpayer to submit invoices with an income tax return verifying the amount of purchase price paid for such machinery and equipment. The bill provides a $3 million aggregate annual cap on the number of credits to be distributed, as administered by the Department of Taxation. Any credit not used for the taxable year in which the purchasing price for recycling machinery was paid may be carried over for the next 10 years until the total credit amount is used.
Patron - Marsden

F **SB1443 Income tax; car tax credit.** Establishes a refundable income tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2027 for a taxpayer whose federal adjusted gross income does not exceed $50,000 if filing as an individual or $100,000 if married and filing jointly in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the amount actually paid for tangible personal property tax to Virginia localities on qualifying vehicles, defined in the bill, or (ii) $150 for an individual or $300 for married individuals filing jointly. The bill provides that such credit shall not be allowed for such taxes paid to any locality that has, during the tax year for which such credit is claimed, imposed a tangible personal property tax rate upon qualifying vehicles at a rate that exceeds the rate imposed upon such vehicles by such locality during the 2024 tax year. Finally, the bill provides that if any provision of the bill is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall not be deemed severable.
Patron - Durant

F **SB1456 Corporate income tax; sourcing of sales other than sales of tangible personal property.** Implements market-based corporate income tax sourcing for attributing sales, other than sales of tangible personal property, to Virginia beginning in taxable year 2026.
Patron - Obenshain

F **SB1464 Tax credit; purchase of asphalt recycling equipment for reprocessing existing asphalt materials from pavements and roadways; report.** Creates a nonrefundable tax credit for taxable years 2025 and 2026 in an amount equal to 20 percent of the purchase price, as defined in the bill, paid during the taxable year for asphalt recycling equipment. The bill defines asphalt recycling equipment as machinery and equipment that is used to reclaim, recycle, or reprocess existing asphalt materials from pavements and roadways in the Commonwealth and that has been certified by the Department of Environmental Quality as being integral to the recycling process. The bill provides a $3 million aggregate annual cap on the number of credits to be distributed, as administered by the Department of Taxation, and an annual cap of 40 percent of the taxpayer's liability for taxes for any taxable year. Any credit not used for the taxable year in which the purchase price for recycling machinery was paid may be carried over for the next 10 years until the total credit amount is used. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Taxation, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Transportation, to submit a report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Finance and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than December 1, 2025, on the number of claims for such credit and any impact to environmental quality and pavement performance resulting from the use of asphalt recycling equipment.
Patron - Marsden

F **SB1488 Income tax; family caregiver tax credit.** Creates a nonrefundable family caregiver tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029 for expenses incurred by an individual in caring for an eligible family member, defined in the bill, who requires assistance with one or more activities of daily living, also defined in the bill. The credit equals 50 percent of eligible expenditures incurred by the caregiver up to $1,000. To qualify for the credit, the family caregiver must (i) not receive any compensation or reimbursement for the eligible expenditures and (ii) have federal adjusted gross income that is no greater than $100,000 or, if such family caregiver is married and filing jointly, shall have federal adjusted gross income of no greater than $200,000. The bill requires the Tax Commissioner to establish guidelines for claiming the credit and provides that any unused credit may be carried forward by the taxpayer for five taxable years following the taxable year for which the credit was issued.
Patron - Cifers

Trade and Commerce

Passed

P **HB1608 Firearm industry members; standards of responsible conduct; civil liability.** Creates standards of responsible conduct for firearm industry members and requires such members to establish and implement reasonable controls regarding the manufacture, sale, distribution, use, and marketing of the firearm industry member's firearm-related products, as those terms are defined in the bill. Such reasonable controls include reasonable procedures, safeguards, and business practices that are designed to (i) prevent the sale or distribution of a firearm-related product to a straw purchaser, a firearm trafficker, a person prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law, or a person who the firearm industry member has reasonable cause to believe is at substantial risk of using a firearm-related product to harm themselves or unlawfully harm another or of unlawfully possessing or using a firearm-related product; (ii) prevent the loss of a firearm-related product or theft of a firearm-related product from a firearm industry member; (iii) ensure that the firearm industry member complies with all provisions of state and federal law and does not otherwise promote the unlawful manufacture, sale, possession, marketing, or use of a firearm-related product; and (iv) ensure that the firearm industry member does not engage in an act or practice in violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The bill also provides that a firearm industry member may not knowingly or recklessly create, maintain, or contribute to a public nuisance, as defined in the bill, through the sale, manufacturing, importing, or marketing of a firearm-related product. The bill creates a civil cause of action for the Attorney General or a local county or city attorney to enforce the provisions of the bill or for any person who has been injured as a result of a firearm industry member's violation to

seek an injunction and to recover costs and damages. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Helmer

P **HB1725 Medical Debt Protection Act; prohibited practices; penalties.** Creates the Medical Debt Protection Act to prohibit a large health care facility or medical debt buyer, as those terms are defined in the bill, from using certain extraordinary collection actions to collect medical debt or from charging interest or late fees on medical debt until 90 days following the due date applicable to the final invoice. The bill specifies that no such interest or late fees shall exceed three percent of the amount of such medical debt per annum. The bill provides that a violation of its provisions constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Delaney

P **HB2094 High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use; civil penalties.** Creates requirements for the development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems, defined in the bill, and civil penalties for noncompliance, to be enforced by the Attorney General. The bill This bill was vetoed by the Governor.has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Maldonado

P **HB2163 Enterprise zone grant program; work group; report.** Changes provisions related to enterprise zone real property investment grants by (i) creating an elevated grant tier on and after July 1, 2025, for major qualified zone investors, defined in the bill, and capping grants for such major qualified zone investors at $300,000 within any five-year period for any individual building or facility and (ii) including child day centers in the definition of qualified real property investments for purposes of enterprise zone real property investment grants.
The bill directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to collaborate with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to convene a work group to review the utilization of currently designated enterprise zones, make recommendations on renewals or termination of such zones, and report its findings by November 1, 2025. The bill contains technical amendments.
Patron - Carr

P **HB2358 Current and Mature Semiconductor Technology Grant Fund.** Establishes the Current and Mature Semiconductor Technology Grant Fund to, subject to appropriation, fund 15 annual grant award installments, in an aggregate amount not to exceed $60 million, to a qualified company that engages in the manufacture of semiconductors and that executes a memorandum of understanding with the Commonwealth and, on and after July 1, 2024, but before June 30, 2040, is expected to (i) make a capital investment, defined in the bill, of at least $2,170,130,850 and (ii) create and maintain at least 340 new full-time jobs, in an eligible locality, defined in the bill. The bill also authorizes bonus grants of up to $10 million that a qualified company may earn for certain new full-time job creation and maintenance. The bill also repeals the existing Semiconductor Manufacturing Grant Fund and is identical to SB 1208.
Patron - Torian

P **HB2493 Gaming; conduct of Texas Hold'em poker tournaments; fantasy contests; age restrictions.** Increases from 18 years of age to 21 years of age the minimum age an individual must be to participate in Texas Hold'em poker tournaments held by a qualified charitable organization and fantasy contests. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Krizek

P **HB2515 Virginia Consumer Protection Act; prohibited practices; mandatory fees or surcharges disclosure.** Prohibits a supplier, in connection with a consumer transaction, from advertising or displaying a price for goods or services without clearly and conspicuously displaying the total price, which shall include all mandatory fees or surcharges, as defined in the bill. The bill specifies the requirements for compliance with its provisions for certain suppliers and excludes from its provisions (i) certain fees charged by motor vehicle dealers, as defined in relevant law; (ii) fees charged by electric utilities, natural gas utilities, and telecommunications service providers, as those terms are defined in relevant law; (iii) certain costs associated with real estate settlement services; and (iv) the provision of air transportation by air carriers. The bill requires a food delivery platform to (a) at the point when a consumer views and selects a vendor or items for purchase, include a clear and conspicuous disclosure of any additional fee or percentage charged, as defined in the bill, and (b) after a consumer selects items for purchase, but prior to checkout, display a subtotal page that itemizes the price of such selected items and any additional fee or percentage included in the total cost. This bill is identical to SB 1212. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - McClure

P **HB2540 Lithium-ion Battery Separator Manufacturing Grant Fund.** Establishes the Lithium-ion Battery Separator Manufacturing Grant Fund to, subject to appropriation, fund 20 annual grant award installments, in an aggregate amount not to exceed $60.597 million, to a qualified company that engages in the manufacture of lithium-ion battery separators and that executes a memorandum of understanding with the Commonwealth and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, and that on and after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2045, is expected to (i) make a capital investment, defined in the bill, of at least $1.3506 billion and (ii) create and maintain at least 2,015 new full-time jobs in Pittsylvania County. This bill is identical to SB 1207.
Patron - Marshall

P **HB2671 Septic system inspectors; minimum requirements.** Amends the requirements for septic system inspections, as such term is defined in the bill, in connection with real estate transactions to provide that an individual must be an authorized septic system inspector, as defined in the bill, in order to conduct such inspections. The bill adds minimum requirements for septic system inspectors in conducting such inspections.
Patron - Phillips

P **SB754 Virginia Consumer Protection Act; prohibited practices; obtaining, disclosing, etc., reproductive or sexual health information without consumer consent.** Provides that obtaining, disclosing, selling, or disseminating personally identifiable reproductive or sexual health information, as defined in the bill, without the consent of the consumer is a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.
Patron - Favola

P **SB854 Consumer Data Protection Act; social media platforms; responsibilities and prohibitions related to minors.** Requires that any controller or processor that operates a social media platform shall (i) use commercially reasonable methods, such as a neutral age screen mechanism,

to determine whether a user is a minor younger than 16 years of age and (ii) limit any such minor's use of such social media platform to one hour per day, per service or application, and allow a parent to give verifiable parental consent to increase or decrease the daily time limit. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SB1207 Lithium-ion Battery Separator Manufacturing Grant Fund.** Establishes the Lithium-ion Battery Separator Manufacturing Grant Fund to, subject to appropriation, fund 20 annual grant award installments, in an aggregate amount not to exceed $60.597 million, to a qualified company that engages in the manufacture of lithium-ion battery separators and that executes a memorandum of understanding with the Commonwealth and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, and that on and after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2045, is expected to (i) make a capital investment, defined in the bill, of at least $1.3506 billion and (ii) create and maintain at least 2,015 new full-time jobs in Pittsylvania County. This bill is identical to HB 2540.
Patron - Mulchi

P **SB1208 Current and Mature Semiconductor Technology Grant Fund.** Establishes the Current and Mature Semiconductor Technology Grant Fund to, subject to appropriation, fund 15 annual grant award installments, in an aggregate amount not to exceed $60 million, to a qualified company that engages in the manufacture of semiconductors and that executes a memorandum of understanding with the Commonwealth and, on and after July 1, 2024, but before June 30, 2040, is expected to (i) make a capital investment, defined in the bill, of at least $2,170,130,850 and (ii) create and maintain at least 340 new full-time jobs, in an eligible locality, defined in the bill. The bill also authorizes bonus grants of up to $10 million that a qualified company may earn for certain new full-time job creation and maintenance. The bill also repeals the existing Semiconductor Manufacturing Grant Fund and is identical to HB 2358.
Patron - Lucas

P **SB1212 Virginia Consumer Protection Act; prohibited practices; mandatory fees or surcharges disclosure.** Prohibits a supplier, in connection with a consumer transaction, from advertising or displaying a price for goods or services without clearly and conspicuously displaying the total price, which shall include all mandatory fees or surcharges, as defined in the bill. The bill specifies the requirements for compliance with its provisions for certain suppliers and excludes from its provisions (i) certain fees charged by motor vehicle dealers, as defined in relevant law; (ii) fees charged by electric utilities, natural gas utilities, and telecommunications service providers, as those terms are defined in relevant law; (iii) certain costs associated with real estate settlement services; and (iv) the provision of air transportation by air carriers. The bill requires a food delivery platform to (a) at the point when a consumer views and selects a vendor or items for purchase, include a clear and conspicuous disclosure of any additional fee or percentage charged, as defined in the bill, and (b) after a consumer selects items for purchase, but prior to checkout, display a subtotal page that itemizes the price of such selected items and any additional fee or percentage included in the total cost. This bill is identical to HB 2515. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SB1339 Virginia Telephone Privacy Protection Act; telephone solicitations by text message.** Permits an individual receiving a telephone solicitation via text message to request not to receive telephone solicitations from a telephone solicitor by replying to such text message with the word "UNSUBSCRIBE" or "STOP." The bill requires a telephone solicitor in receipt of such request to honor such request for at least 10 years from the time such request is made. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Marsden

P **SB1371 Gift certificates; fees; expiration.** Prohibits the imposition of a dormancy fee, an inactivity charge or fee, or a service fee with respect to a gift certificate, unless certain requirements of the bill are met. The bill also prohibits the sale or issuance of a gift certificate that is subject to an expiration date that is earlier than five years after the gift certificate was issued or funds were last loaded to the gift certificate. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Srinivasan

P **SB1376 Virginia Consumer Protection Act; food labeling.** Prohibits the sale of any food required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to have a nutrition label when such food is not labeled in accordance with federal law.
Patron - Marsden

P **SB1450 Firearm industry members; standards of responsible conduct; civil liability.** Creates standards of responsible conduct for firearm industry members and requires such members to establish and implement reasonable controls regarding the manufacture, sale, distribution, use, and marketing of the firearm industry member's firearm-related products, as those terms are defined in the bill. Such reasonable controls include reasonable procedures, safeguards, and business practices that are designed to (i) prevent the sale or distribution of a firearm-related product to a straw purchaser, a firearm trafficker, a person prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law, or a person who the firearm industry member has reasonable cause to believe is at substantial risk of using a firearm-related product to harm themselves or unlawfully harm another or of unlawfully possessing or using a firearm-related product; (ii) prevent the loss of a firearm-related product or theft of a firearm-related product from a firearm industry member; (iii) ensure that the firearm industry member complies with all provisions of state and federal law and does not otherwise promote the unlawful manufacture, sale, possession, marketing, or use of a firearm-related product; and (iv) ensure that the firearm industry member does not engage in an act or practice in violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The bill also provides that a firearm industry member may not knowingly or recklessly create, maintain, or contribute to a public nuisance, as defined in the bill, through the sale, manufacturing, importing, or marketing of a firearm-related product. The bill creates a civil cause of action for the Attorney General or a local county or city attorney to enforce the provisions of the bill or for any person who has been injured as a result of a firearm industry member's violation to seek an injunction and to recover costs and damages. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Ebbin

Failed

F **HB1624 Consumer Data Protection Act; social media platforms; addictive feed prohibited for minors.** Prohibits a person that operates a social media platform that has knowledge that a user of the social media platform is a child under the age of 18 from using an addictive feed, defined

in the bill, unless the operator of such social media platform obtains verifiable parental consent.
Patron - Thomas

F HB1742 Pari-mutuel wagering; historical horse racing; percentage retained for distribution. Provides that with respect to all authorized historical horse racing terminals, of the amount that a horse racing licensee retains from wagering on historical horse racing pools and in addition to the current distribution required under law, 0.0125 percent each shall be distributed to the Shenandoah County Agricultural Foundation and the Great Meadow Foundation to support the promotion, education, maintenance, and safety of horse racing at such facilities. The bill also increases the distribution percentage provided from the amount that a horse racing licensee retains from wagering on historical horse racing pools to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund from 0.01 percent to 0.025 percent.
Patron - Reid

F HB1817 Consumer Data Protection Act; social media; parental consent. Requires any social media platform, defined in the bill, that is subject to the provisions of the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act to obtain verifiable parental consent prior to permitting any minor to create an account with such social media platform and, with such account, use such social media platform. The bill requires such social media platform to give the parent or legal guardian of such minor the option to consent to the collection and use of the minor's personal data without consenting to the disclosure of such minor's personal data to third parties.
Patron - Wyatt

F HB1911 Veterans' Services Protection Act; prohibited practices; penalty. Creates the Veterans' Services Protection Act to prohibit any person from receiving compensation for preparing, presenting, prosecuting, advising, consulting, or assisting any individual regarding any veterans' benefits matter, as defined in the bill, except as permitted under federal law. The bill provides that a violation of its provisions constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.
Patron - Sewell

F HB2021 Fair Voice Purchasing Act established; penalties. Prohibits a virtual assistant licensee or virtual assistant licensor, as such terms are defined in the bill, from providing voice purchasing on a smart speaker device or smart display device unless such licensee or licensor obtains consent from the user of such device.
Patron - Seibold

F HB2043 Consumer Data Protection Act; user-generated content protected; civil penalty. Requires controllers and processors to provide consumers with a privacy notice that applies to the consumers' user-generated content, defined in the bill, under the Consumer Data Protection Act and requires that any secondary use, defined in the bill, of personal data or user-generated content be consented to by the consumer. The bill requires a controller or processor, upon request by a consumer, to provide such consumer with a report that describes how the consumer's personal data or user-generated content was processed over the prior 12 months. The bill increases from $7,500 to $15,000 the maximum civil penalties for violations and allows civil penalties of up to $22,500 per violation for repeated noncompliance or egregious violations. The bill also allows a consumer who suffers a loss due to a violation to bring a private right of action against a controller or processor.
Patron - Anthony

F HB2112 Safeguarding American Veteran Empowerment Act; prohibited practices; penalties. Creates the Safeguarding American Veteran Empowerment Act to regulate the practices of persons seeking to receive compensation for preparing, presenting, prosecuting, advising, consulting, or assisting any individual regarding any veterans' benefits matter, as defined in the bill. The bill provides that a violation of its provisions constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.
Patron - Herring

F HB2121 Digital Content Authenticity and Transparency Act established; civil penalty. Requires a developer of an artificial intelligence system or service to apply provenance data to synthetic digital content that is generated by such developer's generative artificial intelligence system or service and requires a developer to make a provenance application tool and a provenance reader available to the public. The bill requires a controller of an online service, product, or feature to retain any available provenance data and requires a capture device to include a provenance application tool by default. The bill grants the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce such provisions and impose civil penalties pursuant to the bill. Under certain circumstances, the Attorney General may offer a developer an opportunity to cure a violation before imposing such civil penalties. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Maldonado

F HB2166 Horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering; breakage. Amends the definition of "breakage" for the purposes of horse racing other than historical horse racing to mean the odd cents by which the amount payable on each dollar wagered exceeds one cent ($0.01). The bill also provides that 70 percent of the legitimate breakage from each pari-mutuel pool for historical horse racing shall be distributed to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund and 30 percent of such breakage shall be deposited in the Racing Benevolence Fund.
Patron - Krizek

F HB2250 Consumer Data Protection Act; Artificial Intelligence Training Data Transparency Act. Allows consumers to authorize a third party, acting on the consumer's behalf, to opt out of the processing of the consumer's personal data. Such authorization may be made using technology that indicates the consumer's intent to opt out, including a browser setting, browser extension, global device setting, or other user-selected universal opt-out mechanism. Where a controller has actual knowledge or willfully disregards that a consumer is an adolescent, defined in the bill as at least 13 years of age but younger than 16 years of age, no controller shall process any personal data collected or collect precise geolocation data from such adolescent without obtaining consent from such adolescent. The bill provides that the Attorney General has discretion regarding whether to provide an opportunity to cure a violation to a controller or processor beginning January 1, 2026. The bill also revises the definitions of "sale of personal data," "sensitive data," and "biometric data."

