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• Cultural and Recreational Opportunity • Economic Opportunity • Effective and Efficient Government • Empowerment and Support for Residents Facing Vulnerability • Environment and Energy • Healthy Communities • Housing and Neighborhood Livability • Lifelong Education and Learning • Mobility and Transportation • Safety and Security

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SECTION I BOARD PRIORITIES, INITIATIVES, AND BUDGET

OVERVIEW

The 2025 General Assembly (GA) session began and ended with winter weather events, seemingly a metaphor for the feel of this session – unpredictable, swirling winds, poor visibility, and erratic actions. Richmond was hit with several inches of snow days before the GA was set to commence on January 8, 2025. In a city that rarely sees much snow, this storm triggered power failures and a series of issues resulting in a citywide boil water advisory (which spread to the suburbs), at least in places that had water at all, which much of the city did not. Though Richmond raced to resolve the various problems, the water issues dragged on for nearly a week, leading to sanitary and hygiene crises that forced the closure of city and state buildings. Unable to conduct business, the GA merely gaveled in on January 8, as required by the state Constitution, and promptly left town, resuming work the following Monday.

In odd numbered years, the GA session is “short,” typically 45 days (in even numbered years, the session is “long,” typically 60 days). Short sessions are generally much more frenzied and hectic than long sessions, with tight time constraints from beginning to end. Further reducing the number of legislative days in 2025 dramatically heightened the intensity of each day, as the House and Senate leadership sought to maintain the existing adjournment date without lessening the workload. All of this took place amid the backdrop of looming elections for the entire House of Delegates in November (and legislators were anxious to return to their districts to begin campaigning), as well as the final legislative session for Governor Youngkin.

Across the Potomac River, a different type of storm was brewing, as the incoming Trump Administration took office amid promises to slash the federal workforce and federal spending, leading to substantial concerns about what that might mean to the economies of Fairfax County, Northern Virginia, and the Commonwealth. According to USA Spending, federal government contracts performed in Fairfax County reached \$38.5 billion in FY 2023. Half of the top ten government contractors on Washington Technology magazine’s 2024 list of the 100 largest government contractors in the nation have U.S. headquarters in Fairfax County. There is no question that federal actions could have substantial impacts on revenues in Virginia, in addition to numerous policy issues, and discussion on these topics permeated the session.

Nevertheless, in some ways the 2025 session was like traveling back in time, as many bills that were passed and vetoed in the 2024 session were again considered and passed, including increases in the minimum wage, creation of a legal marijuana marketplace, and additional firearm safety measures. Other bills that failed to pass in 2024 were hotly debated for the second year in a row, such as automatic license plate readers (LPRs) and speed cameras. Whether the Governor’s actions on such legislation change in any way remains to be seen, though there does not seem to be much optimism on that front.

In the face of all these challenges, the GA got to work. As usual, there were many late nights and early mornings, along with questions surrounding the likelihood that the session would end on time and with a budget conference report. In the final days of the session, another winter storm hit, but both the House and Senate expressed their determination to push forward. Though the parameters for a special session to consider and address the impacts of potential federal actions related to federal employees and spending has already been announced (a continuation of 2024 Special Session I, which remains in place), unlike many recent years, the 2025 session ended on time and with a budget conference report. How the Governor will respond to the various

bills he has received for consideration remains to be seen, as does the schedule and activity of 2024 Special Session I, but amid the continuing storm, expecting the unexpected seems appropriate.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OVERVIEW

Though the 2025 GA did not have the extent of changes experienced by the 2024 session (resulting from a sizable number of new legislators, leaders, and a new office building), neither was there the institutional memory and familiarity that was the hallmark of many previous sessions. This continued both the challenges and opportunities for localities, and overall, the session was fairly mixed. The surge of problematic bills considered in some sessions was more muted, but the rapidity of the session and the coming elections for the House of Delegates and all three statewide offices (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General) in November played an important role in the GA's willingness to tackle many issues, including numerous local priorities.

The overall volume of bills was high; 3,107 bills and resolutions (down from 3,594 last year) were introduced. County legislative staff reviewed the majority of this legislation in order to separate those bills of importance to the County from the hundreds of other measures not pertinent to local government, and referred 971 bills for review by County operational and legal staff. The Board took formal positions on 139 bills this year, and originally opposed or sought to amend 48 bills. At the end of the session, seven bills remained in that category. Of those seven, three were fixed the last week of session, and two are House and Senate versions of the same bill, so only three discrete proposals that the County sought to oppose or amend remained. Though there were bills that created significant concerns for localities, most failed to survive the session.

