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Initiatives

HB 2036 - Reckless driving and exhibition driving, penalties.

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; and (ii) riding as a passenger on the roof or hood during a race or 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.

Bill Patron: David L. Bulova

25105154A (1/16/2025)

County Position: Initiate

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
1/14/2025	House: Assigned Trans sub: Highway Safety and Policy
1/15/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) and referred to Courts of Justice (8-Y 0-N)
1/16/2025	House: Reported from Transportation with amendment(s) and referred to Courts of Justice (20-Y 1-N)
1/28/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
1/31/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 1-N)
	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (17-Y 3-N)
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2/3/2025	House: Transportation Amendment rejected
	House: Courts of Justice Substitute rejected
	House: Delegate Hope Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (84-Y 12-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 2-N)

HB 2550 - Noise abatement monitoring systems; counties in Planning District of (No. Va.) to place, etc.

Noise abatement monitoring systems; local authority; civil penalties. Authorizes counties and cities in Planning Districts 8 and 16 to place and operate noise abatement monitoring systems, defined in the bill, for the purpose of recording and enforcing exhaust system violations,. which are defined as the operation of a passenger car that has an exhaust system that emits noise in excess of 95 decibels or a local ordinance enacted pursuant to §46.2-1051. 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 has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.

Bill Patron: Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr.

25103227D (1/10/2025)

County Position: Initiate

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/10/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
1/23/2025	House: Assigned Trans sub: Innovations (Ad Hoc)
1/29/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 3-N)
1/30/2025	House: Reported from Transportation with substitute (12-Y 10-N)
2/3/2025	House: Transportation Substitute agreed to
	House: Delegate Sullivan Amendments agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (54-Y 44-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

Oppose or Amend

HB 1601 - Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility.

Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility. Provides that prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception, 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 areas and schools 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) water, (ii) agricultural resources, (iii) parks, (iv) registered historic sites, or (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.

Bill Patron: Joshua E. Thomas

25102219D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
1/13/2025	House: Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #2
1/16/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (5-Y 3-N)
1/17/2025	House: Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with amendment(s) (13-Y 9-N)
1/22/2025	House: Counties, Cities and Towns Amendments agreed to
1/23/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (57-Y 40-N)
1/24/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Local Government with substitute (11-Y 3-N 1-A)
2/12/2025	Senate: Local Government Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (26-Y 10-N 1-A)

HB 1721 - Uniform Easement Relocation Act.

Uniform Easement Relocation Act. 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, (i) the utility of the easement holder or (ii) 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 applies to easements created on or after July 1, 2025.

Bill Patron: Vivian E. Watts

25100287D (1/4/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/10/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Civil
1/15/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N)
1/17/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (22-Y 0-N)
1/22/2025	House: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
1/23/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N)
1/24/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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HB 1743 - License taxes; deduction for out-of-state receipts.

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

Bill Patron: Vivian E. Watts

~~25105038A (1/14/2025)~~

County Position: ~~Oppose~~

Staff Recommendation: Monitor. Bill has been amended to study this issue, directing the Virginia Department of Taxation to convene a workgroup to review the local license tax deduction in Virginia for receipts attributable to out-of-state businesses. Findings and recommendations of the work group are due to the Joint Subcommittee on Tax Policy by October 1, 2025.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Finance
1/13/2025	House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2
1/14/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (8-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Finance with substitute (21-Y 0-N)
2/3/2025	House: Finance Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N)
	House: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House
	House: Passed House (99-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations
2/11/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (39-Y 0-N)

HB 2002 - Voter registration; cancellation of registration, sources of data.

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.

Bill Patron: Amy J. Laufer

25101668D (1/7/2025)

County Position: ~~Amend~~

Notes: ~~Amend to ensure cancellation standards are the same for all voters.~~

Staff Recommendation: Monitor. After further review, legislation is addressing technical issues rather than creating policy changes.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/26/2025	House: Assigned PE sub: Election Administration
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 3-N)
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (12-Y 9-N)
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (52-Y 46-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/11/2025	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)

HB 2041 - Speed safety cameras; placement and operation.

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 and requires signs to be placed indicating the use of the camera. 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 creates additional requirements for localities and law-enforcement agencies regarding periodic review and provision of information to the public related to the use of speed safety cameras, including publicizing locations of new speed safety cameras. The bill requires a locality in which speed safety cameras are placed and operated to create an advisory group to identify issues and public concerns regarding such speed safety cameras.

Bill Patron: Holly M. Seibold

25105733D (1/22/2025)

County Position: Amend

Notes: Amend to ensure funding utilized for projects in jurisdiction where penalties were collected.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
1/15/2025	House: Assigned Trans sub: Innovations (Ad Hoc)
1/22/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 3-N)
1/30/2025	House: Reported from Transportation with substitute (12-Y 10-N)
2/3/2025	House: Delegate Seibold Amendments withdrawn
	House: Transportation Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (54-Y 44-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

HB 2438 - Local regulation of solar facilities; special exceptions.

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.

Bill Patron: Candi Mundon King

25102097D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: See also SB 1114 (Van Valkenburg).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce
1/21/2025	House: Referred from Labor and Commerce and referred to Counties, Cities and Towns (Voice Vote)
1/22/2025	House: Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #2
1/23/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 1-N)
1/24/2025	House: Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns (12-Y 8-N)
1/29/2025	House: Delegate Mundon King Substitute agreed to
1/30/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (48-Y 46-N 0-A)
1/31/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

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HB 2541 - Information Technology Access Act; digital accessibility.

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.

Bill Patron: Kathy K.L. Tran

~~25104578D (1/9/2025)~~

County Position: ~~Amend~~

Notes: ~~Board has historically recommended amendment.~~

Staff Recommendation: Support. The bill was amended to better align with federal standards currently in place.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/9/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation
1/20/2025	House: Assigned CT & I sub: Technology and Innovation
1/22/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (9-Y 0-N)
1/27/2025	House: Reported from Communications, Technology and Innovation with substitute and referred to Appropriations (19-Y 3-N)
	House: Assigned Approps sub: General Government and Capital Outlay
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Appropriations with substitute (22-Y 0-N)
2/3/2025	House: Communications, Technology and Innovation Substitute Reported rejected
	House: Appropriations Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with amendments and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)

HB 2641 - Statewide housing targets; requires localities to increase their total housing stock.

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.

Bill Patron: Dan I. Helmer

25103848D (1/14/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: See also SB 975 (Van Valkenburg).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/14/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
1/20/2025	House: Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #3
1/21/2025	House: Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #2
1/23/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 3-N)
1/24/2025	House: Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns and referred to Appropriations (11-Y 9-N)
1/25/2025	House: Assigned Approps sub: Commerce Agriculture & Natural Resources
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Appropriations with amendment(s) (12-Y 9-N)
	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (5-Y 3-N)
2/3/2025	House: Appropriations Amendments agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (50-Y 48-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Local Government with amendment and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (7-Y 6-N 2-A)
2/12/2025	Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)

HB 2764 - Collective bargaining by public employees; exclusive bargaining representatives.

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.

Bill Patron: Kathy K.L. Tran

25104837D (1/17/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: See also SB 917 (Surovell).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/17/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce
1/23/2025	House: Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #2
1/30/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 3-N)
	House: Reported from Labor and Commerce (12-Y 10-N)
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (51-Y 46-N 1-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)

SB 876 - Virginia Freedom of Information Act; notice of public meetings; proposed agenda required.

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 listing all items expected to be considered by the public body at its meeting. The bill allows for amendments to be made to any such proposed agenda but provides that the public body shall not take any final action on those amended or additional agenda items.

Bill Patron: Adam P. Ebbin

25105052D (1/15/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Oppose additional FOIA requirements for localities; any additional requirements should apply to both state and local public bodies.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
1/15/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)
1/31/2025	Senate: General Laws and Technology Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
2/9/2025	House: Assigned GL sub: Procurement/Open Government
2/11/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (7-Y 0-N)

SB 917 - Collective bargaining by public employees; exclusive bargaining representatives.