The bill requires a developer of a generative artificial intelligence system or service, defined in the bill, to disclose on the developer's website information about the generative artificial intelligence data set used to train such system or service. A developer shall keep detailed records of the generative artificial intelligence data set used to train a generative artificial intelligence system or service and provide clearly designated and publicly available mechanisms for submissions of Training Data Verification Requests, defined in

the bill, and Training Data Deletion Requests, defined in the bill. The bill also prohibits nondisclosure or confidentiality agreements from concealing noncompliance with the bill. The bill allows the Attorney General to offer developers an opportunity to cure noncompliance that is noticed by the Attorney General and provides that a person or entity claiming to be injured due to a violation of such provisions shall be entitled to initiate an action for monetary damages or equitable relief. The provisions of the bill regarding such developers have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Patron - Maldonado

F HB2294 Virginia Social Media Regulation Act established; penalties. Establishes the Virginia Social Media Regulation Act for the purpose of prohibiting minors in Virginia from possessing an account on any social media platform, defined in the bill, without the express consent of a parent or guardian. The bill requires a social media company to provide a minor's parent or guardian with access to the minor's account and all posts and information on such account. The bill also places prohibitions on the type of data and personal information a social media platform may collect from a minor account holder and prohibits the use of any practice, design, or feature on a social media company's platform that the company knows, or should reasonably know, could cause a minor account holder to have an addiction to the social media platform. Lastly, the bill provides that any violation of the Virginia Social Media Regulation Act shall constitute a prohibited practice and be subject to the enforcement provisions of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Earley

F HB2355 Virginia Consumer Protection Act; professional mold remediators; study and report; emergency. Requires a professional mold remediator selling or offering for sale services to be performed upon any residential dwelling to hold a mold remediation certification from a nationally or internationally recognized certifying body for mold remediation. Under current law, such professional mold remediator is required to hold such certification from the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification. The provisions of the bill requiring such certification from a nationally or internationally recognized certifying body contain an emergency clause.

The bill also directs the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to study the current state of the mold inspection and mold remediation workforce in the Commonwealth to determine whether there is sufficient proof that justifies the licensure or certification of mold inspectors and mold remediators and, if so, recommend educational, experiential, or examination requirements for such licensure or certification. The bill directs the Department to submit a report on the state of the mold inspection and mold remediation workforce in the Commonwealth to the House Committee on General Laws, the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology, and the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules by November 1, 2025. This bill was incorporated into HB 2195.

Patron - Wilt

F HB2432 Pari-mutuel wagering; historical horse racing; percentage retained for distribution. Provides that, with respect to all authorized historical horse racing terminals, of the amount that a horse racing licensee retains from wagering on historical horse racing pools and in addition to the current distribution required under law, 0.025 percent each shall be distributed to the Shenandoah County Fair Association and the Great Meadow Foundation.

Patron - Webert

F HB2483 Digital Right to Repair Act; access to diagnostics, tools, service documentation, and firmware; penalties; civil action. Requires an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of digital electronic equipment, or parts for such equipment, to make available to owners of such equipment and to independent repair providers, on fair and reasonable terms, documentation, parts, and tools for purposes of diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of such equipment. The bill requires, for digital electronic equipment that contains an electronic security lock or other security-related function, OEMs to make available to the owners of such equipment and to independent repair providers, on fair and reasonable terms, any special documentation, parts, and tools needed to disable such lock or function and to reset it when disabled. A violation of the bill's provisions is a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. Any person who suffers a loss as the result of a violation of the bill's provisions shall be entitled to initiate an action for an injunction to enforce such provisions. The bill applies with respect to equipment sold or in use in the Commonwealth on or after January 1, 2026.

Patron - Glass

F HB2497 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; electric vehicle battery suppliers; certification; penalty. Requires each supplier of electric vehicle batteries operating in the Commonwealth to certify under penalty of perjury to the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that no electric vehicle batteries sold in consumer transactions, as defined in the bill, are manufactured in or sourced from African cobalt mines and that the manufacture or sourcing of such electric vehicle batteries involves no child or slave labor. The bill specifies that such certification is required by suppliers by July 1, 2026, and annually thereafter. Under the bill, it is unlawful for an electric vehicle battery supplier to sell, lease, or license any electric vehicle battery without first obtaining a certificate of compliance from the Commissioner, and a violation of this requirement constitutes a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Cordoza

F HB2554 Artificial Intelligence Transparency Act established. Requires developers of generative artificial intelligence systems made available in the Commonwealth to ensure that any generative artificial intelligence system that produces audio, images, text, or video content includes on such AI-generated content a clear and conspicuous disclosure that meets certain requirements specified in the bill. The bill also requires developers of generative artificial intelligence systems to implement reasonable procedures to prevent downstream use of such system without the required disclosures and requires any third-party licensee of a generative artificial intelligence system to also implement such procedures. The bill provides that a violation of the disclosure requirements constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The bill allows the Attorney General to offer developers a right to cure noncompliance that is noticed by the Attorney General and provides that a person or entity claiming to be injured due to a violation of the disclosure requirements shall be entitled to initiate an action for monetary damages or equitable relief.

Patron - Henson

F HB2727 Gift certificates; international transactions; fraud reports. Amends the definition of "gift certificate" and prohibits merchants from selling a gift certificate as part of an international transaction without first implementing a 24-hour hold on the activation of such gift certificate. The bill also requires local law enforcement to

communicate reports of gift certificate fraud to the Internet Crime Complaint Center of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Patron - Zehr

F **SB769 Consumer Data Protection Act; controller privacy notice; cookies; consumer consent.** Requires the privacy notice that a controller must provide to consumers to include a method by which a consumer may opt out of the automatic placement of a data file, commonly referred to as a "cookie," on the consumer's computer or web browser and a disclosure of the purposes for which the data files are used. The bill prohibits controllers from using cookies, except those that are strictly necessary, without the prior express consent of the consumer and prohibits controllers from preventing access to their services if such consent is not granted. The bill also requires controllers to document and store proof of such consent and make available an easily accessible method by which consumers may withdraw such consent.
Patron - McDougle

F **SB783 Consumer Data Protection Act; protections for children.** Requires a controller or processor to obtain verifiable parental consent, defined in the bill, prior to registering any child with the controller's or processor's product or service or before collecting, using, or disclosing such child's personal data. The bill also amends the definition of child for purposes of the Consumer Data Protection Act to include any natural person younger than 18 years of age.
Patron - Suetterlein

F **SB863 Fantasy Contests Act; minimum age requirement.** Increases from 18 years of age to 21 years of age the minimum age required to participate in fantasy contests.
Patron - Reeves

F **SB864 Horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering; breakage.** Amends the definition of "breakage" for the purposes of horse racing other than historical horse racing to mean the odd cents by which the amount payable on each dollar wagered exceeds one cent ($0.01). The bill also provides that 100 percent of the legitimate breakage from each pari-mutuel pool for historical horse racing shall be distributed to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund.
Patron - Reeves

F **SB889 Pari-mutuel wagering; historical horse racing; percentage retained for distribution.** Provides that with respect to all authorized historical horse racing terminals, of the amount that a horse racing licensee retains from wagering on historical horse racing pools and in addition to the current distribution required under law, 0.025 percent shall be provided to the Shenandoah County Fair Association.
Patron - French

F **SB976 Cloud Computing Cluster Infrastructure Grant Fund; performance agreement.** Removes the authority to make commitments related to accelerated permitting, property tax classifications, and other such issues in an agreement between a qualified company and a locality for purposes of the Cloud Computing Cluster Infrastructure Grant Fund.
Patron - Stuart

F **SB1023 Consumer Data Protection Act; data controller responsibilities; precise geolocation data.** Provides that, for the purposes of the Consumer Data Protection Act, a controller of personal data shall not sell or offer for sale precise geolocation data concerning a consumer.
Patron - Perry

F **SB1161 Artificial Intelligence Transparency Act established.** Requires developers of generative artificial intelligence systems made available in the Commonwealth to ensure that any generative artificial intelligence system that produces audio, images, text, or video content includes on such AI-generated content a clear and conspicuous disclosure that meets certain requirements specified in the bill. The bill also requires developers of generative artificial intelligence systems to implement reasonable procedures to prevent downstream use of such system without the required disclosures and requires any third-party licensee of a generative artificial intelligence system to also implement such procedures. The bill provides that a violation of the disclosure requirements constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The bill allows the Attorney General to offer developers a right to cure noncompliance that is noticed by the Attorney General and provides that a person or entity claiming to be injured due to a violation of the disclosure requirements shall be entitled to initiate an action for monetary damages or equitable relief.
Patron - Salim

F **SB1222 Safeguarding American Veteran Empowerment Act; prohibited practices; penalties.** Creates the Safeguarding American Veteran Empowerment Act to regulate the practices of persons seeking to receive compensation for preparing, presenting, prosecuting, advising, consulting, or assisting any individual regarding any veterans' benefits matter, as defined in the bill. The bill provides that a violation of its provisions constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.
Patron - Reeves

F **SB1223 Historical horse racing; pari-mutuel wagering; certain localities.** Prescribes the distribution of the breakage retained by any licensee in a locality that has not passed a referendum allowing pari-mutuel wagering on or after July 1, 2018, and in which no terminals were authorized by the Commission on or before January 1, 2024.
Patron - VanValkenburg

F **SB1226 Veterans' Services Protection Act; prohibited practices; penalty.** Creates the Veterans' Services Protection Act to prohibit any person from receiving compensation for preparing, presenting, prosecuting, advising, consulting, or assisting any individual regarding any veterans' benefits matter, as defined in the bill, except as permitted under federal law. The bill provides that a violation of its provisions constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.
Patron - Aird

F **SB1315 Horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering; satellite facilities; percentage retained by racetrack and locality.** Reapportions the distribution of the retainage for pari-mutuel pools by increasing the percentage paid to the localities in which the satellite facilities are located and decreasing the percentage paid to the locality in which the racetrack is located.
Patron - McPike

F **SB1417 Digital Content Authenticity and Transparency Act established; civil penalty.** Requires a developer of an artificial intelligence system or service to apply provenance data to synthetic digital content that is generated by such developer's generative artificial intelligence

system or service and requires a developer to make a provenance application tool and a provenance reader available to the public. The bill requires a controller of an online service, product, or feature to retain any available provenance data and requires a capture device to include a provenance application tool by default. The bill grants the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce such provisions and impose civil penalties pursuant to the bill. Under certain circumstances, the Attorney General may offer a developer an opportunity to cure a violation before imposing such civil penalties. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.
Patron - Ebbin

F **SB1440** **Consumer data privacy; automakers; civil penalty.** Prohibits automakers operating in the Commonwealth from collecting or processing the personal data of a consumer without such consumer's express consent and from engaging in the sale of personal data. The bill contains requirements for an automaker that has received express consent from a consumer for the collecting or processing of personal data, and includes personal data rights that such consenting customer may invoke at any time. Under the bill, the Attorney General is authorized to investigate violations and enforce the provisions of the bill by initiating an action, seeking an injunction, and seeking civil penalties of up to $7,500 for each violation.
Patron - Durant

F **SB1455** **Online marketplace; high-volume third-party sellers.** Establishes requirements for high-volume third-party sellers, defined in the bill as participants in an online marketplace that have entered into at least 200 discrete sales or transactions for 12 continuous months during the past 24 months resulting in accumulation of an aggregate total of $5,000 or more in gross revenues. The bill requires an online marketplace to (i) require high-volume third-party sellers to provide identifying and contact information to the online marketplace; (ii) verify the information provided by a high-volume third-party seller within 10 days of receipt; and (iii) require that high-volume third-party sellers make certain conspicuous disclosures to consumers on their product listing pages, with certain limited exceptions. The bill provides that the Attorney General has the exclusive authority to enforce its provisions and authorizes the Attorney General to seek an injunction to restrain any violations of the bill and seek civil penalties of up to $10,000 for each violation. The bill also makes it a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act for any supplier in connection with a consumer transaction to sell, offer for sale, or facilitate the sale, including through an online marketplace platform or other online website or through the supplier's warehouse or distribution center, of stolen goods.
Patron - Stuart

Unemployment Compensation

Passed

P **HB1766** **Unemployment compensation; increase weekly benefit amounts; report.** Provides that, for unemployment compensation claims effective on or after January 1, 2026, an eligible individual's weekly benefit amount shall be $100 higher than the current weekly benefit amount, as denoted in the table in the printed bill. The bill directs the Commission on Unemployment Compensation, in consultation with the Virginia Employment Commission, to convene a work group to study making annual adjustments to individual weekly benefit amounts based on the average weekly wage. The bill also provides that, beginning July 1, 2025, for claims effective on or after July 1, 2025, an eligible individual's weekly unemployment compensation benefit amount shall be paid for a maximum duration of 26 weeks. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Commission on Unemployment Compensation. This bill is identical to SB 1056. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Martinez

P **HB2531** **Paid family and medical leave insurance program; notice requirements; civil action.** Requires the Virginia Employment Commission to establish and administer a paid family and medical leave insurance program with benefits beginning January 1, 2028. Under the program, benefits are paid to covered individuals, as defined in the bill, for family and medical leave. Funding for the program is provided through premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning January 1, 2027. The bill provides that the amount of a benefit is 80 percent of the employee's average weekly wage, not to exceed 120 percent of the state weekly wage, which amount is required to be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the statewide average weekly wage. The bill caps the duration of paid leave at 12 weeks in any application year and provides self-employed individuals the option of participating in the program. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Sewell

P **SB1056** **Unemployment compensation; increase weekly benefit amounts; report.** Provides that, for unemployment compensation claims effective on or after January 1, 2026, an eligible individual's weekly benefit amount shall be $100 higher than the current weekly benefit amount, as denoted in the table in the printed bill. The bill directs the Commission on Unemployment Compensation, in consultation with the Virginia Employment Commission, to convene a work group to study making annual adjustments to individual weekly benefit amounts based on the average weekly wage. The bill also provides that, beginning July 1, 2025, for claims effective on or after July 1, 2025, an eligible individual's weekly unemployment compensation benefit amount shall be paid for a maximum duration of 26 weeks. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Commission on Unemployment Compensation. This bill is identical to HB 1766. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Ebbin

P **SB1057** **Unemployment insurance; weekly benefit amount; increasing threshold for deduction of wages payable.** Provides that each individual eligible for unemployment benefits shall be paid a weekly benefit amount less any part of the wages payable to such individual for such week that is in excess of $100. Currently, each eligible individual shall be paid a weekly benefit amount less any part of the wages payable to such individual for such week that is in excess of $50. This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on Unemployment Compensation.
Patron - Ebbin

Failed

F **HB1767** **Unemployment benefits; maximum duration.** Provides that, beginning July 1, 2025, for claims effective on or after July 1, 2025, an eligible individual's weekly unemployment compensation benefit amount shall be paid for a maximum duration of 26 weeks.
Patron - Martinez

F **HB2135 Unemployment compensation: allowance for dependents.** Provides that, in addition to the weekly unemployment benefit amount determined by relevant law, an eligible claimant who is unemployed in any week shall be paid an allowance of $25 for each of up to three dependents of such claimant. The bill defines "dependent" as the child, adopted child, or stepchild of a claimant who, on January 1 of the benefit year, is wholly or partly supported by such claimant and younger than 16 years of age. The bill requires any claimant declaring one or more dependents to provide proof of such dependents in a form and manner prescribed by the Commission in conformance with certain conditions enumerated in the bill. This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on Unemployment Compensation.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

F **SB1122 Paid family and medical leave insurance program; notice requirements; civil action.** Requires the Virginia Employment Commission to establish and administer a paid family and medical leave insurance program with benefits beginning January 1, 2028. Under the program, benefits are paid to covered individuals, as defined in the bill, for family and medical leave. Funding for the program is provided through premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning January 1, 2027. The bill provides that the amount of a benefit is 80 percent of the employee's average weekly wage, not to exceed 120 percent of the state weekly wage, which amount is required to be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the statewide average weekly wage. The bill caps the duration of paid leave at 12 weeks in any application year and provides self-employed individuals the option of participating in the program.
Patron - Boysko

Waters of the State, Ports and Harbors

Passed

P **HB2008 Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program authority; right of entry.** Removes the restriction on localities that operate regulated municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) to only enter on those properties from which a discharge enters their MS4 and allows such localities to, at reasonable times and under reasonable circumstances, enter any establishment or upon any property, public or private, for the purpose of obtaining information or conducting surveys or investigations necessary in the enforcement of the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program. However, the bill restricts operators of an MS4 that are not a locality, or any duly authorized agent thereof, to only enter on those properties from which a discharge enters their MS4. This bill is identical to SB 1093. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Martinez

P **HB2034 Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources; protection of existing tidal and nontidal wetlands; wetland restoration and creation; policy task force; report.** Directs the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources to establish a policy task force to develop (i) strategies to protect existing tidal and nontidal wetlands and restore, create, and plan for the persistence of such wetlands in the Commonwealth and (ii) mechanisms to incorporate such strategies into appropriate plans, including the Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan and the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan, to address losses and adverse impacts from human activities and climate change. The bill requires the task force to include certain relevant stakeholders, to meet at least two times annually, to report its initial findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by December 1, 2025, and to update its report at least every two years. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Simonds

P **HB2050 Drinking water; Occoquan Reservoir PFAS Reduction Program established.** Creates the Occoquan Reservoir PFAS Reduction Program to reduce excessive levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in public drinking water derived from the Occoquan Reservoir. The bill requires certain facilities to monitor for PFAS on or before October 1, 2025, using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Method 1633 or an alternative method approved by the EPA. The bill requires any such facility to report all results to the Department of Environmental Quality no later than the tenth day of the next month after the month in which the result is reported by the laboratory and to include in such report all PFAS analytes measured by the test method. The bill requires by July 1, 2027, for any facility that measures exceedances in its discharge of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for PFAS in drinking water promulgated on or before January 1, 2025, the Department, for an individual Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit if the facility discharges directly to surface waters, or a major publicly owned treatment works, for an indirect discharger, to modify the applicable discharge permit to require that the facility's discharge not exceed that MCL. The bill requires the modified permit to provide a compliance schedule that requires compliance with such level as soon as possible but no later than July 1, 2029. The bill exempts from its provisions any industrial discharger not listed in the bill, any publicly owned treatment works or drinking water treatment plant, or a municipal solid waste facility but provides that any public water system may follow the requirements of the bill for the purpose of planning for compliance with the MCL for PFAS in finished water. The bill clarifies that its provisions will not limit the authority of the Department or the owner or operator of any publicly owned treatment works to which any user discharges wastewater to require monitoring or reporting or otherwise regulate the discharge of any PFAS chemicals or other pollutants under other applicable legal authority. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Bulova

P **HB2327 Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee; extension of sunset date.** Extends from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2030, the sunset date of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee to assist the State Water Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality in the management of groundwater in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area.
Patron - Hodges

P **HB2516 Hazardous substances; hazardous substance facility response plans; civil penalties.** Requires any person that is required to submit a facility response plan under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Water Act Hazardous Substance Facility Response Plans to submit evidence of an EPA-approved facility response plan to the Department of Environmental Quality within a certain time period and to comply with such plan. The bill provides certain requirements for reporting, recordkeeping, and

inspection and authorizes the Department to initiate a civil action to obtain certain equitable relief for violations of the bill's provisions. The bill imposes civil penalties for any person that negligently, willfully, or knowingly (i) discharges or causes to discharge a hazardous substance from a facility or (ii) fails to implement or comply with an EPA-approved facility response plan. Finally, the bill requires the Department to develop guidance to implement the provisions of the bill.
Patron - Lopez

P **HB2517 Land application of sewage sludge; permit exemptions; sunset.** Exempts from permitting requirements for land application, marketing, and distribution of sewage sludge any land application for a research project when such land is owned and operated by an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the institution of higher education to notify the Department of Environmental Quality and the owner of every adjoining property of its intent to land apply such sewage sludge at least 30 days prior to commencing any land application of sewage sludge. The bill also requires the institution of higher education to comply with setback and recordkeeping requirements outlined in the Virginia Pollution Abatement Permit Regulation. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2030.
Patron - Runion

