Town Council
Work Session
Agenda Item 3.a.

Agenda Item: **2026 Virginia General Assembly Legislative Report Briefing**

Meeting Date: May 12, 2026

Category: Discussion

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Description:
Each year, the Town Council adopts the Town Legislative Program in the Fall, which includes the Town's position on items expected to come up and also presents any proposed legislation the Town wishes their legislators to carry. Following the adjournment of the General Assembly and upon conclusion of the Governor's actions, the Town Attorney's Office provides Town Council with a summary of the key legislation enacted. This item is that summary.

Background/Timing Impact:
This item provides an update regarding the items on the Town Council's 2026 requested legislative agenda.

Timing Impact:
The bills referenced in this item generally have an effective date of July 1, 2026, and some specific provisions have alternate dates.

Strategic Focus Area:
Good Governance

Fiscal Impact:
Bills having a direct fiscal impact on the town are identified in the attached report and some bills will require the town to modify its current procedures, which will likely impact the allocation of staff resources.

Legal Impact:
Some of the new legislation will require the Town Council to amend sections of the Herndon Code of Ordinances or the Zoning Ordinance and town internal policies.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Provide staff with guidance pursuant to Town Council recommendation regarding action on individual bills that require amendment of the Town Code or Town Policy.

Attachments:

1. 2026 Legislative Report