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

Bill Patron: Scott A. Surovell

25102162D (1/5/2025)

County Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Notes: Oppose unless amended to eliminate applicability to Fairfax County.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
1/24/2025	Senate: Incorporates SB964 (Carroll Foy)
	Senate: Incorporates SB 1401 (Lucas)
	Senate: Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Incorporates SB1033 (Pekarsky)
	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (10-Y 4-N)
2/3/2025	Senate: Commerce and Labor Substitute rejected
	Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Senator Stanley, William M., Jr. Amendments rejected
2/4/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (20-Y 19-N)
2/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

SB 1017 - School boards; powers and duties, school meal policies, payment of school meal debt.

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 uncollected 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.

Bill Patron: Danica A. Roem

25101833D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Oppose unless amended to provide state funding.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
1/16/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Public Education
1/23/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health (13-Y 2-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (35-Y 4-N)
2/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Education
2/10/2025	House: Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee
2/11/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 2-N)

SB 1044 - Elections; general registrar of each locality to report number of provisional ballots cast.

Elections; election results; reporting; provisional ballots. Requires the general registrar of each locality to report to the Department of Elections for each precinct in his locality the total number of provisional ballots cast, the number of those provisional ballots determined to be valid by the electoral board, and the results of such valid provisional ballots by voters assigned to such precinct. Results from provisional voting and voting at the precinct on election day must be reported separately. The Department shall establish standards for ascertaining and reporting such information. Such standards must direct that all results be posted promptly and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the tenth day after the election day.

Bill Patron: Danica A. Roem

25105532A (1/21/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/21/2025	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections with amendment and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)
1/31/2025	Senate: Privileges and Elections Amendment agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/9/2025	House: Assigned PE sub: Election Administration
2/10/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (6-Y 1-N 1-A)

SB 1108 - Sex offenses prohibiting proximity to children; state parks; penalty.

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.

Bill Patron: J.D. "Danny" Diggs

25101485D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Amend

Notes: Amend to include local parks and park authorities. See also HB 2527 (Taylor).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/27/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
1/31/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/7/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N)
2/10/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and referred to Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)
2/11/2025	House: Assigned Approps sub: Transportation & Public Safety

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SB 1158 - Eminent domain; condemnation proceedings.

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 sets forth reasonable costs of discovery in condemnation proceedings and provides that when a condemnor initiates discovery in a condemnation proceeding, such condemnor shall pay all reasonable costs of such discovery. The bill also 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.

Bill Patron: Mark D. Obenshain

25105772D (1/22/2025)

County Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Notes: Amend to remove costly and overly burdensome certificate requirements.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
1/30/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Civil
2/5/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 1-N)

SB 1209 - Photo speed monitoring devices; private vendors compensated for calibration, civil penalty.

Photo speed monitoring devices; private vendors; calibration; civil penalty. Requires any private vendor that has entered into an agreement with a law-enforcement agency to provide a photo speed monitoring device and is also compensated for the calibration of such device to calibrate such device in the same manner and to the same specifications as all other devices determining speed, to the extent that such devices utilize the same method of speed detection as such photo speed monitoring device, used by such law-enforcement agency. The bill also (i) requires such a private vendor to provide, within 10 days of a request by a person receiving a summons by mail for a vehicle speed violation recorded by a photo speed monitoring device provided by such private vendor, for proof of calibration for such photo speed monitoring device; (ii) requires such a summons to provide notice of such right to request such proof of calibration; and (iii) imposes a civil penalty on any private vendor who fails to provides such proof of calibration within such time.

Bill Patron: Mark D. Obenshain

25102448D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
1/23/2025	Senate: Reported from Transportation with substitute and rereferred to Courts of Justice (13-Y 0-N 1-A)
2/3/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (13-Y 1-N 1-A)
2/4/2025	Senate: Transportation Substitute rejected
	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/7/2025	House: Assigned Trans sub: Innovations (Ad Hoc)
	House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
2/12/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Courts of Justice(Voice Vote)

Support

HB 1597 - Secure storage of firearms; penalties.

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 and to a Class 5 felony if such possession of the firearm results in a crime or injury. 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 securely store a firearm in an unattended vehicle, a Class 1 misdemeanor if another person obtains such firearm, and a Class 5 felony if such possession results in injury to the person obtaining the firearm or to another. 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.

Bill Patron: Michael B. Feggans

25105219D (1/16/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/13/2025	House: Referred from Courts of Justice and referred to Public Safety (Voice Vote)
1/14/2025	House: Assigned PS sub: Firearms
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety with substitute (12-Y 9-N)
2/3/2025	House: Public Safety Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (50-Y 48-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (8-Y 6-N 1-A)
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (10-Y 5-N)

HB 1607 - Purchase, sale, transfer, etc., of assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices prohibited; penalties.

Purchase, sale, transfer, 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, 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.

Bill Patron: Dan I. Helmer

25100326D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. Also see SB 1181 (Deeds).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (12-Y 9-N)
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (52-Y 47-N 0-A)
	House: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House
	House: Passed House (50-Y 48-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)

HB 1608 - Firearm industry members; standards of responsible conduct; civil liability.

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.

Bill Patron: Dan I. Helmer

25100327D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. Also see SB 1450 (Ebbin).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
1/17/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (12-Y 10-N)
1/23/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (49-Y 47-N)
1/24/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)

HB 1622 - Firearm in unattended motor vehicle; civil penalty.

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.

Bill Patron: Amy J. Laufer

25101585D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
1/24/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (13-Y 9-N)
1/30/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (51-Y 45-N 0-A)
1/31/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (14-Y 1-N)

HB 1660 - Trigger activator definition; penalty.

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 that possible for a person to fire such semi-automatic firearm unassisted by a conversion kit, tool, accessory, or device.

Bill Patron: Michael J. Jones

25101159D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also SB 886 (Perry).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
1/14/2025	House: Assigned PS sub: Firearms
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety with substitute (12-Y 9-N)
2/3/2025	House: Public Safety Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (51-Y 48-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (8-Y 5-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)

HB 1706 - Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures for buyer to beware; aircraft noise.

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 with respect to whether the property is located in or near an airport noise overlay zone, and purchasers are advised to exercise whatever due diligence they deem necessary to determine whether the property is located in or near such a zone, including (i) reviewing Noise Exposure Maps developed by the

U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, (ii) visiting the Virginia Department of Aviation's website where such maps are accessible, and (iii) reviewing local ordinances and zoning maps that have adopted such zones. The bill also requires the Department of Aviation to make available on its website such Noise Exposure Maps and requires the Real Estate Board to include the Department of Aviation's website address where such maps can be found 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. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

Bill Patron: David L. Bulova

25105102D (1/16/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
1/13/2025	House: Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection
1/16/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N)
1/21/2025	House: Reported from General Laws with substitute (21-Y 0-N)
1/24/2025	House: General Laws Substitute agreed to
1/27/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
2/5/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology (13-Y 0-N)
2/10/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)
2/12/2025	House: Enrolled
	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1706ER)

HB 1712 - Arrest of certain persons with or without a warrant not required.

Arrest of certain persons with or without a warrant not required. Provides that no law-enforcement officer with the power to arrest is required to arrest an individual who is currently subject to an emergency custody order, temporary detention order, or involuntary admission; however, such officer may arrest such individual upon the expiration of any such order. The bill further provides that the Department of Criminal Justice Services, in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, shall (i) provide and require in-person training to all law-enforcement agencies and officers and (ii) provide information to advise attorneys for the Commonwealth 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 January 1, 2026. The bill requires any person employed as a law-enforcement officer prior to January 1, 2026, to complete such training by July 1, 2026 and biennially thereafter, and any person employed as a law-enforcement officer after January 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 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 January 1, 2026. The

bill requires any person appointed as a special conservator of the peace prior to January 1, 2026, to complete the training by July 1, 2026 and biennially thereafter, and any person appointed as a special conservator of the peace after January 1, 2026 to complete the training within one year of his appointment and biennially thereafter. This bill is a recommendation of the Behavioral Health Commission.

Bill Patron: Vivian E. Watts

25106008D (1/24/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/21/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
1/24/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (7-Y 1-N)
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and referred to Appropriations (16-Y 6-N)
1/30/2025	House: Assigned Approps sub: Transportation & Public Safety
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Appropriations (14-Y 8-N)
2/3/2025	House: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (56-Y 41-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

HB 1713 - Jurisdiction of district courts in felony cases; specialty dockets; Behavioral Health Docket Act.