P **SB1093 Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program authority; right of entry.** Removes the restriction on localities that operate regulated municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) to only enter on those properties from which a discharge enters their MS4 and allows such localities to, at reasonable times and under reasonable circumstances, enter any establishment or upon any property, public or private, for the purpose of obtaining information or conducting surveys or investigations necessary in the enforcement of the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program. However, the bill restricts operators of an MS4 that are not a locality, or any duly authorized agent thereof, to only enter on those properties from which a discharge enters their MS4. This bill is identical to HB 2008. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Perry

P **SB1319 Self-reporting of PFAS manufacture and use for PFAS assessment; Department of Environmental Quality; industrial wastewater; publicly owned treatment works.** Requires every publicly owned treatment works to require certain new or existing industrial users to self-report use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as part of a pretreatment program. The bill requires every publicly owned treatment works receiving such self-report of PFAS from an industrial user to convey the information to the Department of Environmental Quality within 90 days of receipt. The bill amends the defined meaning of "use of PFAS" to exclude use of surface water or groundwater supply from the definition. Currently, "use of PFAS" does not include manufacturing equipment that contains PFAS. The bill also directs any industrial user required to self-report use of PFAS to submit such report within 90 days of notification from the publicly owned treatment works of this reporting requirement and requires the publicly owned treatment works to notify relevant industrial users of the requirement to self-report use of PFAS within 90 days of notification from the Department to make such notification. The bill requires the Department to notify publicly owned treatment works of the industrial user self-reporting requirements within 30 days of the bill's effective date. Finally, the bill directs the PFAS Expert Advisory Committee to include in its 2025 annual report recommendations on the development of an inventory of PFAS testing methodologies and control technologies for industrial sources. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - McPike

Failed

F **HB2132 Erosion and sediment control for certain localities; bond for sediment basin.** Limits the amount of the performance bond that an agency issuing a permit for a land-disturbing activity under the erosion and sediment control laws for certain localities can require when the final site plan includes a stormwater management facility that is built on top of a sediment basin or other sediment trap. The bill also sets a cap on the amount of the security that must be in the form of a letter of credit or cash required for performance for a sediment basin of 25 percent of the estimated cost.
Patron - Milde

F **HB2178 Regulation of discharging preproduction plastic; requirements.** Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to establish a program to ensure zero discharge or release from point and nonpoint source at certain facilities that discharge to (i) a surface water under a Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued by the Department or (ii) a publicly owned treatment works under an industrial pretreatment program permit or other written authorization issued by a local permit control authority and to require the prompt and environmentally responsible containment and cleanup of discharged or released preproduction plastic. The bill requires the Department to adopt and implement certain requirements in order to reduce and control the discharge or release of preproduction plastic from such facilities. The bill allows the Department to exempt a facility from the requirements of the program if a facility satisfies the criteria for a no exposure certification and complies with inspection requirements administered by the Department. The bill also allows the Department to establish additional requirements regarding the regulation of discharges and releases of preproduction plastic from certain facilities into water or onto land in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Clark

F **HB2212 Stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed.** Requires the State Water Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality to apply in a locality that is located outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed the regulations establishing minimum design criteria for measures that were in effect prior to July 1, 2014, to control (i) nonpoint source pollution and (ii) localized flooding and stream channel erosion.
Patron - O'Quinn

F **HB2331 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas; acceptance of signed and sealed plan in lieu of local plan review.** Authorizes a locality subject to the provisions of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act to accept a set of plans and supporting calculations prepared by a licensed professional, as described in the bill, for any land-disturbing activity that disturbs 2,500 square feet or more but less than one acre in an area of a locality designated as a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area. The bill provides that such plans and supporting calculations shall satisfy the requirement that the locality retain a certified plan reviewer or conduct a plan review.
Patron - Hodges

F **SB923** **Virginia Water Protection Permit; interbasin transfers of water prohibited.** Prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality from issuing a Virginia Water Protection Permit for a surface water withdrawal if more than five percent of the nonconsumptive volume of such withdrawal will be returned to a different major river basin, as defined in the bill. The bill clarifies that such prohibition does not apply to any lawful withdrawal in existence on July 1, 2025.

Patron - Stuart

F **SB1242** **Watershed general permits for nutrients; priority projects; compliance schedule; emergency.** Amends the compliance schedule for three priority projects for additional nitrogen and phosphorus removal under the Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program: the Fredericksburg Wastewater Treatment Facility, the Spotsylvania County-FMC Wastewater Treatment Facility, and the Spotsylvania County-Massaponax Wastewater Treatment Facility. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Durant

F **SB1365** **Stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed.** Requires the State Water Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality to apply in a locality that is located outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed the regulations establishing minimum design criteria for measures that were in effect prior to July 1, 2014, to control (i) nonpoint source pollution and (ii) localized flooding and stream channel erosion.

Patron - Pillion

Welfare (Social Services)

Passed

P **HB1723** **Department of Social Services; improving access to and maximizing participation in federal food assistance programs; work group; report.** Requires the Department of Social Services to convene a work group to evaluate methods to improve access to and maximize participation in federal public assistance programs relating to assistance with food access and improving food security. The Department shall report the work group's findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committees on Health and Human Services and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations by December 1, 2025. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Price

P **HB2457** **State Board of Social Services; regulations; application for and use of foster care benefits.** Directs the State Board of Social Services to amend its regulations by January 1, 2026, to (i) require local departments of social services to apply for federal benefits on behalf of children in foster care that they may be eligible for, (ii) prohibit the use of military survivor benefits to pay for the care and support of children in foster care that the Commonwealth is otherwise obligated to pay for, and (iii) require local departments of social services that are representative payees for children in foster care to conserve such military survivor benefits in an appropriate trust instrument or protected account that is exempt from federal asset and resource limits.

Patron - Glass

P **HB2597** **Commissioner of Social Services; appeal of provisional licenses.** Requires that corrective action of an applicant for provisional licensure, acceptable to the Commissioner of Social Services and on a schedule determined by the Commissioner, shall be required prior to any appeal of the provisional license issued to an assisted living facility or adult day center. This bill is identical to SB 937.

Patron - Rasoul

P **SB818** **Local department of social services; children in foster care; federal benefits; notice of eligibility.** Provides that, if the local department of social services serves as representative payee for a child receiving certain federal benefits, specified in the bill, the local department of social services shall provide written notice, in person or by certified mail, that it is acting as the child's representative payee within 30 days after receiving the first benefit payment on behalf of the child to (i) the child, if the child is 12 years of age or older; (ii) the child's parent, prior guardian, or prior custodian, or, if there is no legal parent or prior guardian or custodian, the child's next of kin; (iii) the guardian ad litem, if applicable; and (iv) the counsel appointed for the child, if applicable.

Patron - Favola

P **SB937** **Commissioner of Social Services; appeal of provisional licenses.** Requires that corrective action of an applicant for provisional licensure, acceptable to the Commissioner of Social Services and on a schedule determined by the Commissioner, shall be required prior to any appeal of the provisional license issued to an assisted living facility or adult day center. This bill is identical to HB 2597.

Patron - Craig

P **SB1020** **Department of Social Services; Restaurant Meals Program of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; report.** Directs the Department of Social Services to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the implementation of the Restaurant Meals Program of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The report shall include data on the number of restaurants that have applied to participate and that have been approved to participate and identified barriers to program expansion. The report shall be due no later than December 1, 2025.

Patron - Roem

P **SB1153** **Department of Social Services; assisted living facilities; appointment of receiver.** Specifies the circumstances under which the Commissioner of Social Services may petition the court to appoint a receiver for an assisted living facility, which is permitted under current law, and describes the procedures to be followed (i) for the filing of such petition and (ii) when a receivership has been established. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.

Patron - Obenshain

Failed

F **HB1631** **Department of Social Services; foster care; new luggage; report.** Directs the Department of Social Services (the Department) to establish and maintain a decentralized supply of new luggage to be used to transport the personal belongings of a child in foster care. The bill requires the Department to provide new luggage to a child who is entering or exiting foster care or moving from one foster care placement to another and prohibits the Department from using

disposable bags or trash bags to transport any items for a child in foster care. The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department to report certain information related to new luggage to the General Assembly by no later than December 1 of each year.
Patron - Keys-Gamarra

F **HB1651 Department of Social Services; applications for public assistance; immigration status inquiry.** Requires the director of a local department of social services or the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, whichever is applicable, to inquire as to the immigration status of all persons applying for public assistance benefits administered by the Department of Social Services.
Patron - Ballard

F **HB1964 Future in Focus Program.** Establishes the Future in Focus Program to provide services and support to individuals 21, 22, and 23 years of age who participated in the Fostering Futures program immediately prior to attaining 21 years of age. Such services and support shall be designed to assist participants in transitioning to adulthood, becoming self-sufficient, and creating permanent, positive relationships. The bill directs the State Board of Social Services to promulgate regulations to implement the bill's provisions.
Patron - Tata

F **HB2339 Child in foster care; provision of certain documents; 16 years of age.** Directs local departments of social services to provide children in foster care with certain documents when such children reach 16 years of age. Under current law, local departments of social services are required to provide certain documents when children are leaving foster care upon reaching 18 years of age.
Patron - Batten

F **HB2340 Department of Social Services; licensed child placing agencies; foster and adoptive provider training; reciprocity among local departments of social services and licensed child placing agencies; regulations.** Directs the Department of Social Services to amend its regulations related to preservice trainings and annual in-service trainings for foster and adoptive providers to ensure that reciprocity for such trainings is established among all local departments of social services and all licensed child placing agencies in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Batten

F **SB772 Department of Social Services; applications for public assistance; immigration status inquiry.** Requires the director of a local department of social services or the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, whichever is applicable, to inquire as to the immigration status of all persons applying for public assistance benefits administered by the Department of Social Services.
Patron - Sturtevant

F **SB773 Foster care; housing services; housing plan; report.** Requires local departments of social services to develop housing plans for individuals leaving foster care due to age that includes a description of housing options being pursued. The bill requires the Commissioner of Social Services to provide reports to the Governor and General Assembly on housing services for individuals aging out of foster care on or before October 1 of each year. The bill grants the Department of Social Services the authority to enter into a memorandum of understanding with local public housing authorities or housing programs to facilitate access to grant dollars for the Foster Youth to Independence Initiative under the Family Unification Program Housing Choice Vouchers. The bill directs local departments of social services to collaborate with local housing authorities to secure Family Unification Program Housing Choice Vouchers for certain youth enumerated in the bill. Finally, the bill directs local public housing authorities and local departments of social services to collaborate to administer the Foster Youth to Independence Initiative.
Patron - Favola

F **SB1273 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Virginia Initiative for Education and Work; Subsidized Work Experience Program established.** Establishes the Subsidized Work Experience Program (SWEP) for persons who are otherwise eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The bill directs the Department of Social Services to conduct SWEP and assign SWEP participants as volunteers to agencies, community organizations, and educational institutions. The bill also directs the Department to promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of SWEP.
Patron - Jordan

Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and Boating

Passed

P **HB2782 Board of Wildlife Resources; creel limits; blue catfish.** Requires the Board of Wildlife Resources to amend regulations to remove the one-fish daily limit for blue catfish longer than 32 inches in the Commonwealth. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Simonds

P **SB1125 Department of Wildlife Resources; propagation of mammalian wildlife unlawful; premature separation; hybridization.** Makes it unlawful to prematurely separate any mammalian wildlife offspring born in captivity from the mother prior to the natural time of weaning that is appropriate for such species, except that wildlife offspring may be prematurely separated if a medical necessity exists pursuant to a written order from a veterinarian licensed to practice in the Commonwealth with appropriate species-specific experience and expertise. The bill excludes the following from its provisions: (i) noncommercial transfers or trades between accredited zoological facilities, (ii) an accredited zoological facility that retains the mammalian wildlife offspring that has already been prematurely separated by such zoological facility, and (iii) a person operating under a wildlife rehabilitator permit issued by the Department of Wildlife Resources. The bill also makes it unlawful to intentionally and for commercial purposes propagate mammalian wildlife of different species, also known as hybridization. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Boysko

P **SB1204 Hunter education program personnel.** Requires the Board of Wildlife Resources to staff the hunter education program with appropriate personnel to ensure that hunter education, training, workshops, and volunteer management are carried out across the Commonwealth. Currently, the Board is required to establish at least one full-time hunter education coordinator position for each Department of Wildlife Resources administrative region, and each coordinator is assigned to a conservation police officer district and has the responsibility for providing hunter education training throughout his administrative region.
Patron - Mulchi

Failed

F **HB1907 Board of Wildlife Resources; creel limits; blue catfish.** Requires the Board of Wildlife Resources to amend regulations to remove the one-fish daily limit for blue catfish longer than 32 inches in Lake Gaston, Kerr Reservoir, and the James, Rappahannock, and York Rivers and their tributaries below the fall line.
Patron - Kent

F **HB2273 Kill permits for deer, elk, or bear; local authority.** Clarifies that the Director of the Department of Wildlife Resources or his designee has the exclusive authority to provide written authorization to kill deer, elk, or bear and prohibits a locality from amending, abridging, or limiting such authorization.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HB2335 Free fishing license program; blue catfish; sunset.** Directs the Department of Wildlife Resources to create a program that allows a person to obtain a digital fishing license at no cost through the Department's Go Outdoors Virginia mobile application to catch blue catfish. The bill requires the Department to establish certain eligibility requirements as provided in the bill and to establish guidelines for the administration of the program, including an incentive program to recognize program participants that catch the most blue catfish by weight, length, or number. The program has an expiration date of July 1, 2029, after which the Department is required to examine and report on the effectiveness of the free digital fishing license program in reducing the Commonwealth's population of blue catfish.
Patron - Simonds

F **HB2496 Department of Wildlife Resources; use of a safety monitoring device; Fox Hill Boat Ramp.** Allows the Department of Wildlife Resources to place and operate a safety monitoring device, as defined in the bill, at the Fox Hill Boat Ramp in the City of Hampton for the purpose of safety monitoring on state-owned property.
Patron - Cordoza

F **HB2523 Department of Wildlife Resources; free or partially discounted fees to hunt, fish, and trap; reimbursement.** Requires the Department of Wildlife Resources to maintain an annual accounting of revenue that would have been received by the Department from license exemptions or free or partially discounted fees to hunt, fish, or trap that are established by the General Assembly on or after July 1, 2025, and to submit such accounting to the Department of Accounts by August 1 of each year. The bill requires the Department of Accounts to pay the actual amount of such revenue within 30 days into the Game Protection Fund and also allows the accounting required by the bill and any other records relating to such accounting to be subject to audit by the State Comptroller.
Patron - Fowler

F **SB1341 Wildlife corridors; action plan, fund, and programs; Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan; wildlife carcass removal tracking; reports.** Establishes the Wildlife Corridor Grant Fund to provide grants for projects that preserve or enhance wildlife corridors prioritized by the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan and associated wildlife crossing infrastructure projects and establishes a grant program for the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Forestry, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Wildlife Resources to collaborate on disbursing moneys from the Fund. The bill directs such Departments to submit a report to the General Assembly by November 1 of each odd-numbered year concerning the Fund. The bill requires the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan created by the Department of Wildlife Resources to address the financial needs of the Plan and implement certain additional initiatives. The bill also directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to include in the Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan a directive to encourage opportunities to incorporate wildlife-friendly design in flood resilience infrastructure where flood risk priorities align with priorities of the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan.

The bill requires the Department of Transportation to (i) establish and administer a program for the implementation of wildlife crossings of highways in the Commonwealth, (ii) incorporate the recommendations of the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan established by the Department of Wildlife Resources pursuant to existing law in the policies and procedures of the Department, and (iii) submit a report to the General Assembly in each even-numbered year. The bill requires the Department of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board to include in all highway maintenance contracts a requirement for such contractor to identify certain data related to wildlife carcass removal and provides that such requirement may be accomplished by using the Department's Wildlife Carcass Removal Tracking application.
Patron - Marsden

Wills, Trusts, and Fiduciaries

Passed

P **HB1605 Uniform Trust Code; qualified trustee; definition.** Expands the definitions of "independent qualified trustee" and "qualified trustee" to authorize additional entities to serve as an independent qualified trustee or a qualified trustee of a qualified self-settled spendthrift trust. This bill is identical to SB 1116.
Patron - Callsen

P **HB1770 Uniform Trust Code; definitions.** Adds "electronic" to the definitions in the Uniform Trust Code. The bill also amends the definition of "trust instrument."
Patron - Martinez

P **HB1871 Transfer on death deeds; inter vivos deed conveying real property to another; emergency.** Provides that an inter vivos deed is effective to revoke a recorded transfer on death deed if such inter vivos deed conveys real property to another so the transferor is no longer the owner at the time of the transferor's death. Under current law, an inter vivos deed is effective to revoke a transfer on death deed if it expressly revokes all or part of the transfer on death deed. The bill contains an emergency clause.
Patron - Simon

P **HB1912 Wills, trusts, and fiduciaries; Consumer Price Index adjustments.** Increases various dollar amounts relating to wills, estates, trusts, fiduciaries, guardianships of minors, and guardianships of incapacitated persons to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. This bill incorporates HB 1644.
Patron - Reaser

P **HB2174 Legal duty; action for damages for legal malpractice concerning estate planning; third parties to an attorney-client contract.** Provides that an attorney does not owe a legal duty to a person other than the client for the purpose of the client's estate planning, including the provision of legal advice or the preparation of legal documents, unless the client and attorney enter into a signed, written agreement expressly allowing for such. The bill provides that its provisions are declarative of existing law. The bill also repeals the provisions under current law that specify the statute of limitations for legal malpractice actions relating to contracts for legal services concerning estate planning and the tolling of such statute of limitations. This bill is a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference and is identical to SB 1115.
Patron - Clark

P **HB2243 Uniform Trust Code; specific powers of trustee.** Expands certain specific powers conferred to a trustee, including the power to guarantee loans, the power to pledge trust property to guarantee loans, the exercise of certain powers with respect to an interest in real property, and the exercise of certain powers relating to stocks and other securities.
Patron - Cousins

P **HB2746 Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.** Provides that a finding that a person is incapacitated in a proceeding for guardianship or conservatorship shall not be synonymous with a finding that such person is "mentally incompetent," as such term is used in relevant law, and therefore not qualified to vote in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of Virginia. The bill provides that no person shall be deemed disqualified to vote due to a lack of capacity for the purposes of the Constitution of Virginia unless a court makes a specific finding by clear and convincing evidence that such person lacks the capacity to understand the act of voting. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Tran

P **SB1115 Legal duty; action for damages for legal malpractice concerning estate planning; third parties to an attorney-client contract.** Provides that an attorney does not owe a legal duty to a person other than the client for the purpose of the client's estate planning, including the provision of legal advice or the preparation of legal documents, unless the client and attorney enter into a signed, written agreement expressly allowing for such. The bill provides that its provisions are declarative of existing law. The bill also repeals the provisions under current law that specify the statute of limitations for legal malpractice actions relating to contracts for legal services concerning estate planning and the tolling of such statute of limitations. This bill is a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference and is identical to HB 2174.
Patron - Sturtevant

P **SB1116 Uniform Trust Code; qualified trustee; definition.** Expands the definitions of "independent qualified trustee" and "qualified trustee" to authorize additional entities to serve as an independent qualified trustee or a qualified trustee of a qualified self-settled spendthrift trust. This bill is identical to HB 1605.
Patron - Sturtevant

Failed

F **HB1644 Wills, trusts, and fiduciaries; Consumer Price Index adjustments.** Increases various dollar amounts relating to wills, estates, trusts, fiduciaries, guardianships of minors, and guardianships of incapacitated persons to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. This bill was incorporated into HB 1912.
Patron - Hope