Entering the session, there was some guarded optimism that funding levels for a number of shared state and local core programs and services would be restored, or at least increased, particularly as a result of the sizeable state "surplus" touted by many, including the Governor. In some cases, additional funding that will be helpful to localities was included in the budget conference report, including the elimination of the support cap for K-12, but the overall funding to localities was only a small portion of what is needed to ensure the state fills the gaps in shared state and local programs and services that continue to grow over time. Localities also had to spend time working to retain funding that was already committed, including proposed restrictions in the Governor's budget amendments on HB 599 funding for localities with police departments.

Looking toward the 2026 GA session, state funding for core services will continue to be a critical area of focus. In particular, there is much work to be done through the joint committee the GA created last year to examine the JLARC study on the true costs of public education and the tremendous state underfunding that exists in that area. It will also be particularly important for local governments and school divisions to ensure legislators understand the challenges that exist in current state K-12 funding formulas, as well as provide a better understanding of local land use and taxation issues (which are not well understood in Richmond), in anticipation of the next GA.

COUNTY LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

The County had two legislative initiatives this year. The first amends the reckless driving statute to include exhibition driving and prohibits increasingly dangerous behaviors on the Commonwealth's roads. The second authorizes localities in Planning Districts 8 and 16 (including Northern Virginia) to create pilot programs utilizing noise abatement monitoring systems for the purpose of recording and enforcing exhaust system violations, which would expire on July 1, 2027. Both bills were discussed extensively and amended through the legislative process, and ultimately passed both chambers with bipartisan support.

Public Safety – Exhibition Driving

The *Code of Virginia* includes some penalties for dangerous behaviors, targeting drivers who participate in reckless driving or street racing. However, current penalties were crafted prior to the advent of dramatically larger, organized events taking place on the Commonwealth's roads. Such events are increasing in frequency, hazards, and sophistication, limiting the ability of law enforcement to maintain safety for the community. These organized events are known as exhibition driving, and typically involve careless and dangerous driving maneuvers, including racing and perilous vehicle actions designed to attract attention. These alarming events have become a growing national problem in recent years, and their frequency has substantially increased throughout Fairfax County and the National Capital Region, creating an unsafe environment. Transportation safety has long been a County priority, and addressing this growing hazard is critical to those efforts.

HB 2036 (Bulova), as introduced, sought to provide localities with additional tools to combat these behaviors, addressing public safety impacts as they occur while discouraging future events. It included definitions and penalties for exhibition driving and street takeovers as well as penalties for passengers and spectators who were actively participating in these organized activities. The bill took a longer route than most legislation, passing through two different committees for review. It was reported from a House Transportation subcommittee and the full committee with the understanding that new penalties for spectators would be evaluated carefully in the House Courts of Justice Committee. The bill was discussed at length in the Criminal Subcommittee, regarding the definitions of crowds and spectators, among other issues. Ultimately, the bill was amended to reduce penalties for passengers and spectators and then was reported from both the subcommittee and full committee with large margins. A subsequent substitute, offered by the Chair of the House Courts of Justice Committee, was introduced on the floor merging the definitions of street takeovers and exhibition driving. In this posture, **HB 2036** passed the House 84-12.

In the Senate, the bill was considered in the Senate Courts of Justice Committee, where another substitute was offered to address ongoing concerns regarding passengers and spectators, limiting the definition of the former and removing the latter. After much debate, the bill was reported 13-1 and referred to the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, to address the potential fiscal impact. **HB 2036** was reported easily and advanced to the floor, where it passed with bipartisan support (35-5). The amended bill went back to the House floor and the Senate amendments were accepted.

Transportation – Vehicle Exhaust Noise

Over the past several years, modified/aftermarket mufflers on vehicles, and their impacts on communities, have received substantial attention. New technologies are rapidly advancing, creating tools to improve police enforcement of modified mufflers. Acoustic devices that use microphones to detect loud, sustained vehicle noise exceeding a certain decibel level have been deployed in numerous states. These devices are placed adjacent to a roadway and are activated when a microphone picks up sound from a vehicle exceeding the noise limit. Modifying a car's exhaust to make it louder and more aggressive than the original muffler is illegal in Virginia, but enforcement has been a challenge. The *Code of Virginia* does not provide authority for localities to deploy acoustic devices.