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.

Bill Patron: Vivian E. Watts

25102619D (1/4/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/21/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
1/24/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 1-N)
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice (17-Y 5-N)
	House: Reconsidered and Reported from Courts of Justice (16-Y 6-N)
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (55-Y 44-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice (15-Y 0-N)

HB 1716 - Contraception; right to contraception; applicability; enforcement.

Contraception; right to contraception; applicability; enforcement. Establishes a right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception, as defined in the bill. The bill creates a cause of action that may be instituted against anyone who infringes on such right.

Bill Patron: Marcia S. "Cia" Price

25101990D (1/4/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also SB 1105 (Hashmi).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
1/16/2025	House: Reported from Health and Human Services (15-Y 7-N)
1/23/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (53-Y 44-N)
1/24/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
2/11/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health

HB 1941 - Invasive plant species; retail sales.

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.

Bill Patron: Holly M. Seibold

25103898D (1/6/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
1/14/2025	House: Assigned ACNR sub: Agriculture
1/15/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (9-Y 1-N)
1/22/2025	House: Reported from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources with substitute (21-Y 1-N)
1/27/2025	House: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Substitute agreed to
1/28/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (66-Y 33-N 0-A)
1/29/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
2/11/2025	Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources with amendments (13-Y 1-N)

HB 1954 - Public school funding and staffing; special education students; support services positions.

Equity in public school funding and staffing; special education students; at-risk students; English language learner students; support services positions; 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 support services positions to be funded based on a calculation of prevailing costs and prohibits support services 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 the local school division. The bill also 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.

Bill Patron: Sam Rasoul

25104053D (1/6/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations
1/13/2025	House: Assigned Approps sub: Elementary & Secondary Education
1/24/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 3-N)
1/27/2025	House: Reported from Appropriations with substitute (13-Y 9-N)
	House: Incorporates HB1831(Simonds)
1/30/2025	House: Appropriations Substitute agreed to
1/31/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (61-Y 34-N)
2/3/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations
2/11/2025	Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)

HB 1960 - Firearm transfers to another person from a prohibited person.

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 a copy of such form to the transferee. 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.

Bill Patron: Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker

25100491D (1/6/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also SB 744 (Favola).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
1/17/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (12-Y 10-N)
1/27/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (50-Y 46-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice (9-Y 4-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 18-N)

HB 1964 - Bright Futures program; established.

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.

Bill Patron: Anne Ferrell Tata

25104904D (1/17/2025)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Support with amendment to ensure adequate state funding for implementation.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
1/14/2025	House: Assigned sub: Social Services
1/23/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N)
1/28/2025	House: Assigned Approps sub: Health & Human Resources
	House: Reported from Health and Human Services with substitute and referred to Appropriations (21-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 0-N)
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)
2/3/2025	House: Health and Human Services Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House
	House: Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N)
	House: Passed House (99-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services
2/7/2025	Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
2/11/2025	Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)

HB 2050 - Occoquan Reservoir PFAS Reduction Program; established.

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 and the Department of Environmental Quality. The bill requires any such facility to report all results to the Department 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. Beginning July 1, 2028, the bill requires PFAS discharged by such facilities that have PFAS in excess of the method detection level to not exceed the level of any maximum containment limits (MCL) for PFAS in drinking water promulgated on or before January 1, 2025. The bill exempts any industrial discharger not listed in the bill or any publicly owned treatment works or drinking water treatment plant but allows any public water system to follow the requirements of the bill for the purpose of planning for compliance with PFAS MCL in finished water.

Bill Patron: David L. Bulova

25106088D (1/27/2025)

County Position: ~~Amend~~ Support

Notes: Bill was amended to exclude Fairfax County's solid waste facilities, resolving the County's concerns.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
1/14/2025	House: Assigned ACNR sub: Chesapeake
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (10-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources with substitute (22-Y 0-N)
2/3/2025	House: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
2/11/2025	Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 4-N)

HB 2054 - Affordable housing; application for special use permit for assisted living facilities.

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.

Bill Patron: Atoosa R. Reaser

25104244D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
1/17/2025	House: Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns (20-Y 2-N)
1/23/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (75-Y 21-N)
1/24/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
2/5/2025	Senate: Rereferred from General Laws and Technology to Local Government (12-Y 0-N)
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Local Government (14-Y 1-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (35-Y 3-N)

HB 2109 - Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures, Task Force on; State Health Commissioner to reestablish.

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 December 1 of each year regarding its activities. The bill directs the Task Force to conclude its work by December 1, 2026. This bill reestablishes the Task Force on Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures that concluded on December 1, 2023.

Bill Patron: Charniele L. Herring

25102833D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
1/14/2025	House: Assigned sub: Health
1/28/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (7-Y 1-N)
1/30/2025	House: Reported from Health and Human Services (20-Y 1-N)
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
2/11/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health

HB 2120 - Vulnerable adults; seizure of property used in connection with financial exploitation, etc.

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.

Bill Patron: Michelle Lopes Maldonado

~~25101920D (1/7/2025)~~

County Position: ~~Support with Amendment~~

Notes: ~~Support with amendment to allow for police discretion on when to pursue seizures.~~

Staff Recommendation: Support. Bill was amended to all law enforcement description when pursuing seizures. This bill is not identical to SB 825.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/25/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
1/29/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N)
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (20-Y 0-N)
2/3/2025	House: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N)
	House: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House
	House: Passed House (99-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (39-Y 0-N)

HB 2124 - Synthetic digital content; penalty; work group.

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.

Bill Patron: Michelle Lopes Maldonado

25101882D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Also see SB 1053 (Ebbin).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation
1/16/2025	House: Assigned CT & I sub: Technology and Innovation
1/22/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (9-Y 1-N)
1/27/2025	House: Reported from Communications, Technology and Innovation (20-Y 2-N)
1/31/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (87-Y 9-N)
2/3/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment (15-Y 0-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Amendment agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate with amendment (39-Y 0-N)

HB 2485 - Cannabis control; establishes framework for creating retail market.

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.

Bill Patron: Paul E. Krizek

25101954D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Board has historically supported with amendment. Support strong local governmental land use and taxation authority in any retail marijuana legislation. See also SB 970 (Rouse).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
1/22/2025	House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #5
1/24/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (5-Y 1-N)
1/28/2025	House: Reported from General Laws with substitute and referred to Appropriations (14-Y 8-N)
	House: Assigned Approps sub: Transportation & Public Safety
1/29/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 3-N)
	House: Reported from Appropriations (13-Y 8-N)
2/3/2025	House: General Laws Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (53-Y 46-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services
2/7/2025	Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (8-Y 6-N)
2/11/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 18-N)

HB 2534 - Crisis stabilization services for nonhospitalized individuals; state plan for med. assistance serv.

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 remove the prohibition that crisis stabilization services for nonhospitalized individuals cannot be provided in institutions for mental disease. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Bill Patron: Briana D. Sewell

25105285D (1/23/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/9/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
1/21/2025	House: Assigned sub: Social Services
1/23/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N)
1/28/2025	House: Reported from Health and Human Services with substitute (21-Y 0-N)
1/31/2025	House: Health and Human Services Substitute agreed to
2/3/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N)
	House: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House
	House: Read third time and passed House (99-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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HB 2538 - Public education; early childhood care and education; funding formula calculations.

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.

Bill Patron: David L. Bulova

25104342D (1/9/2025)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Support with amendment to ensure state childcare funding is increased and provided equitably to localities throughout the Commonwealth (the bill currently includes language related to prioritizing childcare deserts. See also SB 756 (Locke).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/9/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Education
1/21/2025	House: Assigned Educ sub: Early Childhood
1/22/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting and referred to Appropriations (6-Y 2-N)
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Education with amendment(s) (15-Y 7-N)
2/3/2025	House: Education Amendment agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (71-Y 28-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
2/10/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Public Education

HB 2560 - Defendant; notifying consequences criminal proceedings can have on immigration.

Notifying defendant of consequences criminal proceedings can have on immigration. Requires that at the initial court hearing 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.