F **SB765 Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand the act of voting.** Provides that no person shall be deemed disqualified to vote due to lack of capacity for the purposes of Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia unless the court makes a specific finding by clear and convincing evidence that such person lacks the capacity to understand the act of voting. The bill allows any person deemed disqualified to vote due to lack of capacity prior to July 1, 2025, to file a petition for a court to review such determination in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The bill also requires the report of a guardian ad litem in a guardianship or conservatorship to include whether the respondent lacks the capacity to understand the act of voting. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Disability Commission.
Patron - Favola

Workers' Compensation

Passed

P **HB1933 Workers' compensation; throat cancer.** Provides that for the purposes of the workers' compensation presumption as to death or disability from certain types of cancer, throat cancer includes cancer that forms in the tissues of the pharynx, larynx, adenoid, tonsil, esophagus, trachea, nasopharynx, oropharynx, or hypopharynx. This bill applies only to diseases diagnosed on or after July 1, 2025. This bill is identical to SB 920.
Patron - LeVere Bolling

P **SB920 Workers' compensation; throat cancer.** Provides that for the purposes of the workers' compensation presumption as to death or disability from certain types of cancer, throat cancer includes cancer that forms in the tissues of the pharynx, larynx, adenoid, tonsil, esophagus, trachea, nasopharynx, oropharynx, or hypopharynx. This bill applies only to diseases diagnosed on or after July 1, 2025. This bill is identical to HB 1933.
Patron - Salim

Failed

F **HB1749 Workers' compensation; duty to furnish medical attention; timeframe for decision.** Requires an employer, as defined in existing law, to issue a decision regarding the provision of medical attention to an employee within 45 calendar days after such employee's request for care pursuant to existing law, with certain exceptions described in the bill.
Patron - Ennis

F **HB1851 Workers' compensation; presumption for certain cancers; sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.** Expands the workers' compensation presumption of compensability for certain cancers causing the death or disability of certain employees who have completed five years

of service in their position to include sheriffs or deputy sheriffs.
Patron - Arnold

F **HB1951 Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder; dispatchers.** Allows dispatchers, as defined in the bill, to claim workers' compensation benefits relating to post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act if such disorders are incurred as a result of a qualifying event or in the line of duty, as such terms are defined in relevant law. Currently, only law-enforcement officers and firefighters may claim such benefits.
Patron - Wachsmann

F **HB2060 Workers' compensation benefits; post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters.** Increases from 52 weeks to 104 weeks the maximum duration after the date of diagnosis that workers' compensation benefits are payable for post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters acting in the line of duty.
Patron - Krizek

F **HB2320 Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for lymphoma or myeloma.** Expands the workers' compensation presumption of compensability for certain cancers causing the death or disability of certain employees who have completed five years of service in their position to include lymphoma and myeloma. The presumption for these cancers does not apply for any individual diagnosed with such a condition before July 1, 2025.
Patron - Davis

F **HB2481 Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.** Provides that, for the purposes of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act, "occupational disease" includes injuries or diseases from conditions resulting from repetitive and sustained physical stressors, including repetitive and sustained motions, exertions, posture stresses, contact stresses, vibrations, or noises. The bill provides that such injuries or diseases are covered under the Act and that such coverage does not require that such repetitive or sustained physical stress occurred over a particular time period, provided that the time period over which such physical stress occurred can be reasonably identified.
Patron - Krizek

F **HB2687 Workers' compensation; presumption for certain cancers; sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.** Expands the workers' compensation presumption of compensability for certain cancers causing the death or disability of certain employees who have completed five years of service in their position to include sheriffs or deputy sheriffs.
Patron - Wyatt

F **SB788 Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.** Provides that, for the purposes of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act, "occupational disease" includes injuries or diseases from conditions resulting from repetitive and sustained physical stressors, including repetitive and sustained motions, exertions, posture stresses, contact stresses, vibrations, or noises. The bill provides that such injuries or diseases are covered under the Act and that such coverage does not require that such repetitive or sustained physical stress occurred over a particular time period, provided that (i) the time period over which such physical stress occurred can be reasonably identified and documented and (ii) exposure to such repetitive and sustained physical stressors in the course of employment is the primary cause, as defined in the bill, of the injury or disease.
Patron - Head

F **SB803 Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.** Provides that, for the purposes of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act, "occupational disease" includes injuries or diseases from conditions resulting from repetitive and sustained physical stressors, including repetitive and sustained motions, exertions, posture stresses, contact stresses, vibrations, or noises. The bill provides that such injuries or diseases are covered under the Act and that such coverage does not require that such repetitive or sustained physical stress occurred over a particular time period, provided that (i) the time period over which such physical stress occurred can be reasonably identified and documented and (ii) exposure to such repetitive and sustained physical stressors in the course of employment is the primary cause, as defined in the bill, of the injury or disease. The bill's provisions apply only to injuries or diseases arising on or after July 1, 2026.
Patron - McDougle

F **SB860 Workers' compensation benefits; post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters.** Increases from 52 weeks to 500 weeks the maximum duration after the date of diagnosis that workers' compensation benefits are payable for post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters acting in the line of duty. The bill also removes the prohibition on medical treatment, temporary total incapacity benefits, or temporary partial incapacity benefits from being awarded beyond four years from the date of the qualifying event that was the primary cause of the post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder. Additionally, the bill expands the definition of law-enforcement officer to include any civilian employed by a county, city, or town police department or by a sheriff's office as a crime scene investigator for the purposes of worker's compensation claims related to post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder.
Patron - Reeves

F **SB1112 Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.** Provides that, for the purposes of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act,"occupational disease" includes injuries or diseases from conditions resulting from repetitive and sustained physical stressors, including repetitive and sustained motions, exertions, posture stresses, contact stresses, vibrations, or noises. The bill provides that such injuries or diseases are covered under the Act and that such coverage does not require that such repetitive or sustained physical stress occurred over a particular time period, provided that the time period over which such physical stress occurred can be reasonably identified.
Patron - Williams Graves

F **SB1299 Workers' compensation; compensation to dependents or beneficiaries of an employee killed.** Provides that if an employee's death results from an accident compensable under the workers' compensation program, the employer shall pay or cause to be paid certain compensation to certain family members,

dependents, or beneficiaries of the deceased employee under certain circumstances as described in the bill.

Patron - McPike

F **SB1301** **Workers' compensation benefits; post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, or depressive disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters.** Increases from 52 weeks to 104 weeks the maximum duration after the date of diagnosis that workers' compensation benefits are payable for anxiety disorder or depressive disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters acting in the line of duty. The bill also increases from 52 weeks to 500 weeks the maximum duration after the date of diagnosis that workers' compensation benefits are payable for post-traumatic stress disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters acting in the line of duty.

Patron - McPike

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Passed

P **SJ247** **Constitutional amendment (first reference); fundamental right to reproductive freedom.** Provides that every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom and that such right shall not be denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest, defined within the text of the amendment, and achieved by the least restrictive means. The amendment allows the Commonwealth to regulate the provision of abortion care in the third trimester when it is medically indicated to protect the life or health of the pregnant individual or when the fetus is not viable. The amendment prohibits the Commonwealth from penalizing, prosecuting, or taking adverse action against an individual for exercising the individual's right to reproductive freedom or for aiding another individual in the exercise of such right.

Patron - Boysko

P **SJ248** **Constitutional amendment (first reference); qualifications of voters; right to vote; persons not entitled to vote.** Provides that every person who meets the qualifications of voters set forth in the Constitution of Virginia shall have the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth and that such right shall not be abridged by law, except for persons who have been convicted of a felony and persons who have been adjudicated to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting. The amendment provides that a person who has been convicted of a felony shall not be entitled to vote during any period of incarceration for such felony conviction, but upon release from incarceration for that felony conviction and without further action required of him, such person shall be invested with all political rights, including the right to vote. Currently, in order to be qualified to vote a person convicted of a felony must have his civil rights restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority. The amendment also provides that a person adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction as lacking the capacity to understand the act of voting shall not be entitled to vote during this period of incapacity until his capacity has been reestablished as prescribed by law. Currently, the Constitution of Virginia provides that a person who has been adjudicated to be mentally incompetent is not qualified to vote until his competency is reestablished.

Patron - Locke

P **SJ249** **Constitutional amendment (first reference); marriage between two adult persons; repeal of same-sex marriage prohibition; affirmative right to marry.** Repeals the constitutional provision defining marriage as only a union between one man and one woman as well as the related provisions that are no longer valid as a result of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. 644 (2015). The amendment prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from denying the issuance of a marriage license to two adult persons seeking a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of such persons. The Commonwealth and its political subdivisions are required to recognize any lawful marriage between two adult persons and to treat such marriages equally under the law, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such persons.

Patron - Ebbin

Failed

F **HJ450** **Constitutional amendment (first reference); right to work.** Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia that declares that any agreement or combination between any employer and any labor union or labor organization whereby persons not members of such union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, or whereby such membership is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or whereby any such union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any enterprise, constitutes an illegal combination or conspiracy and is void.

Patron - Green

F **HJ452** **Constitutional amendment (first reference); right to food choice.** Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia that declares the right of the people to acquire the food of their choice from the source of their choice shall not be infringed.

Patron - Freitas

F **HJ457** **Constitutional amendment (first reference); personal property tax; exemption for motor vehicles owned for personal, noncommercial use.** Requires the General Assembly to exempt from personal property taxes motor vehicles owned by an individual for personal, noncommercial use, provided that for the first year following the effective date of such law, the exemption shall be equal to 20 percent of the tax rate imposed by a locality on tangible personal property, and shall increase by an additional 20 percent of such rate for each year thereafter until such time that the exemption is equal to 100 percent. For purposes of the exemption, "motor vehicle" includes only automobiles, pickup trucks, and motorcycles. The amendment provides that the exemption is applicable on the date the motor vehicle is acquired or the effective date of the amendment, whichever is later, but is not applicable for any period of time prior to the effective date.

Patron - Obenshain

F **HJ492** **Constitutional amendment (first reference); right to work.** Provides that it is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person because of such person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.

Patron - O'Quinn

F **HJ501** **Constitutional amendment (first reference); Literary Fund; exemption for certain asset forfeiture.**
Patron - Cordoza

F **SJ270** **Constitutional amendments (first reference); executive branch of government; Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General; term limits.** Prohibits any person from being eligible to be elected to more than two terms as Lieutenant Governor or Attorney General. The amendments provide that service for a partial term does not preclude serving the allowed number of full terms and applies the limits to terms of service to persons elected to serve as Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General in 2029 and thereafter.
Patron - Peake

F **SJ271** **Constitutional amendment (first reference); right to work.** Provides that it is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person because of such person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.
Patron - Obenshain

OTHER RESOLUTIONS

Passed

P **HJ430** **General Assembly; 2025 Session schedule.** Establishes a schedule for the conduct of business coming before the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly of Virginia.
Patron - Herring

P **HJ435** **Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day.** Designates the first Monday in March, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day in Virginia.
Patron - Feggans

P **HJ446** **Zero Waste Awareness Week.** Designates the first full week of September, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Zero Waste Awareness Week in Virginia.
Patron - Feggans

P **HJ447** **Virginia Commission to End Hunger; statewide food desert mapping tool; report.** Directs the Virginia Commission to End Hunger to establish a statewide food desert mapping tool, using geographic, socioeconomic, and demographic data to identify food deserts and food apartheid zones in the Commonwealth in order to create a comprehensive and actionable statewide food desert mapping tool. The Commission is directed to collaborate with the Departments of Health, Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Social Services, in addition to universities and nonprofit organizations with relevant experience and expertise, to build the mapping tool. Technical assistance in building the mapping tool shall be provided to the Commission by the Division of Legislative Automated Systems.
Patron - Anthony

P **HJ466** **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month.** Designates May, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month in Virginia.
Patron - McClure

P **HJ473** **Commercial Waterman Safety Week.** Designates the third full week of September, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Commercial Waterman Safety Week in Virginia.
Patron - Kent

P **HJ499** **Krabbe Disease Awareness Day.** Designates February 28, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Krabbe Disease Awareness Day in Virginia.
Patron - Green

P **HJ500** **Election Worker Appreciation Day.** Designates the Tuesday after the November General Election, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Election Worker Appreciation Day in Virginia.
Patron - Green

P **HJ502** **Governor; portrait.** Establishing a committee for the purpose of commissioning a portrait of Governor Glenn Youngkin for display in the Capitol.
Patron - Herring

P **HJ507** **Emergency Management Professionals Week.** Designates the first full week of June, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Emergency Management Professionals Week in Virginia.
Patron - Bloxom

P **SJ250** **Women Veterans Day.** Designates June 12, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Women Veterans Day in Virginia.
Patron - Carroll Foy

P **SJ254** **Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes Awareness Month.** Designates May, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes Awareness Month in Virginia.
Patron - Perry

P **SJ261** **Specialized Education School Week.** Designates the first week of October, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Specialized Education School Week.
Patron - Pekarsky

P **SJ264** **Virginia Private College Week.** Designates the week of July 13, 2025, and the third week of July in each succeeding year, as Virginia Private College Week in Virginia.
Patron - Bagby

P **SJ269** **Persian Heritage Month.** Designates March, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Persian Heritage Month in Virginia.
Patron - VanValkenburg

P **SJ278** **Native Plant Month.** Designates April, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Native Plant Month in Virginia.
Patron - Jordan

Failed

F **HJ453** **Recognition of the Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe of Virginia.** Extends state recognition to the Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe of Virginia within the Commonwealth.
Patron - McQuinn

F **HJ458** **Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.** Designates April 24, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day in Virginia.
Patron - Obenshain

F **HJ498** **Kindness Day.** Designates April 6, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Kindness Day in Virginia.
Patron - Green

F **SJ284** **Reaffirming the Commonwealth's support and commitment to the State of Israel and its supporters.** Reaffirms the Commonwealth's support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel and to Jewish Americans and to the inherent rights and safety of those who support Israel regardless of their faith or persuasion.
Patron - Sturtevant

MISCELLANEOUS (INCLUDING BUDGET AND BONDS)

Passed

P **HB1600** **Budget Bill.** Amends items of and adds items to Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Torian

P **HB1776** **Claims; Marvin Leon Grimm, Jr.; compensation for wrongful incarceration.** Grants relief in an amount to be appropriated to Marvin Leon Grimm, Jr., who was wrongly convicted in 1976 of murder, sodomy by force, and abduction with the intent to defile and, as a result of such wrongful conviction, was subjected to 45 years of imprisonment and when released on parole was required to register on the sex offender registry for an additional four years before receiving a writ of actual innocence in 2024.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB1780** **Claims; Gilbert Merritt III; compensation for wrongful incarceration.** Grants relief in an amount to be appropriated to Gilbert Merritt III, who was wrongly convicted of and subsequently incarcerated for first-degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.
Patron - Sullivan

P **HB2359** **Bonds for public institutions of higher learning; emergency.** Authorizes issuance of bonds in an amount up to $206,085,243 for revenue-producing capital projects at James Madison University and The College of William and Mary in Virginia. The bill contains an emergency clause and is identical to SB 1121.
Patron - Torian

P **SB940** **Elections; candidates for office; challenges to candidate qualifications.** Requires any legal action relating to a person's eligibility to appear on the ballot on the basis that such person did not meet all qualifications or fulfill all requirements for candidacy to be filed in a circuit court and served on all parties at least (i) 90 days before the date of a general election, (ii) 65 days before the date of a primary election, (iii) 70 days before the date of a special election held on the same date as the general election, or (iv) for any special election held at a time other than a general election (a) at least 55 days before the date of the special election or (b) within 10 days of any writ of election or order calling a special election to be held less than 60 days after the issuance of the writ or order. The bill specifies that any such legal action will be given precedence on the docket and be decided by the court no later than 10 days before the date on which ballots for that election are made available for absentee voting. The bill also specifies that candidates who are nominated at a primary election cannot be later challenged on the basis of facts that were present prior to the primary election and could have been raised in a challenge to such candidate's eligibility for the primary ballot. This bill received Governor's recommendations.
Patron - Surovell

P **SB1121** **Bonds for public institutions of higher learning; emergency.** Authorizes issuance of bonds in an amount up to $206,085,243 for revenue-producing capital projects at James Madison University and The College of William and Mary in Virginia. The bill contains an emergency clause and is identical to HB 2359.
Patron - Lucas

Failed

F **HB2677** **Dinwiddie Airport and Industrial Authority; residency requirements.** Requires all members of the Dinwiddie Airport and Industrial Authority to be residents of Dinwiddie County and requires the removal by the governing body of the County of any such appointee who ceases to reside within the County. Currently, four of the seven members of the Authority are required to be residents of the County and removal of an appointee for ceasing to reside within the County is at the discretion of the governing body of the County.
Patron - Wachsmann

F **HB2682** **Board of Housing and Community Development; work group to identify certain changes related to the building permit and certificate of occupancy processes.** Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to establish a work group to identify changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code to streamline the processes for reviewing and issuing building permits and certificates of occupancy and to develop recommendations for maximum timelines for review of applications and revised applications.
Patron - Milde

F **SB800** **Budget Bill.** Amends items of and adds items to Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I.
Patron - Lucas

CHARTERS

Passed

P **HB1634** **Charter; City of Portsmouth.** Amends the charter for the City of Portsmouth by authorizing the City Manager to require city departments to implement appropriate enhancement or remedial measures consistent with prevailing law wherever there exists (i) a compelling government interest, (ii) an analysis that documents a statistically significant disparity between the availability and utilization of minority-

owned and women-owned businesses, or (iii) direct evidence by minority-owned businesses or women-owned businesses of the impact of race by discrimination. This bill is identical to SB 872. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Hayes

P **HB1645 Charter; City of Chesapeake.** Amends the charter for the City of Chesapeake to clarify the dates for (i) the election and terms of members of council and the mayor, (ii) when a sitting council member must resign when running for mayor, and (iii) the election of a successor in the event of a vacancy in office. This bill is identical to SB 935.
Patron - Hayes

P **HB1669 Charter; Town of Brodnax.** Amends the charter for the Town of Brodnax in Brunswick and Mecklenburg Counties to provide that the mayor elected in November 2025 shall be elected for a term of two years and thereafter for a term of four years. The bill also replaces the town's procedure for filling council vacancies by referencing the procedure provided by general law.
Patron - Wright

P **HB1677 Charter; City of Martinsville.** Amends the charter for the City of Martinsville by making a technical clarification to the qualifications required for the city attorney.
Patron - Phillips

P **HB1696 Charter; City of Norfolk.** Amends the charter for the City of Norfolk to exempt the position of deputy fire chief from the classified service. This bill is identical to SB 987.
Patron - Askew

P **HB1971 Charter; City of Danville.** Establishes a new charter for the City of Danville and repeals the current charter, which was created in 1982. The proposed charter sets out the organization of the city's government and contains powers typically granted to cities. Changes in the new charter include (i) replacing the current borrowing process with the process established by state law, (ii) eliminating the city council supermajority required to pass certain ordinances related to revenue and spending in conformance with state law, (iii) clarifying that certain council actions require a majority vote of those members present and voting rather than an absolute majority, (iv) eliminating the requirement that organizational changes to city departments and divisions be by ordinance, (v) reducing the maximum dollar limit required to be approved by ordinance to reflect a mandatory requirement of state law, and (vi) reducing from three to two the number of council members who can request a special meeting to reflect a mandatory requirement of state law. The bill makes numerous other clarifying and technical changes. This bill is identical to SB 1206.
Patron - Marshall

P **HB2005 Charter; City of Roanoke.** Amends the charter for the City of Roanoke to allow for the appointment of the City's director of real estate valuation by city council. Currently, the director of real estate valuation is appointed by the city manager. This bill is identical to SB 1176.
Patron - McNamara