The County included addressing this issue in the 2025 legislative program, and **HB 2550** (Sullivan) was introduced to allow for a small pilot program authorizing the use of these devices. **HB 2550** authorizes localities in Planning Districts 8 (Northern Virginia) and 16 to place and operate noise abatement monitoring systems to record and enforce exhaust system violations. The bill makes the operator of a vehicle liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$100 and includes similar data privacy and storage requirements as are in current law for photo speed monitoring devices. This pilot program would expire on July 1, 2027.

During the legislative process, **HB 2550** was amended to address some implementation issues, and passed the House 54-44. Additionally, a fiscal impact statement from the Virginia State Police (VSP) indicated VSP would need approximately \$200,000 annually to collect the data provided by localities in those planning districts and report it to the GA. To address that fiscal impact, the Senate initially referred the bill to the Virginia Crime Commission for study, and the bill passed the Senate 21-17. The bill was ultimately sent to a conference committee, and the conference report eliminated the requirement for VSP to collect the data from localities, instead requiring localities participating in the pilot to post the data on their website, eliminating the state fiscal impact. With that change, **HB 2550** passed the Senate 24-16 and the House 53-45.

OVERARCHING PRIORITIES

Funding Core Services

(1.) Funding Core Services – Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Regional Transportation Funding

Principle: The Commonwealth must fully restore the \$102 million of regional funding to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) that was previously diverted to WMATA in 2018, to ensure that transportation projects continue to advance in Northern Virginia after decades of state underfunding (approximately \$63.5 million has been restored thus far). Though the GA provided additional, vital funding in last year’s budget to address some of WMATA’s shortfall in both FY 2025 and FY 2026, the Commonwealth must continue working with regional and local partners to provide dedicated and sustainable funding for WMATA – putting the agency on sound financial footing without diverting resources from other transportation needs in Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth.

This has been a very active year for regional transportation funding. In Northern Virginia, Fairfax County is participating in both the WMATA and Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments’ (COG) DMVMoves initiative, as well as the Commonwealth of Virginia’s SJ 28 Joint Subcommittee. The County is committed to establishing a dedicated funding stream that supports transit transportation services in Northern Virginia and the National Capital Region. Both DMVMoves and the SJ 28 Joint Subcommittee are multiyear efforts, and as a result, the GA did not consider legislation related to regional funding this session. However, Governor Youngkin’s budget amendments reduce the additional funding provided to WMATA in FY 2025 and FY 2026 by \$11.1 million (for a total of \$133.6 million). The Governor indicated this is due to updated subsidy figures, which were further refined throughout the session, and the 2024-2026 biennium budget conference report restores \$3.3 million (*see also pages 9-10*).

An effort to provide additional funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects in Northern Virginia was also considered, as **SB 1007** (Surovell) would have created the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safety Improvements Infrastructure Fund and Program, to fund bicycle, pedestrian, and safety improvements for infrastructure projects that are not undertaken in conjunction with road-widening projects. To provide funding for the program, the bill would have imposed an annual \$0.50 tax on each parking space of an off-street parking facility in counties and cities embraced by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA). The County and other stakeholders shared concerns about the challenges for implementation of such a program and tax, and the bill was amended to direct NVTA to coordinate with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and other stakeholders to examine the findings of VDOT’s December 2024 Northern Virginia Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Study, making recommendations about methods to implement and fund the infrastructure needs and other objectives identified in the study. In this posture, the bill passed the Senate but was left in the House Transportation Committee.

The GA also considered two bills related to regional transportation funding for the Hampton Roads region. **HB 2466** (Glass), as introduced, would have created two new transportation programs in Planning District 23 (Hampton Roads) – the Hampton Roads Interstate Highway Corridor Improvement Program and Hampton

Roads Highway Coastal Resilience Program, to address infrastructure, safety, and resiliency needs in that region. It also would have created a 0.30 percent retail sales and use tax to fund those new programs. In the House, **HB 2466** was amended to create the programs and their respective funds but remove the imposition of an additional sales tax. The bill passed the GA in that form. Another bill, **SB 1097** (Rouse), would have set aside a portion of the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund for the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, to be distributed to that region's light rail system, known as The Tide (similar to the process that funds WMATA and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE)). However, the allocations for WMATA and VRE were based on historical needs, while the proposed allocation for the Tide was based on a determination of needs by Hampton Roads Transit, which raised significant concerns by other regions in the state, and **SB 1097** was left in the Senate Transportation Committee.