Bill Patron: Alfonso H. Lopez

25102656D (1/12/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/12/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/21/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice (22-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N)
	House: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House
	House: Passed House (99-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment (15-Y 0-N)

HB 2668 - Elections; procedures for removal of electoral board members and general registrars.

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 register 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.

Bill Patron: Marcus B. Simon

25105223D (1/26/2025)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Amend to improve implementation issues.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/15/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/26/2025	House: Assigned PE sub: Election Administration
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 2-N 1-A)
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (18-Y 3-N)
2/3/2025	House: Privileges and Elections Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (77-Y 21-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/11/2025	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)

HB 2723 - Criminal records; expungement and sealing of records, repeals Sealing Fee Fund.

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) create a curriculum to educate both attorneys and others on expungement and sealing, (b) conduct trainings across the Commonwealth throughout the year, (c) provide expungement and sealing support by serving on a help desk and providing consultations, and (d) develop a library of resources on expungement and sealing

for use by certified court-appointed counsel; 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 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 July 1, 2026. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

Bill Patron: Charniele L. Herring

25103269D (1/17/2025)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Support efforts to improve implementation including state funding for local implementation. See also SB 1466 (Surovell).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/17/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/25/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (7-Y 1-N)
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and referred to Appropriations (14-Y 8-N)
1/30/2025	House: Assigned Approps sub: General Government and Capital Outlay
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Appropriations (15-Y 7-N)
2/3/2025	House: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (89-Y 7-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)

HB 2746 - Incapacitated persons; finding of mental incompetence.

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.

Bill Patron: Kathy K.L. Tran

25104774D (1/17/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Also see SB 765 (Favola).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/17/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/28/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Civil
1/29/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 2-N)
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (14-Y 6-N)
2/3/2025	House: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (59-Y 39-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice (13-Y 0-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

HJ 2 - Constitutional amendment; qualifications of voters, right to vote, persons not entitled to vote.

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.

Bill Patron: Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker

H251956 (1/14/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also SJ 248 (Locke).

Date of Action	Action Notes

11/20/2023	House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/9/2024	House: Continued to 2025 in Privileges and Elections (Voice Vote)
11/13/2024	House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (12-Y 9-N)
1/14/2025	House: Motion to pass by Delegate Cherry Amendment #1 agreed to (52-Y 47-N 0-A)
	House: Motion to pass by Delegate Cherry Amendments #2, #3 agreed to (51-Y 48-N 0-A)
	House: Agreed to by House (55-Y 44-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)
1/31/2025	Senate: Agreed to by Senate (21-Y 18-N)

HJ 434 - Study; JLARC; non-federal sponsor contributions by localities to conduct coastal storm risk management studies; report.

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.

Bill Patron: Michael B. Feggans

25106377A (1/29/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: See also SB 1337 (Marsden).

Date of Action	**Action Notes**
1/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Rules
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Rules with amendment(s) (13-Y 0-N)
2/3/2025	House: Rules Amendments agreed to
	House: Agreed to by House (69-Y 27-N)
2/4/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules

SB 744 - Firearm transfers to another person from a prohibited person.

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 a copy of such form to the transferee. 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.

Bill Patron: Barbara A. Favola

25100612D (11/13/2024)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. Also see HB 1960 (Bennett-Parker).

Date of Action	Action Notes
11/13/2024	Senate: Referred to Committee on the Courts of Justice
1/13/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice (8-Y 5-N)
1/17/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (11-Y 10-N)
2/12/2025	House: Passed House (50-Y 47-N)

SB 760 - Elections; deadline for receipt of absentee ballots and certain other information, etc.

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.

Bill Patron: Barbara A. Favola

25100615D (12/11/2024)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
12/11/2024	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/21/2025	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (11-Y 4-N)
1/27/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (23-Y 15-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/9/2025	House: Assigned PE sub: Election Administration
2/10/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 3-N)

SB 825 - Vulnerable adults; seizure of property used in connection with/derived from financial exploitation.

Seizure of property used in connection with or derived from financial exploitation of vulnerable adults. Permits a law-enforcement officer investigating the financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult to seek a warrant from a judicial officer to seize moneys, cash, or negotiable or nonnegotiable instruments or securities, including those in deposit accounts, and retain, pending a prosecution or appeal, sufficient amounts of such moneys, cash, or negotiable or nonnegotiable instruments or securities as is necessary to prove such financial exploitation. The bill allows a court, upon motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth and for good cause shown, to order the release of all moneys, cash, or negotiable or nonnegotiable instruments or securities. Any remaining moneys, cash, or negotiable or nonnegotiable instruments or securities may also be released to the owner by the court with the consent of the attorney for the Commonwealth.

Bill Patron: Barbara A. Favola

25101929D (12/31/2024)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
12/31/2024	Senate: Referred to Committee on the Courts of Justice
1/13/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (13-Y 0-N)
1/15/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
1/17/2025	Senate: Committee substitute rejected
	Senate: Senator Favola, Barbara A. Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Reconsideration of Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to (40-Y 0-N)
	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

SB 841 - Opioid treatment programs; dispensing, medications from mobile units.

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.

Bill Patron: Barbara A. Favola

25102177D (1/2/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/2/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
1/14/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health
1/16/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health (14-Y 0-N)
1/21/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
2/6/2025	House: Assigned sub: Behavioral Health
2/11/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) and referring to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N)

SB 848 - Firearms, certain; age requirement for purchase, penalty.

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.

Bill Patron: Saddam Azlan Salim

25101315D (1/2/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/2/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
1/27/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (19-Y 18-N)
	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (20-Y 18-N)
	Senate: Reconsideration of (37-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (11-Y 10-N)
2/12/2025	House: Passed House (50-Y 47-N)

SB 852 - Photo speed monitoring devices; proof of violation; retired law-enforcement officials.

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.

Bill Patron: Christie New Craig

25102952D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
1/16/2025	Senate: Reported from Transportation (13-Y 2-N)
1/22/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (30-Y 10-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
2/6/2025	House: Assigned Trans sub: Innovations (Ad Hoc)
2/12/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 0-N)

SB 880 - Assault firearms; carrying in public areas prohibited, penalty.

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.

Bill Patron: Adam P. Ebbin

25105354D (1/17/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
1/24/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
1/28/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 18-N)
2/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety

2/7/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (11-Y 10-N)
2/12/2025	House: Passed House (50-Y 47-N)

SB 881 - Plastic firearms or receivers, unserialized firearms, etc.; transfer, etc., prohibited, penalties.

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.

Bill Patron: Adam P. Ebbin

25100407D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
1/27/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (20-Y 18-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (11-Y 10-N)
2/12/2025	House: Passed House (49-Y 47-N)

SB 883 - Firearms; purchase, etc., assault and battery of family member or intimate partner, penalties.

Purchase, possession, or transportation of firearm; assault and battery of a family or household member or intimate partner; penalties. Adds to the existing definition of "family or household member" 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. The bill also 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.

Bill Patron: Russet Perry

25100381D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also HB 1869 (McClure).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (8-Y 6-N 1-A)
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
1/27/2025	Senate: Substitute by Senator agreed to
1/28/2025	Senate: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)
	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 17-N)
	Senate: Passed Senate (23-Y 16-N)
2/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
2/4/2025	House: Assigned PS sub: Firearms
2/6/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (6-Y 4-N)
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety with substitute (11-Y 10-N)
2/11/2025	House: Motion to refer to Rules agreed to
	House: Referred to Committee on Rules

SB 886 - Trigger activator; definition, penalty.

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 that possible for a person to fire such semi-automatic firearm unassisted by a conversion kit, tool, accessory, or device.

Bill Patron: Russet Perry

25101931D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also HB 1660 (Jones).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
1/27/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute rejected
	Senate: Senator Perry, Russet Substitute agreed to
1/28/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 18-N)
2/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
2/4/2025	House: Assigned PS sub: Firearms
2/6/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 4-N)
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (11-Y 10-N)
2/11/2025	House: Motion to refer to Rules agreed to
	House: Referred to Committee on Rules

SB 891 - Firearms; five day waiting period, penalty.

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.