P **HB2019 Charter; Town of Shenandoah.** Establishes a new charter for the Town of Shenandoah in Page County and repeals the current charter, which was created in 1926. The proposed charter sets out the organization of the town's government and contains powers typically granted to towns. This bill is identical to SB 1150.
Patron - Gilbert

P **HB2092 Charter; Town of Buchanan.** Updates the charter of the Town of Buchanan in Botetourt County to reflect the shift to November municipal elections as required by general law. The bill also updates the town manager's residency requirements, requires the town manager to appoint the town clerk, and repeals the provisions of the town's charter relating to the appointment of commissioners of the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
Patron - Austin

P **HB2199 Charter; Town of Richlands.** Amends the charter for the Town of Richlands in Tazewell County by requiring that proposed ordinances be presented, rather than read, at two regular meetings prior to adoption. The bill also requires the town manager to reside within the town within a contractually stated grace period, rather than during the tenure of office. This bill is identical to SB 873.
Patron - Morefield

P **HB2332 Charter; Town of Urbanna.** Amends the charter for the Town of Urbanna in Middlesex County by clarifying that the mayor shall be a member of town council and shall be included in the determination of a quorum.
Patron - Hodges

P **HB2352 Charter; Town of Dumfries.** Makes numerous amendments to the charter for the Town of Dumfries in Prince William County. Proposed changes (i) broaden the statement of the town's general grant of powers; (ii) provide for a runoff election in the case of a tie vote for a town council election, notwithstanding general law; (iii) reference general law for procedures for removing members of the town council who are convicted of certain crimes; (iv) clarify the duties of the mayor and vice mayor; (v) create the position of chair pro tem on the town council; (vi) clarify how vacancies on the town council will be filled; (vii) clarify the procedure for introducing and passing town ordinances and emergency ordinances; (viii) specify that members of town committees, boards, and commissions serve at the pleasure of the town council; (ix) clarify the duties of various town officers; (x) specify that there is a town clerk and describe the town clerk's duties; (xi) provide that town departments include departments concerning recreation and civic engagement; (xii) add a reference to town authority to impose civil penalties and cap any such civil penalties at $5,000; and (xiii) make numerous technical changes to update the town's charter, first enacted in 1994. This bill is identical to SB 1300. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - Mundon King

P **HB2760 Charter; Town of Ashland.** Amends the charter for the Town of Ashland in Hanover County by updating the town's boundaries. Additional changes in the bill reflect the Town's shift in municipal elections from May to November, provide that council vacancies shall be filled in accordance with general law, and clarify the duties and role of the town manager and town attorney.
Patron - Wyatt

P **SB836 Charter; City of Poquoson.** Amends the charter for the City of Poquoson to give the city council authority to remove, by a vote of four-sevenths of the whole city council, any person appointed to a city board or commission by the city council.
Patron - Diggs

P **SB872 Charter; City of Portsmouth.** Amends the charter for the City of Portsmouth by authorizing the City Manager to require city departments to implement appropriate enhancement or remedial measures consistent with prevailing law wherever there exists (i) a compelling government interest, (ii) an analysis that documents a statistically significant disparity between the availability and utilization of minority-owned and women-owned businesses, or (iii) direct evidence by minority-owned businesses or women-owned businesses of the impact of race by discrimination. This bill is identical to HB 1634. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
Patron - Lucas

P **SB873 Charter; Town of Richlands.** Amends the charter for the Town of Richlands in Tazewell County by requiring that proposed ordinances be presented, rather than read, at two regular meetings prior to adoption. The bill also requires the town manager to reside within the town within a contractually stated grace period, rather than during the tenure of office. This bill is identical to HB 2199.
Patron - Hackworth

P **SB935 Charter; City of Chesapeake.** Amends the charter for the City of Chesapeake to clarify the dates for (i) the election and terms of members of council and the mayor, (ii) when a sitting council member must resign when running for mayor, and (iii) the election of a successor in the event of a vacancy in office. This bill is identical to HB 1645.
Patron - Craig

P **SB987 Charter; City of Norfolk.** Amends the charter for the City of Norfolk to exempt the position of deputy fire chief from the classified service. This bill is identical to HB 1696.
Patron - Williams Graves

P **SB1150 Charter; Town of Shenandoah.** Establishes a new charter for the Town of Shenandoah in Page County and repeals the current charter, which was created in 1926. The proposed charter sets out the organization of the town's government and contains powers typically granted to towns. This bill is identical to HB 2019.
Patron - Obenshain

P **SB1176 Charter; City of Roanoke.** Amends the charter for the City of Roanoke to allow for the appointment of the City's director of real estate valuation by city council. Currently, the director of real estate valuation is appointed by the city manager. This bill is identical to HB 2005.
Patron - Suetterlein

P **SB1206 Charter; City of Danville.** Establishes a new charter for the City of Danville and repeals the current charter, which was created in 1982. The proposed charter sets out the organization of the city's government and contains powers typically granted to cities. Changes in the new charter include (i) replacing the current borrowing process with the process established by state law, (ii) eliminating the city council supermajority required to pass certain ordinances related to revenue and spending in conformance with state law, (iii) clarifying that certain council actions require a majority vote of those members present and voting rather than an absolute majority, (iv) eliminating the requirement that organizational changes to city departments and divisions be by ordinance, (v) reducing the maximum dollar limit required to be approved by ordinance to reflect a mandatory requirement of state law, and (vi) reducing from three to two the number of council members who can request a special meeting to reflect a mandatory requirement of state law. The bill makes numerous other clarifying and technical changes. This bill is identical to HB 1971.
Patron - Mulchi

P **SB1300 Charter; Town of Dumfries.** Makes numerous amendments to the charter for the Town of Dumfries in Prince William County. Proposed changes (i) broaden the statement of the town's general grant of powers; (ii) provide for a runoff election in the case of a tie vote for a town council election, notwithstanding general law; (iii) reference general law for procedures for removing members of the town council who are convicted of certain crimes; (iv) clarify the duties of the mayor and vice mayor; (v) create the position of chair pro tem on the town council; (vi) clarify how vacancies on the town council will be filled; (vii) clarify the procedure for introducing and passing town ordinances and emergency ordinances; (viii) specify that members of town committees, boards, and commissions serve at the pleasure of the town council; (ix) clarify the duties of various town officers; (x) specify that there is a town clerk and describe the town clerk's duties; (xi) provide that town departments include departments concerning recreation and civic engagement; (xii) add a reference to town authority to impose civil penalties and cap any such civil penalties at $5,000; and (xiii) make numerous technical changes to update the town's charter, first enacted in 1994. This bill is identical to HB 2352. This bill received Governor’s recommendations.
Patron - McPike

P **SB1444 Charter; City of Manassas Park.** Makes numerous technical and clarifying changes to the charter for the City of Manassas Park. The bill includes an updated boundary description, requires as a condition precedent to the issuance of a vehicle license the payment of all fines for violation of the city's ordinances governing parking of vehicles, allows the city to remove and abate nuisances and charge and collect the cost thereof from the owner of the property affected, requires the city council to meet every month for at least 11 months of the year, rather than 12, and rewrites the duties of several city officials.
Patron - Roem

Failed

F **HB1687 Charter; City of Virginia Beach.** Amends the charter for the City of Virginia Beach to reflect the City's transition to a city council consisting solely of single-member districts and the mayor.
Patron - Convirs-Fowler

F **HB2283 Charter; City of Hopewell.** Amends the charter for the City of Hopewell to allow the city to reassign certain duties from the city's elected treasurer to the city manager's office. The bill provides that the city manager will designate the finance department to be the custodian of all moneys and the treasurer will continue to be responsible for collecting state and federal disbursements to the city and for maintaining local collections.
Patron - Coyner

F **HB2587 Charter; City of Poquoson.** Amends the charter for the City of Poquoson to give the city council authority to expel, by a vote of four-sevenths of the whole city council, any person appointed to a city board or commission by the city council.
Patron - Cordoza

F **SB1490** **Charter; City of Richmond.** Amends the charter for the City of Richmond by setting out the minimum qualifications for the director of public utilities.
Patron - Sturtevant

STUDY RESOLUTIONS

Passed

P **HJ434** **Study; JLARC; non-federal sponsor contributions by localities to conduct coastal storm risk management studies; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the methodology for determining the monetary contributions by localities or other non-federal sponsors to the total cost of coastal storm risk management studies. The study also directs JLARC to determine whether a separate fund should be established to support and manage cost-share requests from non-federal sponsors for such studies.
Patron - Feggans

P **HJ437** **Study; reestablishes the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding; report.** Reestablishes the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding, which sunset in 2023, to continue its work through the 2026 interim.
Patron - Convirs-Fowler

P **HJ440** **Study; Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission; removal of books from public school libraries; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the removal of books from public school libraries between July 1, 2020, and December 31, 2024. In conducting its study, JLARC is also directed to determine what resources exist to support school administrators in decisions concerning the removal of a book from a public school library and to report its findings by November 1, 2026.
Patron - Simon

P **HJ443** **Study; joint subcommittee to study the consolidation and scheduling of general elections in Virginia; report.** Creates a two-year legislative study on the consolidation and scheduling of general elections in Virginia. A 13-member joint subcommittee is established, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly, four nonlegislative citizen members, and one ex officio member, and is tasked with weighing the potential and probable effects of moving some or all of Virginia's state or local elections to even-numbered years in order to coincide with the federal election schedule. Any recommendations by the joint subcommittee to consolidate or reschedule Virginia's general elections must include recommendations for any amendments to the Constitution of Virginia and the Code of Virginia needed to effectuate the shift. The joint subcommittee is given two years to complete its study, with its final report due no later than the first day of the 2027 Regular Session of the General Assembly. This resolution is identical to SJ 253.
Patron - Simonds

P **HJ448** **Study; Department of Environmental Quality; tax policy options for reforming the litter tax; report.** Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study tax policy options for reforming the litter tax.
Patron - Krizek

P **SJ251** **Study; JLARC; public school libraries; removal of certain books; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the removal of books from public school libraries in the Commonwealth between July 1, 2020, and December 31, 2024, on the basis of such books containing sexually explicit content or other content deemed objectionable for the purpose of identifying each book removed and, for each book removed, (i) the purported reason for its removal, (ii) the processes and procedures by which each book was identified as containing content necessitating its removal and for removing each book, and (iii) whether applicable state law directing the Department of Education to adopt model policies and each school board to adopt policies consistent with such model policies was used by any school division to justify the identification, removal, or process and procedures by which each book was identified or removed. The bill requires JLARC to complete its meetings by August 1, 2025, and directs the chairman to submit an executive summary of its findings and recommendations by October 1, 2025.
Patron - Locke

P **SJ253** **Study; joint subcommittee to study the consolidation and scheduling of general elections in Virginia; report.** Creates a two-year legislative study on the consolidation and scheduling of general elections in Virginia. A 13-member joint subcommittee is established, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly, four nonlegislative citizen members, and one ex officio member, and is tasked with weighing the potential and probable effects of moving some or all of Virginia's state or local elections to even-numbered years in order to coincide with the federal election schedule. Any recommendations by the joint subcommittee to consolidate or reschedule Virginia's general elections must include recommendations for any amendments to the Constitution of Virginia and the Code of Virginia needed to effectuate the shift. The joint subcommittee is given two years to complete its study, with its final report due no later than the first day of the 2027 Regular Session of the General Assembly. This resolution is identical to HJ 443.
Patron - Surovell

P **SJ259** **Study; JLARC; methodology used to determine judicial allocations; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the methodology used to determine judicial allocations to state courts within the Commonwealth. JLARC is directed to submit its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the 2027 Regular Session of the General Assembly.
Patron - Surovell

P **SJ263** **Study; Department of Transportation; bridge from Surry County to James City County or Charles City County; report.** Requests the Department of Transportation to study the need and options for constructing a bridge from Surry County to James City County or Charles City County and to submit a report of its findings no later than the first day of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly.
Patron - Aird

Failed

F **HB1691** **Study; JLARC to study Virginia's campaign finance system; independent agency; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study Virginias's campaign finance system. In its study, JLARC is directed to (i) identify any legal, technical, and staffing shortcomings in the current campaign finance and

ethics systems relating to (a) reporting and investigating violations, (b) enforcing legal and regulatory requirements, and (c) implementing directions from state government at the local level and (ii) determine whether current budgetary allocations are sufficient to effectively carry out such aspects of the campaign finance and ethics systems. To that end, JLARC is required to analyze how existing campaign finance and ethics systems can be modernized by creating a new independent agency to increase transparency and accountability using best practices from other jurisdictions across the United States. JLARC is required to produce a report of clear recommendations and best practices for creating such an independent agency for improving the current system.
Patron - Jones

F **HJ436** **Study; Department of State Police; vehicle noise-monitoring devices; report.** Requests the Department of State Police to study the feasibility and impact of implementing vehicle noise-monitoring devices in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Sewell

F **HJ441** **Study; Virginia Commission on Youth; policies to support student mental health in Virginia's elementary and secondary schools; report.** Directs the Virginia Commission on Youth to undertake a study on policies to support student mental health in Virginia's elementary and secondary schools, with a focus on improving funding and other resources, training and professional development, partnerships with health services, curriculum development, research and evaluation, and public awareness campaigns. The Behavioral Health Commission, along with the staffs of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, are directed to provide assistance to the Commission during the course of the two-year study.
Patron - Martinez

F **HJ442** **Study; tax policies enacted by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions concerning affordable housing; report.** Directs the Virginia Housing Commission to study the tax policies enacted by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions concerning affordable housing and submit its report by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly.
Patron - Orrock

F **HJ444** **Study; JLARC; Virginia's campaign finance laws; independent agency; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study Virginia's campaign finance laws. In its study, JLARC is directed to (i) identify any legal, technical, and staffing shortcomings in the current election and campaign finance laws relating to (a) reporting and investigating violations, (b) enforcing legal and regulatory requirements, and (c) implementing directions from state government at the local level and (ii) determine whether current budgetary allocations are sufficient to effectively carry out such aspects of the campaign finance system. To that end, JLARC is directed to analyze how existing campaign finance and election laws can be modernized by creating a new independent agency to increase transparency and accountability using best practices from other jurisdictions across the United States and to produce a report of clear recommendations and best practices for creating such an independent agency for improving the current system.
Patron - Jones

F **HJ445** **Study; JLARC; transportation options in rural areas for persons with disabilities.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study transportation options in rural areas for persons with disabilities and identify ways to expand or enhance such transportation services. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.
Patron - Laufer

F **HJ451** **Study; Department of Housing and Community Development; tax implications of allowing localities to implement a land value tax; report.** Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to study the potential tax implications that may result from each of the governing bodies of the Cities of Fairfax, Poquoson, Richmond, and Roanoke levying a land value tax and the potential tax implications that may result from allowing all local governing bodies to implement a land value tax.
Patron - Shin

F **HJ454** **Study; JLARC; economic and workforce impacts of the automation of ports in the Commonwealth; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC), in collaboration with the Modeling and Simulation Advisory Board, the College of Engineering and Technology at Old Dominion University, and the Department of Political Science and School of Social Work at Norfolk State University, to study the economic and workforce impacts of the automation of ports in the Commonwealth. JLARC is directed to report its recommendations no later than the first day of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly.
Patron - Anthony

F **HJ460** **Study; Department of Conservation and Recreation; state park in Washington County; report.** Requests the Department of Conservation and Recreation to study the feasibility of establishing a state park in Washington County at the Mendota Trail and Abrams Falls located within the Holston River watershed.
Patron - O'Quinn

F **HJ461** **Study; JLARC; creation of Secretariat of Rural Affairs; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the need for and feasibility of creating a Secretariat of Rural Affairs in the Commonwealth.
Patron - O'Quinn

F **HJ462** **Study; Department of Transportation; needs and capacity for expanded tractor-trailer parking near and along the I-66 and I-95 corridors; report.** Requests the Department of Transportation to study the needs and capacity for expanded tractor-trailer parking near and along the I-66 and I-95 corridors.
Patron - Henson

F **HJ463** **Study; JLARC; causation and resulting impact of the migration of individuals age 60 and older out of the Commonwealth; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to identify causes of the migration of individuals age 60 and older out of the Commonwealth of Virginia, determine the impact of the migration of such individuals to the Commonwealth, and provide recommendations to address such causes. The resolution directs JLARC to report its findings by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly.
Patron - Henson

F **HJ468** **Study; JLARC; cost efficiency of public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review

Commission (JLARC) to study the cost efficiency of public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth and to identify opportunities to reduce the cost of public higher education in the Commonwealth. In conducting this study, JLARC is directed to examine the full range of costs for in-state tuition and room and board at each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, to compare and consider the amount of funding appropriated by the state to each public institution of higher education since 2012, and to provide a comprehensive update on the status of the implementation of its recommendations pursuant to House Joint Resolution 108 (2012). The resolution requires JLARC to complete its meetings for the first year by November 30, 2025, and for the second year by November 30, 2026, and requires the chairman to submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each year.
Patron - Singh

F **SJ252** **Study; Department of Transportation; traffic congestion reduction on Virginia State Route 55; report.** Requests the Department of Transportation to study traffic reduction on Virginia State Route 55. The study shall include the identification of methods and solutions for traffic reduction on Virginia State Route 55 and an assessment of the feasibility, cost, and impact on traffic flow of such methods and solutions.
Patron - French

F **SJ255** **Study; JLARC; Virginia's campaign finance laws; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study Virginia's campaign finance laws. In its study, JLARC is directed to (i) identify any legal, technical, and staffing shortcomings in the current election and campaign finance laws relating to (a) reporting and investigating violations, (b) enforcing legal and regulatory requirements, and (c) implementing directions from state government at the local level and (ii) determine whether current budgetary allocations are sufficient to effectively carry out such aspects of the campaign finance system. To that end, JLARC is directed to analyze how existing campaign finance and election laws can be modernized to increase transparency and accountability using best practices from other jurisdictions across the United States and to produce a report of clear recommendations and best practices for improving the current system.
Patron - Rouse

F **SJ258** **Study; JLARC to update its 2016 study of the impact of regulations on Virginia's manufacturing sector; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to update its 2016 study of the impact of regulations on Virginia's manufacturing sector. This bill is a recommendation of the Manufacturing Development Commission.
Patron - Williams Graves

F **SJ260** **Study; JLARC; policies and funding allocations of the Department of Transportation for maintenance of transportation infrastructure; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to analyze policies and funding allocations of the Department of Transportation in regard to the maintenance of highways, bridges, sidewalks, bicycle paths and lanes, shared-use paths, and other transportation infrastructure. The study requires JLARC to submit each of its reports no later than the first days of the 2026 and 2027 Regular Sessions of the General Assembly.
Patron - Roem

F **SJ262** **Study; JLARC; creation of Secretariat of Rural Affairs; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the need for and feasibility of creating a Secretariat of Rural Affairs in the Commonwealth.
Patron - Aird

Appendix A: Session Statistics

2025 SESSION STATISTICS

	Continued	Introduced	Passed	Incorporated	Failed
House Bills	227	1,236	537	31	895
House Joint Resolutions	24	332	308	0	48
House Resolutions	0	434	430	0	4
House Total	251	2,002	1,275	31	947
Senate Bills	143	758	379	34	488
Senate Joint Resolutions	11	201	189	0	23
Senate Resolutions	0	146	146	0	0
Senate Total	154	1,105	714	34	511
General Assembly	405	3,107	1,989	65	1,458

Appendix B: 2025 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The *2025 Session Highlights* summarizes significant legislation considered by the 2025 Session of the General Assembly as selected by the staff of the Virginia Division of Legislative Services. The brief overview of the 2025 Session covers legislative actions through sine die on Saturday, February 22, 2025. Bills are differentiated as Passed or Failed. 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.

Agriculture/Natural Resources

Passed

HB 1941/SB 1166 Invasive plant species; retail sales. Requires, for the retail sale of certain invasive plant species for outdoor use, a retail establishment to post in a conspicuous manner on the property located in proximity to each invasive plant signage identifying such plant as invasive, educating consumers regarding invasive plant species, and encouraging consumers to ask about alternatives. The bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to designate the format, size, and content of such signage no later than October 1, 2025, and requires the Commissioner to issue a stop sale order and mark or tag a plant in a conspicuous manner when an invasive plant is for sale at a retail establishment without appropriate signage. In such case, the bill requires the Commissioner to give written notice of a finding made to the owner, tenant, or person in charge of such retail establishment and requires the stop sale order issued to remain in effect until the required signage is posted. Certain provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027.

SB 1125 Department of Wildlife Resources; propagation of mammalian wildlife unlawful; premature separation; hybridization. Makes it unlawful to prematurely separate any mammalian wildlife offspring born in captivity from the mother prior to the natural time of weaning that is appropriate for such species, except that wildlife offspring may be prematurely separated if a medical necessity exists pursuant to a written order from a veterinarian licensed to practice in the Commonwealth with appropriate species-specific experience and expertise. The bill excludes the following from its provisions: (i) noncommercial transfers or trades between accredited zoological facilities, (ii) an accredited zoological facility that retains the mammalian wildlife offspring that has already been prematurely separated by such zoological facility, and (iii) a person operating under a wildlife rehabilitator permit issued by the Department of Wildlife Resources. The bill also makes it unlawful to intentionally and for commercial purposes

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propagate mammalian wildlife of different species, also known as hybridization.

SB 1495 State Air Pollution Control Board; permit exemptions; poultry or swine incinerators; bovine incinerators; emergency. Directs the State Air Pollution Control Board to amend its regulations relating to permit exemptions for poultry or swine incinerators to include bovine incinerators. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Failed

SB 923 Virginia Water Protection Permit; interbasin transfers of water prohibited. Prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality from issuing a Virginia Water Protection Permit for a surface water withdrawal if more than five percent of the nonconsumptive volume of such withdrawal will be returned to a different major river basin, as defined in the bill. The bill clarifies that such prohibition does not apply to any lawful withdrawal in existence on July 1, 2025.

Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Passed

HB 2058/SB 811 Alcoholic beverage control; delivery of mixed beverages; repeal. Clarifies that under current law mixed beverage restaurant and limited mixed beverage restaurant licensees may sell for off-premises consumption or deliver up to two mixed beverages per meal served, but shall in no event sell for off-premises consumption or deliver more than four mixed beverages at any one time. The bill also provides clarification as to where delivery of such mixed beverages may be made. The bill maintains alcoholic beverage control third-party delivery licenses by eliminating the repeal of such licenses that is set to go into effect July 1, 2026.

HB 2485/SB 970 Cannabis control; retail market; penalties. Establishes a framework for the creation of a retail marijuana market in the Commonwealth, to be administered by the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority. The bill allows the Authority to begin issuing all marijuana licenses on September 1, 2025, but provides that no retail sales may occur prior to May 1, 2026.

Failed

HB 1981 Alcoholic beverage control; illegal advertising; exceptions; charitable sales promotion. Allows a licensed distillery, winery, or brewery to advertise in or send any advertising matter into the Commonwealth about or concerning alcoholic beverages for the purposes of a charitable sales promotion to benefit (i) a charitable or civic organization, (ii) an organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (iii) any public or private elementary or secondary school or institution of higher education, regardless of whether such charitable sales promotion advertises that a percentage of each sale or per product sold will benefit such organization, school, or institution.

SB 1163 Alcoholic beverage control; food-to-beverage ratio. Reduces the current 45 percent food-to-beverage ratio for certain mixed beverage licensees. The bill requires a mixed beverage restaurant, caterer's, or limited caterer's licensee with monthly food sales of at least $4,000 to have a food-to-beverage ratio that meets or exceeds 30 percent. The bill also requires that restaurants have at least as many seats at tables as at counters and prohibits mixed beverage licensees from serving mixed beverages once food is no longer being sold for on-premises consumption. The bill sunsets on July 1, 2027, and requires the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to collect data regarding the compliance of mixed beverage licensees with the provisions of the bill and the impact of the change to the food-to-beverage ratio on the gross amount of food consumed on a licensee's premises. The bill requires the Authority to report such data to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by November 1, 2026.

SB 1297 Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority; police power; primary law-enforcement agency for certain crimes against property and involving fraud. Provides that special agents of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall serve as the primary law-enforcement agency for enforcing, reporting, and investigating certain crimes against property and crimes involving fraud that occur on property owned or leased by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.

Corrections

Passed

HB 1589 Powers and duties of Parole Board; voting requirements; meetings. Removes various references to postrelease supervision and instead includes such references and related procedures in the provisions that govern probation so that such procedures, including revocation hearings, will be overseen and conducted by the sentencing court. The bill provides that except for a public meeting convened for conducting the final deliberation and vote regarding whether the Parole Board will grant parole to a prisoner, a meeting of the Parole Board members, regardless of whether such members invite staff or other guests to participate in such meeting, shall not be deemed a meeting subject to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

The bill also provides that the final deliberation and vote of whether to grant parole to a person serving life imprisonment for murder in the first degree shall be attended by four or more members of the Parole Board, and a decision to grant such person discretionary parole shall require the concurrence of four or more members present. A final deliberation and vote of whether to grant parole to a person not sentenced to life imprisonment requires the attendance of a panel of no fewer than three members of the Parole Board and a concurrence of the majority of members present for such final deliberation and vote.

HB 2221 Prisoners; Department of Corrections-issued identification; report. Requires that prior to the release or discharge into the community of any prisoner who has been confined for at least 90 days and does not possess a government-issued identification card, birth certificate, or social security card, the Department of Corrections, in conjunction with the Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Registrar of Vital Records, and any other relevant government agency, shall provide such prisoner with a certified copy of his birth certificate, his social security card, or a government-issued identification card, unless such provision of a government-issued identification card is not possible, in which case, the Department of Corrections shall provide the prisoner with a Department of Corrections Offender Identification form. The bill also specifies what identifying information must be included on such Department of Corrections Offender Identification form and provides that such form shall satisfy certain requirements for the purposes of obtaining a government-issued identification card for the 120 days immediately following the release or discharge of the prisoner identified on such form.

The bill also directs the Department of Corrections, in coordination with the State Board of Local and Regional Jails, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the State Registrar of Vital Records, to (i) identify the number of prisoners released with and without identification cards; (ii) review the processes involved in assisting a prisoner in applying for and obtaining a government-issued identification card, birth certificate, or social security card; (iii) identify any obstacles that may interfere with a prisoner obtaining such identification or documents prior to such prisoner's release or discharge; and (iv) issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2025.

HB 2235 Local and regional correctional facilities; treatment of prisoners known to be pregnant. Prohibits the use of restraints, defined in the bill, on any prisoner of a local or regional correctional facility who is (i) known to be pregnant or (ii) in postpartum recovery unless a deputy sheriff or jail officer makes an individualized determination that (a) the prisoner will harm herself, the fetus, the newborn child, or any other person; (b) the prisoner poses a flight risk; or (c) the totality of the circumstances creates a serious security risk. Under current law, such prohibition applies only to state correctional facilities. The bill also requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to include in the compulsory minimum entry-level training standards training regarding pregnant prisoners for deputy sheriffs and jail officers who are employees of local or regional correctional facilities who may have contact with pregnant prisoners.

HB 2647/SB 1409 Restorative housing and isolated confinement; restrictions on use. Prohibits the use of isolated confinement, defined in the bill, in state correctional facilities, subject to certain exceptions. The bill requires that before placing an incarcerated person in restorative housing or isolated confinement for his own protection, the facility administrator shall place an incarcerated person in a less restrictive setting, including by transferring such person to another institution or to a special-purpose housing unit for incarcerated persons who face similar threats. The bill requires that if an incarcerated person is placed in restorative housing or isolated confinement, such placement shall be reviewed every 48 hours and the facility administrator shall ensure that the incarcerated person receives a medical and

mental health evaluation from certified medical and mental health professionals within one working day of placement in restorative housing or any form of isolated confinement. The bill also requires the facility administrator to notify the regional administrator in writing that an incarcerated person was placed in restorative housing or isolated confinement within 24 hours of such placement. Finally, the bill requires that formal reviews of an incarcerated person's placement in any form of isolated confinement shall be held in such person's presence, inform him of any reason or reasons administrative officials believe isolated confinement remains necessary, and give him an opportunity to respond to those reasons and that a formal ruling shall be provided to the incarcerated person within 24 hours. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Failed

HB 2467 State Board of Local and Regional Jails; oversight of local and regional jails; powers and duties. Increases from 11 to 19 the membership of the State Board of Local and Regional Jails by requiring the appointment of (i) two members of the Senate and two members of the House of Delegates and (ii) four additional nonlegislative citizen members, including (a) one representative of a nonprofit organization that provides training or rehabilitation programs for incarcerated inmates; (b) one male citizen and one female citizen who were formerly incarcerated within the Commonwealth; and (c) one person who is a grandparent, parent, child, sibling, or spouse or domestic partner of a person currently incarcerated within the Commonwealth.

The bill also adds numerous additional duties for the Board, including to (1) provide information, as appropriate, to inmates, family members, representatives of inmates, and local, regional, and community correctional facility employees and contractors and others regarding the rights of inmates; (2) establish policies for a statewide uniform reporting system to collect and analyze data related to complaints received in or about local, regional, and community correctional facilities; (3) monitor, document, review, and report on the operation of stores and commissaries in local correctional facilities and systems for providing electronic visitation and messaging and telephone calls; and (4) review, monitor, and report and make recommendations on policies related to (A) attorney access to clients for calls and visitation; (B) access to voting for incarcerated individuals who are eligible to vote; and (C) the collection of data on suicides, suicide attempts, and self-harm in custody. The bill also specifies additional information to be included in the Board's currently required annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor and requires such report be made available to the public online.

The bill enumerates certain items for assessment that may be included in the Board's annual inspection of each local correctional facility, as required by current law, and also specifies the Board's authority and right to access such facilities, interview persons, and access certain information and documents. Upon completion of an inspection, the bill requires the Board to produce a report, including information enumerated in the bill, to be made available to the public online and to be delivered to the Governor, the Attorney General, the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services, the House Committee on Public Safety, and the sheriff in charge of the local correctional facility or superintendent of the regional correctional facility.

Finally, the bill allows the Board to initiate and attempt to resolve an investigation upon its own initiative, or upon receipt of a complaint from an inmate, a family member or representative of an inmate, or a local, regional, or community correctional facility employee or contractor, or others, regarding various concerns as enumerated in the bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

SB 1080 Earned sentence credits; inchoate offenses; concurrent and consecutive sentences. Provides that a person who is convicted of an inchoate offense will earn sentence credits at the same rate as someone who is convicted of the completed offense for certain enumerated offenses. The bill also specifies that the provision in current law providing that a person who has been convicted of certain enumerated offenses may earn a maximum of 4.5 sentence credits for each 30 days served on any sentence for such offenses also applies to any other sentence that is to be served concurrent with or consecutive to any such sentence. The bill specifies that such provisions shall apply to the sentence of any person convicted of a felony offense committed on or after July 1, 2025, and who is sentenced to serve a term of incarceration in a state or local correctional facility.

SB 1432 Juvenile secure detention facilities; closure or consolidation; funding contributions; education programs. Provides that upon the closure or consolidation of a juvenile secure detention facility, any locality or commission operating a juvenile secure detention facility in

which juveniles will be placed who previously would have been placed in the closed or consolidated juvenile secure detention facility shall negotiate in good faith with the locality from which a juvenile may be placed to arrive at mutually agreeable funding contributions for the operation of such receiving juvenile secure detention facility. The bill requires such agreements to include certain provisions related to equal access to post-dispositional programming and medical and hospitalization costs and provides that such agreements may include provisions related to transportation of juveniles and transportation options for parents or guardians.

The bill further states that if the localities or commissions are unable to reach such an agreement, then the Department of Juvenile Justice shall determine the funding contributions and that failure of any locality or commission to comply with such determination may result in the loss or reduction of state funding. Under the bill, any locality or commission operating a juvenile secure detention facility that refuses to accept placement of juveniles who previously would have been placed in a closed or consolidated juvenile secure detention facility shall not be eligible for state funding.

The bill changes the required staffing ratio for education programs in regional and local detention homes to one full-time equivalent program employee for every six students based on a rolling average daily population at the facility as calculated by the Department of Education from the previous three fiscal years. Under current law, the ratio for such programs is one teacher for every 12 beds based on the capacity of the facility. The bill also provides that the Board of Education shall require all such education programs to have either a principal or a lead teacher on site and requires contracts for the hiring and supervision of teachers to allow a teacher employed by a local school board to continue teaching in his local school division and be hired as a part-time teacher for such an education program. The bill requires that each part-time teacher for an education program be provided an annual $3,000 bonus.

Lastly, the bill directs the closure of seven juvenile secure detention facilities across the Commonwealth and specifies the facilities to be closed and the facilities into which they may be consolidated. The bill requires the facilities to be closed and consolidated by January 1, 2026, and states that any such facility that fails to comply with the requirements for closure and consolidation, in addition to any other remedy available at law, shall not be eligible for state funding.

Courts/Civil Law

Passed

HB 1727 Establishment of parent and child relationship; persons who committed sexual assault. Provides that no parent and child relationship shall be established when a biological parent has been convicted of rape, carnal knowledge, or incest, or has been found by clear and convincing evidence to have engaged in such prohibited conduct, and the child was conceived of such violation or conduct. The bill further provides that a person with a legitimate interest in the child does not include a person whose interest derives from or through a person who has been convicted of or found to have engaged in such conduct by clear and convincing evidence. The bill provides that consent for adoption is not required of a birth father when such father been found by clear and convincing evidence to have engaged in rape, carnal knowledge, or incest and the child was conceived of such conduct; under current law, such consent is not required when the birth father has been convicted of rape, carnal knowledge, or incest.

HB 1888 Immunity of persons for tort actions based on statements made in connection with any formal review or hearing. Adds to the tort actions for which an individual shall be immune pursuant to applicable law any tort action based solely on a statement made at or in connection with any formal review or hearing authorized by law, including a written or oral statement made pursuant to a report or complaint, that is not one of the public hearings enumerated in current law. Current law provides that an individual shall be immune for any tort action based solely on statements made at a public hearing before, or otherwise communicated to, the governing body of any locality or other political subdivision, or the boards, commissions, agencies, and authorities thereof, and other governing bodies of any local governmental entity concerning matters properly before such body.

SB 805 Determination of child support. Updates the amounts in the schedule of basic child support obligations based upon gross monthly income and calculates such obligations for specific amounts up to a gross monthly income of $42,500. Under current law, such child support obligations are calculated up to a gross monthly income of

$35,000. The bill directs the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel, in collaboration with the Division of Child Support Enforcement, to examine the current outstanding amount of child support arrearages and make recommendations to the General Assembly about measures the General Assembly can consider regarding (i) helping child support obligors pay outstanding arrearages and (ii) whether existing penalties that place restrictions on such obligors' drivers licenses or other professional restrictions unnecessarily impair the obligor's ability to repay outstanding child support arrearages. The bill directs the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel to report its conclusions to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice by November 15, 2025.

SB 894 Civil actions; liability of employer for personal injury or death by wrongful act. Provides that in an action for personal injury or death by wrongful act brought by a vulnerable victim, defined in the bill, against an employee, a finding that the employee's employer is vicariously liable for such employee's conduct shall be based on several factors, including the likelihood of the employee coming into contact with such vulnerable victim and the employer's failure to exercise reasonable care over the employee.

Courts/Criminal Justice

Passed

HB 1946/SB 1060 Possession, etc., of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age; liquid nicotine and nicotine vapor products license; prohibitions; enforcement. Prohibits any person younger than 21 years of age from possessing any retail tobacco or hemp product intended for smoking, as those terms are defined in relevant law, with certain exceptions enumerated in the bill. The bill provides that any such product purchased or possessed by a person younger than 21 years of age (i) shall be deemed contraband and (ii) may be seized by a law-enforcement officer. Any such product, the lawful possession of which is not established, seized by such officer shall be forfeited and disposed of according to the process described in relevant law. The bill also provides that seizure shall be the sole penalty for a violation of such prohibition and that the provisions of the bill shall not preclude prosecution under any other statute.

Further, if a person does not receive a license from the Department of Taxation to sell, deal, transport, or ship liquid nicotine or nicotine vapor products to retailers in the Commonwealth, such person is subject to a penalty of $400, in addition to any other applicable taxes or fees. The bill provides that the Department of Taxation is not required pursuant to relevant law to conduct unannounced investigations of retail tobacco dealers at least once every 24 months to verify that a retail dealer is not selling retail tobacco products to persons younger than 21 years of age.

Lastly, the bill requires the Department of Taxation to convene a work group consisting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, the Office of the Attorney General, the Virginia State Police, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services to develop an enforcement program related to the sale of retail tobacco products or hemp products intended for smoking to individuals younger than 21 years of age. The work group's findings and recommendations are to be reported to the Chairs of the House Committees on General Laws and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Rehabilitation and Social Services and Finance and Appropriations no later than November 1, 2025.

HB 2730/SB 1465 Virginia State Crime Commission; review panel; cases involving Mary Jane Burton; report. Directs the Virginia State Crime Commission (the Crime Commission) to designate a panel, consisting of members outlined in the bill, to review the following types of cases at the Virginia Department of Forensic Science where testing or analysis was performed by Mary Jane Burton: (i) cases resulting in convictions of persons who are currently incarcerated, or who were executed or exonerated, and (ii) cases where Burton testified, regardless of the final disposition of the case. However, the panel shall prioritize the review of cases resulting in convictions of persons who are currently incarcerated. The bill provides that the Crime Commission shall provide staff support to the panel, and may request and shall receive support from other state or local government agencies. The bill provides that the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act do not apply to this panel or its review, or to any information received by or disseminated to any state or local government agency, private organization, or other entity for purposes of this review. The bill directs the panel to report on its work to the Crime Commission by the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly until completion of this review. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

HB 2723/SB 1466 Criminal records; expungement and sealing of records. Amends numerous statutes related to the

expungement and sealing of criminal records that are scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2025. In addition, the bill requires (i) the Department of State Police to develop a secure portal for the purpose of allowing government agencies to determine whether a record has been sealed prior to responding to a request pursuant to current law by October 1, 2026; (ii) the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission to (a) educate and provide support to public defenders and certified court-appointed counsel on expungement and sealing, (b) conduct trainings on expungement and sealing across the Commonwealth, (c) develop a library of resources on expungement and sealing for use by public defenders and court-appointed counsel, and (d) post information regarding expungement and sealing for use by the public on its website; and (iii) the Department of State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles, Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and clerk of any circuit court to provide data and information on sealing upon request of the Virginia State Crime Commission for purposes of monitoring and evaluating the implementation and impact of the sealing processes. The bill also directs (1) the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to collect data related to petitions filed pursuant to relevant law, (2) the Virginia State Crime Commission to analyze data and information collected on automatic and petition sealing and report to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session, and (3) the Virginia State Crime Commission to continue its study on the sealing of criminal records and report its work to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session.