Bill Patron: Saddam Azlan Salim

25101316D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)

1/27/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (20-Y 18-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (11-Y 10-N)
2/12/2025	House: Passed House (50-Y 47-N)

SB 940 - Elections; candidates for office, challenges to candidate qualifications.

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 60 days before the date of the election. The bill specifies that any such legal action will be given precedence on the docket and be decided by the court no later than 30 days from service on all parties. 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.

Bill Patron: Scott A. Surovell

~~25104113D (1/6/2025)~~

County Position: ~~Support with Amendment~~

Notes: ~~Support with amendment to allow sufficient time to prepare ballots.~~

Staff Recommendation: Support. Bill was amended to move up the deadline for ballot challenges to allow for adequate time for ballot preparation and printing.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/28/2025	Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
1/31/2025	Senate: Privileges and Elections Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/9/2025	House: Assigned PE sub: Election Administration
2/10/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (8-Y 0-N)

SB 960 - Electric utilities; data center cost allocation.

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.

Bill Patron: Russet Perry

25103266D (1/6/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
1/27/2025	Senate: Incorporates SB1243(Stuart)
	Senate: Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
1/30/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (11-Y 4-N)
2/4/2025	Senate: Commerce and Labor Substitute rejected
	Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate (26-Y 13-N 1-A)
2/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce
2/11/2025	House: Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #3
	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (6-Y 4-N)

SB 962 - Virginia Public Procurement Act; additional public works contract requirements.

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 bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Bill Patron: Jennifer D. Carroll Foy

25105779D (1/22/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Support the concept, ensure flexibility in implementation.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
1/30/2025	Senate: Committee substitute agreed to
1/31/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
	House: Reported from General Laws with substitute (12-Y 9-N)
2/12/2025	House: General Laws Substitute agreed to
	House: Delegate Krizek Amendment Offered agreed to
	House: Passed House with substitute with amendment (50-Y 47-N)

SB 970 - Cannabis control; retail market; penalties.

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.

Bill Patron: Aaron R. Rouse

25102567D (1/6/2025)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Board has historically supported with amendment. Support strong local governmental land use and taxation authority in any retail marijuana legislation. See also HB 2485 (Krizek).

Date of Action	Action Notes

1/6/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services
1/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (8-Y 7-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
1/30/2025	Senate: Rehabilitation and Social Services Substitute agreed to
1/31/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
	House: Reported from General Laws (13-Y 8-N)
2/12/2025	House: Passed House (53-Y 44-N)

SB 1007 – NOVA Bicycle & Pedestrians Network Study; NOVA Transportation Authority to examine

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.

Bill Patron: Scott A. Surovell

25105905D (1/23/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	**Action Notes**
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
1/23/2025	Senate: Reported from Transportation with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N 1-A)
1/30/2025	Senate: Transportation Substitute agreed to
1/31/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (37-Y 2-N 1-A)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
	House: Assigned Trans sub: Transportation Infrastructure and Funding
2/11/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 2-N)

SB 1053 - Synthetic digital content; definition, penalty, report.

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. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science.

Bill Patron: Adam P. Ebbin

25105900A (1/23/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Also see HB 2124 (Maldonado).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/20/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment (15-Y 0-N)
1/22/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Amendment agreed to
1/23/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)
	Senate: Amendment by Senator Ebbin, Adam P. agreed to
	Senate: Reconsideration of Engrossment agreed to (39-Y 0-N)
	Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
2/5/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 1-N)
2/10/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice (22-Y 0-N)

SB 1093 - Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program authority; right of entry.

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.

Bill Patron: Russet Perry

25102392D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
1/28/2025	Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (10-Y 0-N 4-A)
2/3/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (22-Y 18-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
2/12/2025	House: Reported from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (21-Y 1-N)

SB 1105 - Contraception; right to contraception; applicability; enforcement.

Contraception; right to contraception; applicability; enforcement. Establishes a right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception, as defined in the bill. The bill creates a cause of action that may be instituted against anyone who infringes on such right.

Bill Patron: Ghazala F. Hashmi

25100261D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also HB 1716 (Price).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
1/21/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health
1/23/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health (9-Y 6-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (19-Y 19-N)
	Senate: Reconsideration of (39-Y 0-N)
	Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 18-N)
2/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
2/11/2025	House: Reported from Health and Human Services with substitute (15-Y 7-N)

SB 1134 - Storage of firearms in a residence where a minor or person prohibited from possessing a firearm is present; penalty.

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.

Bill Patron: Jennifer B. Boysko

25103145D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 4-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 18-N)
2/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (11-Y 10-N)
2/12/2025	House: Passed House (50-Y 47-N)

SB 1181 - Assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices; purchase, etc., prohibited, penalty.

Purchase, possession, sale, transfer, etc., of assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices prohibited; penalty. Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person who imports, sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses, transports, or transfers an assault firearm, as that term is defined in the bill, 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.

Bill Patron: R. Creigh Deeds

25100426D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Also see HB 1607 (Helmer).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 4-N)
1/24/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
1/27/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (20-Y 18-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety (11-Y 10-N)
2/12/2025	House: Delegate Simon Substitute agreed to
	House: Passed House with substitute (50-Y 47-N)

SB 1194 - Persons, certain; arrest with or without a warrant not required.

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 January 1, 2026. The bill requires any person employed as a law-enforcement officer prior to January 1, 2026, to complete such training by July 1, 2026 and biennially thereafter, and any person employed as a law-enforcement officer after January 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 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 January 1, 2026. The bill requires any person appointed as a special conservator of the peace prior to January 1, 2026, to complete the training by July 1, 2026 and biennially thereafter, and any person appointed as a special conservator of the peace after January 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.

Bill Patron: R. Creigh Deeds

25103606D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/3/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (17-Y 5-N)

SB 1210 - Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures for buyer to beware; aircraft noise.

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 with respect to whether the property is located in or near an airport noise overlay zone, and purchasers are advised to exercise whatever due diligence they deem necessary to determine whether the property is located in or near such a zone, including (i) reviewing Noise Exposure Maps developed by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, (ii) visiting the Virginia Department of Aviation's website where such maps are accessible, and (iii) reviewing local ordinances and zoning maps that have adopted such zones. The bill also requires the Department of Aviation to make available on its website such Noise Exposure Maps and requires the Real Estate Board to include the Department of Aviation's website address where such maps can be found 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. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

Bill Patron: Stella G. Pekarsky

25104889D (1/16/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
1/15/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
1/20/2025	Senate: General Laws and Technology Substitute agreed to
1/21/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

2/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
2/6/2025	House: Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N)
2/11/2025	House: Passed House (94-Y 0-N)

SB 1271 - Threats of death or bodily injury to a person or member of his family, etc.; penalty.

Threats of death 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 adds oral threats 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 a Class 6 felony.

Bill Patron: Russet Perry

25104285D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	**Action Notes**
1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/27/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 1-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 0-N 2-A)
1/31/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute rejected
	Senate: Senator Perry, Russet Substitute agreed to
2/3/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

SB 1304 - Nonhospitalized individuals; crisis stabilization services.

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.

Bill Patron: Jeremy S. McPike

25102036D (1/9/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/9/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
1/28/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health
1/30/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
2/3/2025	Senate: Education and Health Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
2/11/2025	House: Reported from Health and Human Services (22-Y 0-N)

SB 1319 - Department of Environmental Quality; industrial wastewater; publicly owned treatment works; PFAS monitoring.

Department of Environmental Quality; industrial wastewater; publicly owned treatment works; PFAS monitoring. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to require quarterly monitoring for one year for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) for every industrial wastewater source that discharges pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works. The bill requires (i) any owner or operator of such industrial wastewater source to submit the results of such monitoring quarterly to the publicly owned treatment works and the Department; (ii) if quarterly monitoring reveals PFAS in any amount, the owner or operator of such industrial wastewater source to continue to monitor for PFAS on a quarterly basis and submit the results of such monitoring to the publicly owned treatment works and the Department; and (iii) any new industrial wastewater source that discharges pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works to monitor discharges from each outfall for PFAS and submit the results of such monitoring within 90 days of the commencement of such discharges to the publicly owned treatment works and the Department. The bill allows the Department to reduce the frequency of such required monitoring in clause (ii) if an industrial wastewater source has at least two consecutive quarters of test results with all analyzed PFAS below the method detection level. The bill also requires any owner or operator of an industrial wastewater source that discharges pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works to submit the initial quarterly monitoring results for PFAS as required by the bill within 30 days of the effective date of the bill.

Bill Patron: Jeremy S. McPike

25106622D (1/31/2025)

County Position: ~~Amend~~ Support

Notes: Bill was amended to list the industries most likely to generate PFAS, which correspond to industries listed in the Federal EPA guidelines.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/9/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

1/28/2025	Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources with substitute (14-Y 0-N)
1/31/2025	Senate: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Substitute rejected
	Senate: Senator McPike, Jeremy S. Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
2/12/2025	House: Reported from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources with amendment(s) (16-Y 6-N)

SB 1337 - Coastal storm risk management; Office of Commonwealth Resilience to study costs of feasibility studies; report.

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.

Bill Patron: David W. Marsden

25103765D (1/13/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Also see HJ 434 (Feggans).

Date of Action	**Action Notes**
1/13/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules
1/24/2025	Senate: Reported from Rules (12-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Rules

SB 1385 - 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.

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.

Bill Patron: Barbara A. Favola

25102789D (1/13/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/13/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules
1/24/2025	Senate: Reported from Rules (11-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Rules

SB 1389 - Firearm safety device tax credit; defines commercial retailer.

Firearm safety device tax credit; defines commercial retailer.

Bill Patron: Kannan Srinivasan

25105731A (1/22/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/13/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 1-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (12-Y 3-N)
1/30/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Amendment agreed to
1/31/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Finance
2/10/2025	House: Reported from Finance (20-Y 0-N)

SB 1450 - Firearm industry members; standards of responsible conduct; civil liability.

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.

Bill Patron: Adam P. Ebbin

25101021D (1/17/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. Also see HB 1608 (Helmer).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/17/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/27/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (8-Y 6-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 4-N)
2/3/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety

SB 1466 - Criminal records; expungement and sealing of records, repeals Sealing Fee Fund.

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)

create a curriculum to educate both attorneys and others on expungement and sealing, (b) conduct trainings across the Commonwealth throughout the year, (c) provide expungement and sealing support by serving on a help desk and providing consultations, and (d) develop a library of resources on expungement and sealing for use by certified court-appointed counsel; 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 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 July 1, 2026. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

Bill Patron: Scott A. Surovell

25105620D (1/26/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Support efforts to improve implementation including state funding for local implementation. See also HB 2723 (Herring).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/17/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/27/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 3-N 2-A)
1/29/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (10-Y 4-N)
2/3/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute rejected
	Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute rejected
	Senate: Senator Surovell, Scott A. Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (25-Y 15-N)
2/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

SJ 248 - Constitutional amendment (first reference); qualifications of voters; right to vote; persons not entitled to vote.

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.

Bill Patron: Mamie E. Locke

25101531D (11/25/2024)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also HJ 2 (Bennett-Parker).

Date of Action	Action Notes
11/25/2024	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/14/2025	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (8-Y 6-N)
1/20/2025	Senate: Senator McDougle Amendments rejected
1/21/2025	Senate: Read third time and agreed to by Senate (21-Y 18-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (13-Y 9-N)

SJ 259 - Study; JLARC; methodology used to determine judicial allocations; report.

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 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

Bill Patron: Scott A. Surovell

25104574D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules
1/24/2025	Senate: Reported from Rules with amendments (Voice Vote)
1/29/2025	Senate: Agreed to by Senate by voice vote
2/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Rules

Monitor

HB 2046 - High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies, report.

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 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 also requires the CIO to compile into a publicly available registry certain required monthly reports on initial and ongoing high-risk artificial intelligence system assessments and inventories of such systems used by public bodies. Under the bill, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science is required to establish an Artificial Intelligence Oversight Task Force to oversee the implementation of and compliance with the requirements for development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems by public bodies. Finally, 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, 2026.

Bill Patron: Bonita G. Anthony

25102638D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: See also SB 1214 (Aird).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation
1/23/2025	House: Assigned CT & I sub: Communications
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (5-Y 4-N 1-A)
	House: Reported from Communications, Technology and Innovation with substitute and referred to Appropriations (12-Y 10-N)
	House: Assigned Approps sub: General Government and Capital Outlay
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Appropriations (12-Y 10-N)
2/3/2025	House: Communications, Technology and Innovation Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (51-Y 47-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)

HB 2094 - High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use; civil penalties.

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.

Bill Patron: Michelle Lopes Maldonado

25104439D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation
1/23/2025	House: Assigned CT & I sub: Communications
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (6-Y 4-N)
	House: Reported from Communications, Technology and Innovation with substitute and referred to Appropriations (12-Y 10-N)
	House: Assigned Approps sub: General Government and Capital Outlay
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Appropriations with substitute (12-Y 10-N)
2/3/2025	House: Communications, Technology and Innovation Substitute rejected
	House: Appropriations Substitute agreed to
	House: Delegate Maldonado Amendments agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (51-Y 47-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 3-N 3-A)

HB 2153 - Faith and housing; comprehensive plan; zoning; Department of Housing and Community Development.

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 the preparation of a faith and housing ordinance.

Bill Patron: Betsy B. Carr

25101682D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: See also SB 1178 (Hashmi).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
1/27/2025	House: Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection
1/30/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (6-Y 2-N)
	House: Reported from General Laws with substitute (14-Y 7-N)
2/3/2025	House: General Laws Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (52-Y 45-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute (9-Y 6-N)

HB 2724 - Automatic license plate recognition systems; use, reports, penalty.

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 an active criminal investigation; (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 provides that a law-enforcement agency must 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. 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. 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. Except for the provisions requiring the Division to determine and approve automatic license plate recognition systems for use in the Commonwealth, the bill has a delayed effective date of January 31, 2026. 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. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

Bill Patron: Charniele L. Herring

25103292D (1/17/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: Board has historically monitored.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/17/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/25/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (5-Y 3-N)
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and referred to Appropriations (18-Y 4-N)
1/30/2025	House: Assigned Approps sub: Transportation & Public Safety
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Appropriations (17-Y 5-N)
2/3/2025	House: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (59-Y 39-N 0-A)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

HJ 497 - Retail cannabis market; joint commission established to oversee transition of the Commonwealth.

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.

Bill Patron: Paul E. Krizek

25104831D (1/16/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: Support strong local governmental land use and taxation authority in any retail marijuana legislation.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/16/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Rules
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Rules (10-Y 3-N)
2/3/2025	House: Agreed to by House (54-Y 43-N)
2/4/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules

SB 773 - Foster care; housing services, housing plan, report.

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.

Bill Patron: Barbara A. Favola

25105806A (1/23/2025)

County Position: ~~Amend~~ Monitor

Notes: Bill has been amended to provide localities with flexibility to continue existing arrangements to administer Family Unification Program and Foster Youth to Independence vouchers.

Date of Action	Action Notes
12/23/2024	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services
1/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
1/23/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendments (12-Y 0-N)
1/28/2025	Senate: Rehabilitation and Social Services Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Finance and Appropriations Amendments agreed to
1/29/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
2/6/2025	House: Assigned sub: Social Services
2/11/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N)

SB 932 - Counties, cities, and towns; comprehensive plan may include tiny homes or accessory dwelling units.

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.

Bill Patron: Saddam Azlan Salim

25106232D (1/28/2025)

County Position: ~~Oppose~~ Monitor

Notes: Bill has been amended to allow localities to continue to consider ADUs in their Comprehensive Plans. See also HB 1832 (Simonds).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/13/2025	Senate: Reported from Local Government with amendments (6-Y 5-N 2-A)
1/15/2025	Senate: Motion to recommit to committee agreed to (Voice Vote)
1/27/2025	Senate: Incorporates SB1256(Stanley)
	Senate: Reported from Local Government with substitute (11-Y 4-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Local Government amendments rejected
	Senate: Local Government substitute agreed to
1/30/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (30-Y 10-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
2/5/2025	House: Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #2
2/6/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N)
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns (21-Y 0-N)
2/11/2025	House: Motion to refer to Rules agreed to
	House: Referred to Committee on Rules

SB 974 - Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent.