The bill repeals the Sealing Fee Fund and directs any money in such Fund to be reverted to the general fund. The bill contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, for the provisions related to the sealing of former possession of marijuana offenses without entry of a court order and the sealing of charges and convictions related to automatic sealing and such petitions. Lastly, the bill delays the repeal of the relevant law related to marijuana possession, limits on dissemination of criminal history record information, and prohibited practices by employers, educational institutions, and state and local governments until January 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

HB 2724 Use of automatic license plate recognition systems; reports; penalty. Requires the Division of Purchases and Supply of the Department of General Services (the Division) to determine and approve the automatic license plate recognition systems, defined in the bill, for use in the Commonwealth and provides requirements for use of such systems by law-enforcement agencies. The bill limits the use of such systems by law-enforcement agencies to the following purposes: (i) as part of a criminal investigation into an alleged criminal violation of the Code of Virginia or any ordinance of any county, city, or town where there is a reasonable suspicion that a crime was committed; (ii) as part of an active investigation related to a missing or endangered person, including whether to issue an alert for such person, or a person associated with human trafficking; or (iii) to receive notifications related to a missing or endangered person, a person with an outstanding warrant, a person associated with human trafficking, a stolen vehicle, or a stolen license plate.

The bill requires annual reports from law-enforcement agencies using such systems that provide de-identified information concerning the use of the systems and by the State Police aggregating such information statewide beginning April 1, 2027. The bill also requires a law-enforcement officer or State Police officer to collect data on whether a stop of a driver of a motor vehicle or stop or temporary detention of a person was based on a notification from an automatic license plate recognition system prior to such stop and if so, the specific reason for the notification as set forth in relevant law.

The provisions of the bill that require a law-enforcement agency to obtain a permit from the Department of Transportation in accordance with regulations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board before installing an automatic license plate recognition system on a state right-of-way do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. Except for provisions requiring (a) the Division determine and approve automatic license plate recognition systems for use in the Commonwealth, which shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and (b) law-enforcement officers to collect data on whether a stop was based on a notification from an automatic license plate recognition system, which shall become effective January 1, 2026, the provisions of the bill become effective in due course. The bill requires the Division, in consultation with the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, to determine such systems for use in the Commonwealth and publicly post a list of such systems by January 1, 2026. Finally, the bill requires the Virginia State Crime Commission to collect data and conduct surveys of law-enforcement agencies to assess the use of automatic

license plate recognition systems and report its findings by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session and again on November 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

HB 2252/SB 936 Decreasing probation period; criteria for mandatory reduction. Establishes criteria for which a defendant's supervised probation period shall be reduced, including completing qualifying educational activities, maintaining verifiable employment, complying with or completing any state-certified or state-approved mental health or substance abuse treatment program, securing and maintaining qualifying health insurance or a qualifying health care plan, and obtaining housing and establishing residence. The bill provides that a court may decrease a defendant's probation period if warranted by the defendant's conduct and in the interests of justice and may do so without a hearing, unless the defendant poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of himself or others. The bill requires the Department of Corrections to meet with all relevant stakeholders and report to the General Assembly on (i) current practices for community supervision as it relates to monitoring engagement and attainment in education, employment, treatment, and other programs and making recommendations to the court for modification of time served on probation; (ii) how such practices compare to the processes and practices that would be established pursuant to the bill; and (iii) a plan for such implementation by November 1, 2025. Except for this provision requiring the Department of Corrections to meet with all relevant stakeholders and report to the General Assembly, the provisions of the bill do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly.

HB 2657/SB 746 Involuntary manslaughter; certain drug offenses. Provides that any person who knowingly, intentionally, and feloniously manufactures, sells, or distributes a controlled substance knowing that such controlled substance contains a detectable amount of fentanyl, including its derivatives, isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, and unintentionally causes the death of another person is guilty of involuntary manslaughter if (i) such death results from the use of the controlled substance and (ii) such controlled substance is the proximate cause of the death. The bill provides that venue for a prosecution of this crime shall lie in the locality where the manufacturing, sale, or distribution of such controlled substance occurred, where the use of the controlled substance occurred, or where death occurred.

The bill also provides that if a person gave or distributed such controlled substance only as an accommodation to another individual who is not an inmate in a community correctional facility, local correctional facility, or state correctional facility, or in the custody of an employee thereof, and not with intent to profit thereby from any consideration received or expected nor to induce the recipient of the controlled substance to use or become addicted to or dependent upon such controlled substance, he is not guilty of involuntary manslaughter but is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

Failed

HB 1714 Assault and battery; serious bodily injury; penalty. Creates a Class 6 felony for any person who commits an assault and battery that results in serious bodily injury, as defined in relevant law, and adds such new offense to the list of violent felony offenses for the purposes of the discretionary sentencing guidelines. The bill contains technical amendments.

SB 918 Driving under the influence. Provides that the provisions regarding driving or operating a motor vehicle, engine, or train while intoxicated and the provisions regarding operating a motor vehicle by a person under the age of 21 after illegally consuming alcohol shall not apply to any person driving or operating a motor vehicle on his residential property or his adjoining property.

SB 1268 Department of Juvenile Justice; inquiry and report of immigration status; juvenile or adult adjudicated delinquent or convicted of violent juvenile felony. Requires the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice or other person in charge of a secure facility where a juvenile or adult has been committed upon an adjudication of delinquency or a finding of guilt for a violent juvenile felony to ascertain whether such juvenile or adult is in the United States illegally and, if such juvenile or adult is found to be in the United States illegally, to communicate such information to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Under current law, such immigration inquiries are required of jail officers or correctional officers in charge of state, local, or regional correctional facilities.

Education

Passed

HB 1626/SB 822 Public elementary and secondary school teachers; certain training activities; requirements and limitations. Prohibits any public elementary or secondary school teacher from being required to participate in any non-academic training activity, as that term is defined in the bill, more frequently than once within six months of employment with the applicable school board and once every five years thereafter, except in the case of certain training relating to secure mandatory test violations upon determination by the school board or division superintendent that additional training is necessary. The bill also provides that the total frequency and duration of non-academic training activities in which each such teacher is required to participate pursuant to state law or regulation or policy or regulation of the applicable school board shall not exceed 25 hours every five years.

HB 1961/SB 738 Public elementary and secondary schools; student discipline; student cell phone possession and use policies; development and implementation. Directs each school board to develop and each public elementary and secondary school to implement age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate policies relating to the possession and use of cell phones by students on school property during regular school hours. The bill requires such policies to (i) restrict, to the fullest extent possible, student cell phone possession and use in the classroom during regular school hours; (ii) aim to reduce or prevent any distraction in or disruption to the learning environment, including bullying or harassment, that could be caused or facilitated by student cell phone possession and use on school property during regular school hours; (iii) ensure that implementation and enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of the administration, minimizes, to the extent possible, any conflict with the instructional responsibilities of teachers or any disruption to instructional time, and does not involve any school resource officer; (iv) include exceptions to such policies permitting any student, pursuant to an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 Plan or if otherwise deemed appropriate by the school board, to possess and use a cell phone on school property, including in the classroom, during regular school hours to monitor or address a health concern; and (v) expressly prohibit any student from being suspended, expelled, or removed from class as a consequence of any violation of such policies. Finally, the bill clarifies that (a) no violation of any such student cell phone possession and use policy shall alone constitute sufficient cause for a student's suspension or expulsion from attendance at school and (b) any such violation that involves, coincides with, or results in an instance of disruptive behavior, as that term is defined in applicable law, shall be addressed in accordance with the regulations on codes of student conduct adopted by each school board pursuant to applicable law.

HB 2774/SB 1240 School-connected student overdoses; policies relating to parental notification. Requires public school principals and heads of private schools in the Commonwealth to report certain information to the parents of enrolled students within 24 hours of a confirmed or suspected school-connected student overdose, as defined in the bill.

HB 2777/SB 955 Public schools; textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials. Makes several changes relating to the textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials that are utilized as the curriculum basis for public elementary and secondary school student instruction, including (i) requiring each local school board to adopt and implement textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials in English language arts for grades six through 12 and mathematics, science, and history and social studies for grades kindergarten through 12 and requiring the Department of Education to support such local adoption and implementation in several ways and (ii) requiring each education preparation program offered by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education or alternative certification program that provides training for any student seeking initial licensure by the Board of Education with certain endorsements to include a program of coursework and clinical experience and require all such students to demonstrate mastery in identifying and implementing textbooks and other high-quality instructional materials. The provisions of the bill, with the exception of a provision that requires a study of and report on the textbook review and approval process by November 1, 2025, have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Failed

SB 1031 Public elementary and secondary schools; compulsory attendance requirements; religious exemption; requirements. Amends the provisions permitting any child and his parents to receive an exemption

from school attendance by reason of bona fide religious training or belief, as defined in relevant law, to require the parent of any such child, in order to receive such exemption, to provide (i) evidence of the parent's ability to provide an adequate education for his child; (ii) notice to the division superintendent by August 15 of each year, or as soon as practicable in the event that such child and his parents move into the school division or seek to receive an exemption after the start of the school year, of such child and his parents' intention to receive such an exemption and certification that the child will receive an alternative form of instruction, including a description of the curriculum to be studied in the coming year; and (iii) evidence of the child's progress in accordance with the provisions of the bill.

SB 1346 Public schools; Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program established. Establishes the Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program, to be administered and managed by the Department of the Treasury pursuant to guidelines developed by the Board of Education in collaboration with the Department of the Treasury, for the purpose of ensuring that all children in the Commonwealth have access to quality educational opportunities by annually awarding a grant in the amount of $5,000 per eligible student, as that term is outlined in the bill, for up to 10,000 eligible students each year. The bill requires the grant funds awarded pursuant to the Program to be used to support qualified educational expenses of attending an accredited private school in the Commonwealth, as enumerated by the bill. The bill also (i) directs the Board of Education, in collaboration with the Department of the Treasury, to develop guidelines for the implementation and administration of the Program; (ii) requires the Board of Education to develop and make available to each school board and each school board to make available to parents at the start of each school year informational materials relating to the Program; and (iii) requires the Department of Education to annually collect data on and include as a part of the Board of Education's Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia the total student participation in the Program.

Elections

Passed

HB 1794/SB 1119 Elections; primary dates; presidential year primaries. Provides that all primaries for offices to be filled at the November election in presidential election years shall be held on the date of the presidential primary. With respect to candidates for election in November of a presidential election year, the bill also lifts the requirement that petition signatures must be collected after January 1 of the presidential election year. The bill adjusts campaign finance filing deadlines for candidates in presidential year elections to account for the March primary date.

HB 2165/SB 1002 Campaign finance; prohibited personal use of campaign funds; complaints, hearings, civil penalty, and advisory opinions. Prohibits any person from converting contributions to a candidate or his campaign committee for personal use. Current law only prohibits such conversion of contributions with regard to disbursement of surplus funds at the dissolution of a campaign or political committee. The bill provides that a contribution is considered to have been converted to personal use if the contribution, in whole or in part, is used to fulfill any commitment, obligation, or expense that would exist irrespective of the person's seeking, holding, or maintaining public office but allows a contribution to be used for the ordinary and accepted expenses related to campaigning for or holding elective office, including the use of campaign funds to pay for the candidate's dependent care expenses that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity. The bill provides that any person subject to the personal use ban may request an advisory opinion from the State Board of Elections on such matters. The foregoing provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. The bill directs the State Board of Elections to adopt emergency regulations similar to those promulgated by the Federal Election Commission to implement the provisions of the bill and to publish an updated summary of Virginia campaign finance law that reflects the State Board of Elections' and Attorney General's guidance on the provisions of such law that prohibit the personal use of campaign funds and any new regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elections.

HJ 443/SJ 253 Study; joint subcommittee to study the consolidation and scheduling of general elections in Virginia; report. Creates a two-year legislative study on the consolidation and scheduling of general elections in

Virginia. A 13-member joint subcommittee is established, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly, four nonlegislative citizen members, and one ex officio member, and is tasked with weighing the potential and probable effects of moving some or all of Virginia's state or local elections to even-numbered years in order to coincide with the federal election schedule. Any recommendations by the joint subcommittee to consolidate or reschedule Virginia's general elections must include recommendations for any amendments to the Constitution of Virginia and the Code of Virginia needed to effectuate the shift. The joint subcommittee is given two years to complete its study, with its final report due no later than the first day of the 2027 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

Freedom of Information Act

Failed

SB 876 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; notice of public meetings; proposed agenda required. Requires public bodies subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to include a proposed agenda and any subsequent revisions to be posted on the public body's official public government website, if any, and made available to the public prior to the meeting. The bill provides that any items added to the agenda after the meeting commences may be considered and discussed at the meeting, but final action shall not be taken on such an item unless the matter is time-sensitive.

SB 1029 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; procedure for responding to requests; charges; posting of notice of rights and responsibilities. Limits the fees charged for producing public records to the median hourly rate of pay of employees of the public body or the actual hourly rate of pay of the person performing the work, whichever is less, and provides that a public body may petition a court for relief from this fee limit if there is no one who can process the request at the median hourly rate of pay or less. The bill makes corresponding amendments to the required statement on charges in the notice of rights and responsibilities that must be posted on a public body's website. The bill also amends existing law providing that a public body may petition a court for additional time to respond to a request for public records to allow such petitions to be heard in either general district or circuit court, to give such petitions priority on the court's docket, and to toll the response time while such a petition is pending before a court. The bill makes technical amendments, including moving provisions regarding charges for the production of public records into a separate section of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

General Laws

Passed

HB 1973 Preservation of affordable housing; definitions; civil penalty. Creates a framework for localities to preserve affordable housing by exercising a right of first refusal on publicly supported housing, defined in the bill. The bill authorizes localities to implement an ordinance that requires an owner to accept a right of first refusal offer by the locality or qualified designee, defined in the bill, in order to preserve affordable housing for at least 15 years. The bill requires that any locality adopting such an ordinance to preserve affordable housing submit an annual report to the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to existing law.

HB 2515/SB 1212 Virginia Consumer Protection Act; prohibited practices; mandatory fees or surcharges disclosure. Prohibits a supplier, in connection with a consumer transaction, from advertising or displaying a price for goods or services without clearly and conspicuously displaying the total price, which shall include all mandatory fees or surcharges, as defined in the bill. The bill specifies the requirements for compliance with its provisions for certain suppliers and excludes from its provisions (i) certain fees charged by motor vehicle dealers, as defined in relevant law; (ii) fees charged by electric utilities, natural gas utilities, and telecommunications service providers, as those terms are defined in relevant law; and (iii) certain costs associated with real estate settlement services. The bill requires a food delivery platform to (a) at the point when a consumer views and selects a vendor or items for purchase, include a clear and conspicuous disclosure of any additional fee or percentage charged, as defined in the bill, and (b) after a consumer selects items for purchase, but prior to checkout, display a subtotal page that itemizes the price of such selected items and any additional fee or percentage included in the total cost.

SB 1219 General Assembly; Legislator Compensation Commission established. Establishes the Legislator Compensation Commission, to be formed every four years for the purpose of reviewing the salaries, expense allowances, retirement benefits, and other emoluments received by members of the General Assembly and

determining whether any adjustments to salaries or allowances are needed. The 11-member Commission shall be appointed as follows: two former members of the Senate of Virginia and four former members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Joint Rules Committee, and five nonlegislative citizen members, with the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the House Minority Leader, and the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders each appointing one such member. Any adjustments made to salaries, expense allowances, or other emoluments or benefits enacted in a budget bill based upon the recommendation of the Commission shall not be effective until January 1 of the year immediately following the general election for all members of the General Assembly.

Failed

HB 2498/SB 1287 Virginia Gaming Commission; established. Establishes the Virginia Gaming Commission as an independent agency of the Commonwealth, exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government, to oversee and regulate all forms of legal gambling in the Commonwealth except for the state lottery. The bill sets eligibility requirements for the appointment of a Commissioner and Virginia Gaming Commission Board members, provides powers and duties of such Commissioner and Board members, and provides for the transfer of current employees of relevant state agencies to the Commission. The bill contains numerous technical amendments.

SB 982 Casino gaming; eligible host localities. Adds Fairfax County to the list of localities eligible to host a casino in the Commonwealth and provides that any proposed site for a casino gaming establishment considered by Fairfax County shall be (i) located within one-quarter of a mile of an existing station on the Metro Silver Line, (ii) part of a coordinated mixed-use project development consisting of no less than 1.5 million square feet, (iii) within two miles of a regional enclosed mall containing not less than 1.5 million square feet of gross building area, and (iv) outside of the Interstate 495 Beltway.

SB 1136 Local anti-rent gouging authority; civil penalty. Provides that any locality may by ordinance adopt anti-rent gouging provisions. The bill provides for notice and a public hearing prior to the adoption of such ordinance and specifies that all landlords who are under the ordinance may be required to give at least two months' written notice of a rent increase and cannot increase the rent by more than the locality's calculated allowance, not to exceed three percent, and states that such allowance is effective for a 12-month period beginning July 1 each year. The bill requires the locality to publish such allowance on its website by June 1 of each year. Certain facilities, as outlined in the bill, are exempt from such ordinance. The bill also requires a locality to establish an anti-rent gouging board to establish rules and procedures by which landlords may apply for and be granted exemptions from the rent increase limits set by the ordinance or delegate such duties and functions to an existing local board, department, or agency. Finally, the bill provides that a locality shall establish a civil penalty for failure to comply with the requirements set out in its ordinance.

Health

Passed

HB 1649/SB 740 Board of Medicine; continuing education; unconscious bias and cultural competency. Directs the Board of Medicine to require unconscious bias and cultural competency training as part of the continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure. The bill specifies requirements for the training and requires the Board of Medicine to report the number of licensees who have successfully completed such training to the Department of Health and the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative.

HB 1716/SB 1105 Contraception; right to contraception; applicability; enforcement. Establishes a right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception, as such terms are defined in the bill. The bill clarifies that none of its provisions shall be construed to permit or sanction the performance of any sterilization procedure without a patient's voluntary and informed consent. The bill creates a cause of action that may be instituted against anyone who infringes on such right.

HB 2610/SB 875 Department of Medical Assistance Services; state pharmacy benefits manager; independent evaluation. Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services by July 1, 2026, to select and contract with a third-party administrator to serve as the state pharmacy benefits manager to administer all pharmacy benefits for Medicaid recipients, including recipients enrolled in a managed care organization. The bill enumerates requirements for the Department's contract with the state pharmacy benefits manager. In addition, the bill directs the Department to

engage an independent consultant to evaluate the implementation of a contract with a third-party pharmacy benefits manager pursuant to the bill.

HB 2617/SB 1120 Commission on Women's Health established; report. Establishes the Commission on Women's Health as a permanent commission in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of studying and making recommendations on issues related to women's and maternal health. The Commission consists of 15 members, 10 of whom are legislative members and five of whom are nonlegislative citizen members with significant experience or expertise in women's or maternal health policy.

Failed

HB 2394 Department of Medical Assistance Services; Medicaid; long-term services and supports; presumptive eligibility; sunset. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to provide presumptive eligibility for Medicaid, including long-term services and supports where appropriate, to individuals who meet certain criteria. The provision of presumptive eligibility is conditional on the Department obtaining all necessary approvals and federal financial participation. The bill sunsets on July 1, 2026, if such approval and federal financial participation is not obtained.

Labor and Commerce

Passed

HB 1766/SB 1056 Unemployment compensation; increase weekly benefit amounts; report. For unemployment compensation claims effective on or after January 1, 2026, an eligible individual's weekly benefit amount shall be $100 higher than the current weekly benefit amount, as denoted in the table in the printed bill. The bill directs the Commission on Unemployment Compensation, in consultation with the Virginia Employment Commission, to convene a work group to study making annual adjustments to individual weekly benefit amounts based on the average weekly wage. The bill also provides that, beginning July 1, 2025, for claims effective on or after July 1, 2025, an eligible individual's weekly unemployment compensation benefit amount shall be paid for a maximum duration of 26 weeks. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Commission on Unemployment Compensation.

HB 1921 Employment; paid sick leave; civil penalties. Expands provisions of the Code that currently require one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked for home health workers to cover all employees of private employers and state and local governments. The bill requires that employees who are employed and compensated on a fee-for-service basis accrue paid sick leave in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry. The bill provides that employees transferred to a separate division or location remain entitled to previously accrued paid sick leave and that employees retain their accrued sick leave under any successor employer. The bill allows employers to provide a more generous paid sick leave policy than prescribed by its provisions. Employees, in addition to using paid sick leave for their physical or mental illness or to care for a family member, may use paid sick leave for their need for services or relocation due to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.

The bill provides that certain health care workers who work no more than 30 hours per month may waive the right to accrue and use paid sick leave. The bill also provides that employers are not required to provide paid sick leave to certain health care workers who are employed on a pro re nata, or as-needed, basis, regardless of the number of hours worked. The bill requires the Commissioner to promulgate regulations regarding employee notification and employer recordkeeping requirements.

The bill authorizes the Commissioner, in the case of a knowing violation, to subject an employer to a civil penalty not to exceed $150 for the first violation, $300 for the second violation, and $500 for each successive violation. The Commissioner may institute proceedings on behalf of an employee to enforce compliance with the provisions of this bill. Additionally, an aggrieved employee is authorized to bring a civil action against the employer in which he may recover double the amount of any unpaid sick leave and the amount of any actual damages suffered as the result of the employer's violation. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

HB 1928 Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage incrementally to $15.00 per hour by January 1, 2027. The bill codifies the adjusted state hourly minimum wage of $12.41 per hour that is effective January 1, 2025, and increases the minimum wage to $13.50 per hour effective January 1, 2026, and to $15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2027. The bill

requires the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to establish an adjusted state hourly minimum wage by October 1, 2027.

HB 2531 Paid family and medical leave insurance program; notice requirements; civil action. Requires the Virginia Employment Commission to establish and administer a paid family and medical leave insurance program with benefits beginning January 1, 2028. Under the program, benefits are paid to covered individuals, as defined in the bill, for family and medical leave. Funding for the program is provided through premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning January 1, 2027. The bill provides that the amount of a benefit is 80 percent of the employee's average weekly wage, not to exceed 120 percent of the state weekly wage, which amount is required to be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the statewide average weekly wage. The bill caps the duration of paid leave at 12 weeks in any application year and provides self-employed individuals the option of participating in the program.

HB 2764/SB 917 Collective bargaining by public employees; exclusive bargaining representatives. Repeals the existing prohibition on collective bargaining by public employees. The bill creates the Public Employee Relations Board, which shall determine appropriate bargaining units and provide for certification and decertification elections for exclusive bargaining representatives of state employees and local government employees. The bill requires public employers and employee organizations that are exclusive bargaining representatives to meet at reasonable times to negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. The bill repeals a provision that declares that, in any procedure providing for the designation, selection, or authorization of a labor organization to represent employees, the right of an individual employee to vote by secret ballot is a fundamental right that shall be guaranteed from infringement. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Failed

HB 2126/SB 1190 Virginia Energy Facility Review Board established; localities; comprehensive plan and local ordinances related to siting of critical interconnection projects; planning district commissions; regional energy plans; Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center established. Establishes the Virginia Energy Facility Review Board as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth for the purposes of conducting critical interconnection reviews; conducting analysis and study policy options; reviewing regional energy plans, local comprehensive plans, and local solar and storage ordinances; and facilitating the responsible siting of critical interconnection projects in the Commonwealth.

The bill also establishes the Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center, consisting of public institutions of higher education, to serve as an interdisciplinary study, research, and information resource and to provide technical assistance to state agencies, planning district commissions, localities, the Review Board, other public bodies, and private entities in matters related to critical interconnection projects. The bill requires the Center to collaborate with the Review Board to issue the regional energy report and to establish the model local ordinance.

The bill requires the Review Board to issue a regional energy report that models each planning district's meaningful annual contribution to clean energy generation, energy efficiency measures, and energy storage. Each planning district commission is required to adopt a regional energy plan to address energy generation, storage, and use that demonstrates a meaningful contribution to the Commonwealth's energy goals as determined by the regional energy report issued by the Review Board and to submit the plan to the Review Board. The Review Board is required to determine if a regional energy plan is in compliance with certain provisions within 60 days of receipt of such plan. If the Review Board determines that the regional energy plan is not in compliance, the relevant planning district commission has 60 days to adopt a compliant regional energy plan. If the relevant planning district commission fails to adopt a compliant energy plan within the 60 days, the Review Board, within 90 days of such failure, is required to issue an alternative regional energy plan that is in effect for such region.

The bill requires the Review Board to establish a model local ordinance for siting, permitting, and zoning of critical interconnection projects and all other ground-mounted front-of-meter solar energy and energy storage projects. The bill requires each locality to adopt an ordinance for the permitting of solar energy facilities and energy storage facilities, that is consistent with the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy and the model ordinance and submit it to the Review Board. Under the bill, the Review Board is required to determine if the local ordinance is compliant with certain requirements. If the Review Board determines that the local ordinance is not in compliance, the locality has 60 days to

adopt a compliant local ordinance. If the locality fails to adopt a compliant local ordinance within the 60 days, the bill provides that the model local ordinance established is in effect for such locality. The bill provides a procedure for a planning district commission or a locality to appeal a Review Board determination regarding a regional energy plan or a local ordinance.

Under the bill, any developer planning to construct a critical interconnection project is required to submit an application to the Review Board. The Review Board is required to determine if the critical interconnection project (i) qualifies as a project of statewide significance, as defined in the bill, and (ii) complies with the ordinance in each locality in which the proposed critical interconnection project would be located.

In making its determination, the Review Board is required to consider the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy, certain regulations adopted by the State Air Pollution Control Board, certain renewable portfolio requirements, and any other information it deems relevant. The bill provides that the Review Board has the discretion to disregard any unreasonable restriction, as defined in the bill, in the local ordinance on the installation of the critical interconnection projects or the building of structures that facilitate the installation of critical interconnection projects. In addition, the Review Board may consider any regional energy plan developed by the relevant planning district commission. The Review Board is required to issue its opinion on the critical interconnection project within 90 days of receiving an application.

The bill requires a locality to issue its final decision regarding any zoning change, variance, or the issuance of a special exemption, special use permit, or conditional use permit related to a critical interconnection project no later than 180 days after receiving a critical interconnection opinion issued by the Review Board. If the locality's final decision diverges from the Review Board's opinion, the locality is required to include a written determination setting forth all facts and conclusions reached by the locality that support its final decision. Under the bill, a locality's failure to make a final decision within the 180-day period constitutes a granting of the zoning change, variance, special exemption, special use permit, or conditional use permit related to a critical interconnection project.

The bill requires that any appeal of a locality's decision related to a critical interconnection project will be filed in the circuit court of such locality. The bill provides that such appeal can be brought only by the aggrieved applicant or the owner of the property subject to a special exception and no other person has standing to file such appeal or seek judicial review. Under the bill, in any such appeal, there is a rebuttable presumption that the opinion of the Review Board is correct as it relates to certain factors. Such presumption may be overcome by a preponderance of the evidence that the locality's decision to grant or deny a project or to include the challenged conditions was consistent with provisions in the locality's ordinance that are not unreasonable restrictions. This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation.

Local Government

Passed

HB 1601/SB 1449 Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility. Provides that prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception application, or special use permit for the siting of a new high energy use facility (HEUF), as defined in the bill, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine the sound profile of the HEUF on residential units and schools located within 500 feet of the HEUF property boundary. The bill also allows a locality to require that a site assessment examine the effect of the proposed facility on (i) ground and surface water resources, (ii) agricultural resources, (iii) parks, (iv) registered historic sites, and (v) forestland on the HEUF site or immediately contiguous land. The provisions of the bill shall not apply to a site with an existing legislative or administrative approval where an applicant is seeking an expansion or modification of an already existing or approved facility and such expansion does not exceed an additional 100 megawatts or more of electrical power. Finally, the bill provides that its provisions shall not be construed to prohibit, limit, or otherwise supersede existing local zoning authority.

HB 2037 Land development; solar canopies in parking areas. Provides that any locality may include in its land development ordinances a provision that requires that an applicant must install a solar canopy over designated surface parking areas. Such provisions shall apply only to nonresidential parking areas with 100 parking spaces or more and may require coverage of up to 50 percent of the surface parking area. The bill provides that localities shall allow for deviations, in whole or in part, from the requirements of the

ordinance when its strict application would prevent the development of uses and densities otherwise allowed by the locality's zoning or development ordinance. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

HB 2559/SB 1489 Authority of local governments; service employees. Permits any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth to provide for certain requirements concerning incumbent and successor service employers, defined in the bill, by local ordinance or resolution. For example, such local ordinance or resolution may require that successor service employers retain incumbent service employees during a transition period of 90 days. Under the bill, service employees are those who perform work in connection with the care or maintenance of property, services at an airport, or food preparation services at schools. The provisions of the bill do not include any building owned by the Commonwealth or any institution of higher education. The bill provides that an employer that violates the provisions of a local ordinance or resolution enacted pursuant to the bill may be subject to a civil action and monetary damages.

Social Services

Passed

HB 1617 Homeless youth; fees; certain government documents. Provides that when a homeless youth seeks to receive a certified copy of a vital record, including his birth record, or his DMV-issued learner's permit, driver's license, special identification card, or identification privilege card or permit, no fee shall be assessed.

HB 1897 Board of Social Work; Board of Counseling; master's social worker; scope of practice; regulations. Expands the scope of practice of master's social workers to allow the provision of clinical services under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker. The bill also directs the Board of Social Work to promulgate regulations to allow master's social workers to engage in clinical services under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker and directs the Board of Counseling to amend its regulations to state that a licensed baccalaureate social worker shall not be required to (i) register with the Board of Counseling or (ii) fulfill any additional training or education requirements in order to serve as a qualified mental health professional-trainee. The bill directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to amend their regulations to deem the services provided by a licensed baccalaureate social worker to be equivalent to the services provided by a qualified mental health professional-trainee and reimbursed at a comparable rate, and directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek all necessary federal authority to enact such changes.

HB 2742 Malcolm's Law; hospitals; urine drug screening; fentanyl. Requires hospitals with an emergency department, when conducting a urine drug screening, as defined in the bill, to assist in diagnosing a patient's condition, to include testing for fentanyl in such urine drug screening. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.

Failed

HB 1555 Health Care Regulatory Sandbox Program established. Requires the Department of Health to establish the Health Care Regulatory Sandbox Program to enable a person to obtain limited access to the market in the Commonwealth to temporarily test an innovative health care product or service on a limited basis without otherwise being licensed or authorized to act under the laws of the Commonwealth. Under the Program, an applicant requests the waiver of certain laws, regulations, or other requirements for a 24-month testing period, with an option to request an additional six-month testing period. The bill provides application requirements, consumer protections, procedures for exiting the Program or requesting an extension, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The bill requires the Department of Health to provide an annual report to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health that provides information regarding each Program participant and recommendations regarding the effectiveness of the Program. The bill directs the Board of Health to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill and has an expiration date of July 1, 2030.

Taxation

Passed

HB 1699 Tax exemptions; Confederacy organizations. Eliminates the exemption from state recordation taxes for the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and eliminates the tax-exempt designation for real and personal property owned by the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the General Organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, the Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Incorporated, the Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the J.E.B. Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust, Inc.

HB 2264/SB 1306 Department of Taxation; free tax filing program. Directs the Tax Commissioner to terminate the Virginia Free File program and the related agreement with the Consortium for Virginia. The bill also requires the Tax Commissioner to develop and offer a free individual state income tax filing program, effective beginning in taxable year 2028, that is similar to and compatible with the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Direct File program. To implement the new program, the bill requires the Tax Commissioner to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the IRS and coordinate with the IRS in program development. The bill contains technical amendments that remove obsolete language regarding fillable forms.

HB 2663/SB 1336 Electricity consumption tax; rate adjustments. Increases the electric utility consumption tax's special utility tax rates for commercial and industrial consumer electricity consumed per month (i) in excess of 2,500 kWh but not in excess of 50,000 kWh and (ii) in excess of 50,000 kWh.

Failed

HB 1598 First-time Homebuyer Grant Program. Establishes a First-time Homebuyer Grant Program for the purpose of assisting first-time homebuyers with first-time homebuyer expenses, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill provides that the Department of Housing and Community Development shall award eligible first-time homebuyers a grant in an amount equal to five percent of such expenses incurred during a calendar year, not to exceed $10,000. Any grant awarded pursuant to the Program shall be repaid to the Commonwealth if the property for which expenses were incurred is sold within three years from the purchase date, unless the sale is made following a natural disaster or other act of God.

HB 1969 Taxation; extension of expiring sunsets. Extends to taxable year 2026:

1. The exemption for discharged loans for eligible veterans currently set to expire January 1, 2026;

2. The credit for amounts paid to another state for income taxes of a pass-through entity currently set to expire January 1, 2026;

3. The standard deduction in an amount equal to $8,500 for single individuals and $17,000 for married persons currently set to revert to $3,000 for single individuals and $6,000 for married persons as of January 1, 2026;

4. The deduction for eligible educator expenses currently set to expire January 1, 2025;

5. The tax credit for low-income taxpayers currently set to expire January 1, 2026;

6. The tax credit for reforestation and afforestation currently set to expire January 1, 2025;

7. The election for eligible owners of pass-through entities to be taxed at the entity level currently set to expire January 1, 2026;

8. The subtractions from the numerators of the property and payroll apportionment factors for eligible companies for (i) property acquired in any qualified locality before January 1, 2025, and (ii) payroll attributable to jobs created within such locality before January 1, 2025;

9. The major business facility job tax credit currently set to expire July 1, 2025;

10. The worker training tax credit for (i) expenses incurred by a business for eligible worker training currently set to expire July 1, 2025, and (ii) direct costs incurred by a business engaged primarily in manufacturing in conducting orientation, instruction, and training in the Commonwealth, relating to the manufacturing activities undertaken by the business currently set to expire January 1, 2025;

11. The tax credit for purchase of machinery and equipment used for advanced recycling and processing recyclable materials currently set to expire January 1, 2025;

12. The tax credit for participating landlords renting qualified housing units (i) in eligible census tracts currently set to expire January 1, 2026, and (ii) in eligible non-metropolitan census tracts currently set to expire January 1, 2026;

13. The tax credit for green and alternative energy job creation currently set to expire January 1, 2025;

14. The tax credit for qualified research and development expenses currently set to expire January 1, 2025;

15. The tax credit for Virginia qualified major research and development expenses currently set to expire January 1, 2025;

16. The exemption from sales and use taxation for gold, silver, or platinum bullion or legal tender coins currently set to expire June 30, 2025;

17. The exemption from sales and use taxation for certain printed materials purchased from an advertising business from a printer within the Commonwealth and distributed outside the Commonwealth before July 1, 2025; and

18. The exemptions from sales and use taxation for (i) parts, engines, and supplies for aviation component parts currently set to expire July 1, 2025, and (ii) prescription medicines and drugs purchased by veterinarians currently set to expire July 1, 2025.

Technology

Passed

HB 2094 High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use; civil penalties. Creates requirements for the development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems, defined in the bill, and civil penalties for noncompliance, to be enforced by the Attorney General. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

SB 854 Consumer Data Protection Act; social media platforms; responsibilities and prohibitions related to minors. Requires that any controller or processor that operates a social media platform shall (i) use commercially reasonable methods, such as a neutral age screen mechanism, to determine whether a user is a minor younger than 16 years of age and (ii) limit any such minor's use of such social media platform to one hour per day, per service or application, and allow a parent to give verifiable parental consent to increase or decrease the daily time limit. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.

Failed

HB 2046/SB 1214 High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies; work group; report. Creates requirements for the development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems, as defined in the bill, by public bodies. The bill also directs the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth (CIO) to develop, publish, and maintain policies and procedures concerning the development, procurement, implementation, utilization, and ongoing assessment of systems that employ high-risk artificial intelligence systems that are consistent with the requirements created by the bill. The bill directs the CIO to convene a work group to examine the impact on and the ability of local governments to comply with the requirements of the bill. The substantive requirements of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

HB 2462 Unauthorized use of name, portrait, voice, likeness, or picture of any person; digital replica; civil liability; statute of limitations. Expands the existing ability for any person to maintain a suit in equity, including the accompanying remedies available, for the unauthorized use of his name, portrait, or picture for advertising purposes or for the purposes of trade to include the unauthorized use of his voice or likeness. The bill also creates civil liability for a person who produces, distributes, or makes available the digital replica, defined in the bill, of a person's voice or likeness in an expressive audiovisual work or sound recording without prior written consent, with exceptions enumerated in the bill. The bill also extends the current statute of limitations for such civil suits from 20 years to 100 years after the death of such person.

Transportation/Motor Vehicles

Passed

HB 2096 Intelligent Speed Assistance Program established; penalty. Establishes the Intelligent Speed Assistance Program to be administered by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program. The bill authorizes enrollment in such Program as an alternative to suspending a person's driver's license upon such person's conviction of certain speed-related offenses. The bill requires a court to order enrollment in such Program for a person convicted of reckless driving and who was found to have been driving in excess of 100 miles per hour. The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide the option, in a written notice, for enrollment in such Program instead of license suspension for a person who has accumulated certain amounts of demerit points, and if such person does not respond to such written notice within 30 days, the bill requires such suspension of his license. The bill requires any person enrolled in the Program to enter into and successfully complete the Program and install an intelligent speed assistance system, defined in the bill, in any motor vehicle owned by or registered to the participant and prohibits such person from driving any motor vehicle that does not have such a system installed. The bill creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for tampering with or attempting to bypass or circumvent such a system. The bill provides that any person who enters into the Program prior to trial may pre-qualify with the Program to have an intelligent speed assistance system installed on any motor vehicle owned or operated by him and that the court may consider such pre-qualification and installation. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

HB 2475 Use of safety belt systems. Requires all adult passengers in a motor vehicle equipped with a safety belt system to wear such safety belt system when the motor vehicle is in motion on a public highway. Current law requires adult passengers to wear such safety belts when occupying the front seat.

SB 1233 Pedestrian crossing violation monitoring systems and stop sign violation monitoring systems; speed safety cameras; violation enforcement; civil penalty. Authorizes state and local law-enforcement agencies to place and operate pedestrian crossing violation and stop sign violation monitoring systems in school crossing zones, highway work zones, and high-risk speed corridors for purposes of recording pedestrian crossing and stop sign violations, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill changes the terms "photo speed monitoring device" to "speed safety camera" and "high-risk intersection segment" to "high-risk speed corridor" in provisions related to vehicle speed violations. The bill makes various changes to the requirements for the use of speed safety cameras and extends most of those requirements to the use of pedestrian crossing and stop sign violation monitoring systems. The bill requires local law-enforcement agencies implementing or expanding the use of pedestrian crossing violation and stop sign violation monitoring systems, prior to the implementation or expansion of such systems, to conduct a public awareness program for such implementation or expansion.

SB 1332 Charges for towing and storage of certain vehicles. Increases the maximum hookup and initial towing fee of a passenger car from $150 to $210 and repeals the July 1, 2025, sunset of provisions that authorize a towing and recovery operator to charge a fuel surcharge fee of $20 for the removal of certain vehicles. The bill prohibits a towing and recovery operator from charging such a fuel surcharge fee in any locality the governing body of which (i) has adopted an ordinance setting reasonable limits on fees charged for the towing or removal of vehicles on private property in accordance with existing law and (ii) has conducted a review considering an adjustment of such limitations by December 31, 2025.

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HB 2080 Registration decals; discontinued. Discontinues the requirement for and issuance of decals displaying the expiration month and year of motor vehicle registration to be displayed on license plates. The bill also removes the requirement for the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue appropriately designated license plates for motor vehicles held for rental. The bill does not eliminate existing requirements that vehicles are to be registered. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

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