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.

Bill Patron: Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

25106055D (1/27/2025)

County Position: ~~Oppose Unless Amended~~ Monitor

Notes: Bill has been amended to extend the time frame for submitting documents to state agencies, addressing the County's concerns. Also see HB 2293 (Coyner).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/27/2025	Senate: Reported from Local Government with substitute (12-Y 2-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Local Government substitute agreed to

1/30/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (35-Y 5-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
	House: Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #2
2/6/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (8-Y 0-N)
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with amendment(s) (17-Y 4-N)
2/12/2025	House: Counties, Cities and Towns Amendments agreed to
	House: Passed House with amendments (89-Y 8-N)

SB 1143 - Discharge plans; copies to public elementary and secondary schools.

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 self 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.

Bill Patron: Mark D. Obenshain

25102442D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: Board has historically monitored. See also HB 2353 (Wilt).

Date of Action	**Action Notes**
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
1/23/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Public Education
1/30/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)
2/3/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Education
2/10/2025	House: Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee
2/11/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 2-N)

SB 1214 - High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies; work group; report.

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 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 Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth (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, 2026.

Bill Patron: Lashrecse D. Aird

25102954D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: See also HB 2046 (Anthony).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
1/24/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)
1/30/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendment (15-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	Senate: General Laws and Technology Substitute rejected
	Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation
	House: Assigned CT & I sub: Communications
2/10/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (7-Y 3-N)
	House: Reported from Communications, Technology and Innovation and referred to Appropriations (13-Y 8-N)

SB 1305 - Local taxes; zoning; assessments; injunctions; ordinances.

Local taxes; zoning; assessments; injunctions; 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 (i) the approval of the relevant modification in the zoning classification of real estate; (ii) the exhaustion of the challenge or appeal period; and (iii) if pending, the final determination of any challenge or appeal made within such period. The bill also provides that for purposes of subdivided or

rezoned lots, the assessment or reassessment required by law shall only be effective following (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; or (c) if pending, the final determination of any such challenge or appeal made within such period. The bill also authorizes the circuit court to issue an injunction to stay the collection of taxes during the pendency of any application to the circuit court for an assessment correction upon a showing of (1) a bona fide hardship caused by such assessment and (2) a bona fide financial inability to satisfy such assessed tax obligation. Any injunction so issued shall not remain in effect later than when a final determination is made on the merits of an assessment correction application. Under current law, no suit for the purpose of restraining the assessment or collection of any local tax shall be maintained in any court of the Commonwealth, except when the party has no adequate remedy at law. Finally, the bill provides that any zoning ordinance enacted after December 1, 2023, shall not become effective until the later of either (A) the exhaustion of the period within which a decision of the local governing body may be contested or (B) if pending, the date of final determination for all actions related to a contested decision of the local governing body.

Bill Patron: Jeremy S. McPike

25105511D (1/22/2025)

County Position: ~~Oppose~~ Monitor

Notes: Bill was amended to address the County's concerns.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/9/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/20/2025	Senate: Reported from Local Government with substitute (13-Y 2-N)
1/22/2025	Senate: Committee substitute agreed to Local Government Substitute
1/23/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (35-Y 3-N)
2/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
2/10/2025	House: Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #3

SB 1332 – **Towing and storage of certain vehicles; limitation on charges**

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.

Bill Patron: David W. Marsden

25106542D (1/31/2025)

County Position: ~~Oppose~~ Monitor

Notes: Bill has been amended to retain some local flexibility in setting initial towing rates.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/13/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
1/24/2025	Senate: Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 3-N)
1/31/2025	Senate: Commerce and Labor Substitute rejected
	Senate: Senator Marsden, David W. Substitute agreed to
2/3/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (36-Y 4-N)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
2/7/2025	House: Assigned Trans sub: Innovations (Ad Hoc)
2/12/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 2-N)

Failed Legislation

HB 1557 - Short-term rentals; registration; civil penalty.

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

Bill Patron: R. Lee Ware

25100268D (11/21/2024)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
11/21/2024	House: Referred to Committee on Finance
1/17/2025	House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1
1/20/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N)
2/4/2025	House: Left in Finance

HB 1560 - Sales and use tax; accommodations for transients.

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.

Bill Patron: Joseph P. McNamara

25101530D (12/14/2024)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
12/14/2024	House: Referred to Committee on Finance
1/17/2025	House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1
1/20/2025	House: Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (3-Y 5-N)
2/4/2025	House: Left in Finance

HB 1570 - Virginia Public Procurement Act; project labor agreements.

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.

Bill Patron: Bill Wiley

25101701D (12/23/2024)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
12/23/2024	House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce
1/29/2025	House: Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #4
1/30/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (3-Y 2-N)
2/5/2025	House: Left in Labor and Commerce

HB 1596 - Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; telemedicine services.

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.

Bill Patron: Nadarius E. Clark

25102681D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
1/13/2025	House: Assigned sub: Social Services
1/23/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N)
1/28/2025	House: Reported from Health and Human Services with substitute and referred to Appropriations (21-Y 0-N)
	House: Assigned Approps sub: Health & Human Resources
1/29/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	House: Left in Appropriations

HB 1710 - Department of Medical Assistance Services; reimbursement rates for Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities; work group; report.

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.

Bill Patron: Debra D. Gardner

25102530D (1/4/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
1/13/2025	House: Assigned sub: Social Services
1/16/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting and referred to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N)
1/21/2025	House: Reported from Health and Human Services and referred to Appropriations (21-Y 0-N)
	House: Assigned Approps sub: Health & Human Resources
1/24/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (7-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	House: Left in Appropriations

HB 1748 - Wrongful death action; who may bring.

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.

Bill Patron: N. Baxter Ennis

25100167D (1/4/2025)

County Position: Amend

Notes: Amend to clarify that a single case can be brought for each circumstance.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/4/2025	House: Left in Courts of Justice

HB 1762 - Department of Medical Assistance Services; Medicaid; Social Security Disability Insurance.

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.

Bill Patron: James W. Morefield

25103510D (1/5/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
1/13/2025	House: Assigned sub: Social Services
1/23/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N)
1/28/2025	House: Reported from Health and Human Services and referred to Appropriations (21-Y 0-N)
	House: Assigned Approps sub: Health & Human Resources
1/29/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	House: Left in Appropriations

HB 1831 - Public schools; certain calculations in Standards of Quality, support services.

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.

Bill Patron: Shelly A. Simonds

25101156D (1/6/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: See also SB 1236 (Aird).

Date of Action	Action Notes

1/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Education
1/11/2025	House: Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee
1/14/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting and referred to Appropriations (5-Y 3-N)
1/15/2025	House: Assigned Approps sub: Elementary & Secondary Education
	House: Reported from Education and referred to Appropriations (11-Y 10-N)
1/24/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating into HB1954-Rasoul (Voice Vote)
1/27/2025	House: Incorporated by Appropriations (HB1954-Rasoul) (Voice Vote)

HB 1832 - Zoning; development and use of accessory dwelling units.

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.

Bill Patron: Shelly A. Simonds

25102648D (1/6/2025)

County Position: ~~Oppose~~ Monitor

Notes: Bill has been amended to allow localities to continue to consider ADUs in their Comprehensive Plans. See also SB 932 (Salim).

Date of Action	**Action Notes**
1/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
1/13/2025	House: Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #2
1/23/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating into HB2533-Sewell (Voice Vote)
2/4/2025	House: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 1865 - Virginia Access to Justice Act.

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.

Bill Patron: Katrina Callsen

25100088D (1/6/2025)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Support with amendment to ensure funding for Commonwealth Attorneys who prosecute misdemeanor. See also SB 1183 (Deeds).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/23/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
1/24/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) and referring to Appropriations (7-Y 1-N)
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment(s) and referred to Appropriations (14-Y 8-N)
2/4/2025	House: Left in Appropriations

HB 2004 - Local meals and prepared food and beverage taxes; maximum rate.

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.

Bill Patron: Joseph P. McNamara

25100561D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Finance
1/24/2025	House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1
2/4/2025	House: Left in Finance

HB 2006 - RS and UT; food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products.

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.

Bill Patron: Joseph P. McNamara

25101491D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Board has historically opposed.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Finance
1/24/2025	House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1
2/4/2025	House: Left in Finance

HB 2214 - Trespass towing fees; State Corporation Commission to establish, etc.

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 year thereafter, to submit a report to the General Assembly reviewing the process for adjusting towing rates, provided that funds are appropriated for such review.

Bill Patron: Delores L. McQuinn

25102255D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Also see SB 1332 (Marsden).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
1/23/2025	House: Assigned Trans sub: Innovations (Ad Hoc)
1/29/2025	House: Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (3-Y 4-N)
2/4/2025	House: Left in Transportation

HB 2293 - Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent.

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.

Bill Patron: Carrie E. Coyner

25104575D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: Previous Position: Oppose Unless Amended. Bill has been amended. See also SB 974 (Van Valkenburg).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
1/20/2025	House: Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #3
1/31/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N)
2/4/2025	House: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 2353 - Public elementary & secondary schools; copies of minor's discharge plan sent to schools and parents.

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 self 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.

Bill Patron: Tony O. Wilt

25104127D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: Board has historically monitored. See also SB 1143 (Obenshain).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Education
1/20/2025	House: Assigned Educ sub: K-12 Subcommittee
1/21/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N)

2/4/2025	House: Left in Education

HB 2368 - Toll relief; maximum charges.

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.

Bill Patron: Candi Mundon King

25103422D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
1/23/2025	House: Assigned Trans sub: Transportation Infrastructure and Funding
1/28/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (6-Y 2-N)
1/30/2025	House: Reported from Transportation and referred to Appropriations (12-Y 10-N)
2/4/2025	House: Left in Appropriations

HB 2434 - Voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.

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.

Bill Patron: Timothy P. Griffin

25102502D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Board has historically opposed.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/26/2025	House: Assigned PE sub: Election Administration
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (5-Y 3-N)

2/5/2025	House: Left in Privileges and Elections

HB 2445 - Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to election, hours of operation.

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.

Bill Patron: Phillip A. Scott

25101428D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Board has historically opposed.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/26/2025	House: Assigned PE sub: Election Administration
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (5-Y 3-N)
2/5/2025	House: Left in Privileges and Elections

HB 2527 - Sex offenses prohibiting proximity to children; state parks, penalty.

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.

Bill Patron: Kim A. Taylor

25103742D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Amend

Notes: Amend to include local parks and park authorities. Also see SB 1108 (Diggs).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/4/2025	House: Left in Courts of Justice

HB 2666 - Attorney General; distribution of 599 funding to distressed localities w/ high crime & poverty rate.

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.

Bill Patron: Kim A. Taylor

25104710D (1/15/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/15/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Rules
2/4/2025	House: Left in Rules

SB 756 - Public education; early childhood care and education, funding formula calculations, etc.

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.

Bill Patron: Mamie E. Locke

25101269D (12/10/2024)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Support with amendment to ensure state childcare funding is increased and provided equitably to localities throughout the Commonwealth (the bill currently includes language related to prioritizing childcare deserts. See also HB 2538 (Bulova).

Date of Action	Action Notes
12/10/2024	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

1/16/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Public Education
1/23/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 764 - Elections; voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.

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.

Bill Patron: Ryan T. McDougle

25101753D (12/14/2024)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Board has historically opposed.

Date of Action	Action Notes
12/14/2024	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/21/2025	Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB1070-Peake) (15-Y 0-N)

SB 839 - Zoning; by-right multifamily development in areas zoned for commercial use.

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.

Bill Patron: Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

25104855A (1/15/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/2/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/20/2025	Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Local Government (5-Y 7-N 3-A)

SB 856 - Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to election.

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.

Bill Patron: Timmy F. French

25102326D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Board has historically opposed.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/3/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/21/2025	Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB1072-Peake) (15-Y 0-N)

SB 975 - Statewide housing targets; requires localities to increase their total housing stock.

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.

Bill Patron: Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

25104261D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: See also HB 2641 (Helmer).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/20/2025	Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Local Government (4-Y 8-N 3-A)

SB 977 - Standards of Quality; certain calculations, support services.

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.

Bill Patron: Ghazala F. Hashmi

25104477D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
1/16/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 3-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 1045 - Siting of data centers; property classified for industrial use.

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. This section shall only apply to such applications submitted on or after July 1, 2025.

Bill Patron: Danica A. Roem

25104569D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/27/2025	Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Local Government (5-Y 10-N)

SB 1046 - Data centers; noise abatement.

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.

Bill Patron: Danica A. Roem

25104257D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/27/2025	Senate: Failed to report from Local Government with substitute (5-Y 6-N 4-A)

SB 1054 - Virginia Cannabis Control Authority; draft regulations governing cannabis; report.

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.

Bill Patron: Adam P. Ebbin

25101513D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: Support strong local government land use and taxation authority in any retail marijuana legislation.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services
1/31/2025	Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Rehabilitation and Social Services (15-Y 0-N)

SB 1070 - Elections; voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.

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.

Bill Patron: Mark J. Peake

25102275D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Board has historically opposed.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/21/2025	Senate: Incorporates SB764 (McDougle)
	Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)

SB 1072 - Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to election.

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.

Bill Patron: Mark J. Peake

25102274D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Board has historically opposed.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/21/2025	Senate: Incorporates SB856(French)
	Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)

SB 1073 - Voter registration; verification of social security numbers, provisional registration status.

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.

Bill Patron: Mark J. Peake

25102276D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: Board has historically opposed.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/21/2025	Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)

SB 1097 - Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; allocations, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.

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.

Bill Patron: Aaron R. Rouse

25104237D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Amend

Notes: Amend to reduce set aside to less than 1%, which is the amount the fiscal impact statement says the light rail has historically received.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
2/5/2025	Senate: Left in Transportation

SB 1114 - Local regulation of solar facilities; special exceptions.

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.

Bill Patron: Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

25104663D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Notes: See also HB 2438 (Mundon King).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/20/2025	Senate: Rereferred from Local Government and Rereferred to Commerce and Labor (13-Y 1-N)
1/24/2025	Senate: Incorporated by Commerce and Labor (SB1190-Deeds) (15-Y 0-N)

SB 1178 - Faith and housing; affordable housing on property owned by religious or tax-exempt organizations

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.

Bill Patron: Ghazala F. Hashmi

25101400D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: See also HB 2153 (Carr).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
1/15/2025	Senate: Rereferred from General Laws and Technology to Local Government (15-Y 0-N)
1/20/2025	Senate: Incorporates SB1351(Srinivasan)
	Senate: Reported from Local Government with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (12-Y 3-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 1183 - Virginia Access to Justice Act.

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.

Bill Patron: R. Creigh Deeds

25105823A (1/23/2025)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Support with amendment to ensure funding for Commonwealth Attorneys who prosecute misdemeanor. See also HB 1865 (Callsen).

Date of Action	Action Notes

1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendments and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 1236 - Public schools; Standards of Quality; certain calculations; support services.

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.

Bill Patron: Lashrecse D. Aird

25101268D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: See also HB 1831 (Simonds).

Date of Action	**Action Notes**
1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
1/20/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Public Education
1/23/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 1256 - Counties, cities, and towns; comprehensive plan; accessory dwelling units.

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.

Bill Patron: William M. Stanley, Jr.

25101140D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Date of Action	**Action Notes**

1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/27/2025	Senate: Incorporated by Local Government (SB932-Salim) (14-Y 1-N)

SB 1296 - Virginia Public-Private Safety Communications Infrastructure Fund; established.

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.

Bill Patron: Mark D. Obenshain

25102483D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Amend

Notes: Amend to include all counties.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/8/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
1/22/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 1351 - Affordable housing; religious organizations and other tax-exempt properties.

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.

Bill Patron: Kannan Srinivasan

25102124D (1/13/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/13/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/20/2025	Senate: Incorporated by Local Government (SB1178-Hashmi) (14-Y 0-N)

SB 1432 - Juvenile secure detention facilities; closure or consolidation; funding contributions; education programs.

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 potential 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 children 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 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.

Bill Patron: David W. Marsden

25104396D (1/17/2025)

County Position: Oppose

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/17/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services
1/24/2025	Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Rehabilitation and Social Services (13-Y 2-N)