(2.) Funding Core Services – Transportation Funding

Principle: The Commonwealth should build upon the successful enactment of significant transportation revenues by the 2013 and 2020 GAs to ensure sufficient funding for transportation needs, which include new projects, state road maintenance (encompassing improved repaving, sidewalk maintenance, snow removal, mowing in the right-of-way, and stormwater management), safety improvements, and continued state assistance for local and regional transit systems (including the Fairfax Connector, VRE, and WMATA).

There was little focus on statewide transportation funding and allocation processes this year, despite the need to replace the dedicated revenue to transportation lost when the state sales tax on food was eliminated (effective January 1, 2023). One bill that was considered, **SB 1082** (McDougle), would authorize the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to issue "Commonwealth of Virginia Special Structures Program Revenue Bonds." The bonds would be payable from revenues received from the Special Structure Fund, and then to the extent required, from revenues legally available from the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) or any other legally available funds. The Special Structure Fund was created in 2019 to address maintenance and replacement of large and unique structures in the Commonwealth, with funding allocated to the program in 2020. **SB 1082** passed the GA, but there are few special structures in Northern Virginia and this bill will have little impact on the region.

Another bill, **SB 1024** (Roem), requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to provide a method for individuals conducting electronic transactions with the DMV for the renewal of a driver's license, other forms of identification issued, or vehicle registration, to make a voluntary contribution to the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program. Under current law, the DMV is only required to provide a method by which voluntary contributions may be made to the Virginia Donor Registry and Public Awareness Fund. **SB 1024** passed the Senate unanimously and the House by a wide margin.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

Principle: The Commonwealth should rebalance its resources and responsibilities so that the funding partnership with localities is restored, ensuring the delivery of critically needed services in communities throughout Virginia. State established standards for locally delivered services must be accompanied by adequate state funding to successfully provide those services, and reciprocal accountability for successes and failures, ensuring both the state and localities accept responsibility commensurate with their respective roles.

Highlights of Fairfax County Priorities in 2024-2026 Budget Amendments

The state budget is always the single most important piece of legislation considered by the GA. While it is often believed that budgeting during difficult economic times, when revenues are stagnating or worse declining, is particularly challenging; reduced resources can make prioritization more crucial and require a spirit of cooperation to bridge the gap between available revenues and critical needs. However, budgeting in times of substantial surplus can create significant challenges as well. That is the case for the 2025 GA, which was

permeated by a feeling that the size of ongoing revenue increases presents an opportunity to make progress on a number of policy priorities as well as providing reductions for taxpayers given the increased cost of living due to inflation over the last several years.

A wide range of programs and services in the Commonwealth require a strong partnership between the state and localities. State established standards for locally delivered services must be accompanied by adequate state funding to successfully provide those services and reciprocal accountability for successes and failures, ensuring both the state and localities accept responsibility commensurate with their respective roles. That partnership has often been strained, because the Commonwealth continues to significantly underfund core services, leaving localities to fill funding gaps with local revenues to maintain essential services. Because the Commonwealth never fully satisfies its funding obligations, even when the state economy is flourishing and revenues are growing, the gap between what the state should provide for critical services (including K-12, public safety, human services, transportation, and economic development, among others) and what it actually provides is simply too substantial to make up. And when revenue challenges arise, the issue is compounded as the state shifts more of the fiscal burden to localities at a time when they can least afford it, allowing the gap to grow ever larger. Therefore, while state revenues are described as being in “surplus,” the state has not yet fully met its funding commitment to core services, including shared state and local services. There cannot really be a state surplus, because all of the Commonwealth’s bills have not yet been paid.

The state’s revenue picture includes an expected approximately \$2.1 billion in additional revenue in FY 2025 and \$1.1 billion in FY 2026, compared to the revenues assumed in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget (which was built around a December 2023 forecast that anticipated a mild recession). In advance of the session, Governor Youngkin’s budget amendments proposed using those increased revenues for tax cuts, including a car tax credit program for those making under \$50,000 annually and couples making under \$100,000 annually, as well as eliminating the tax on tips. His proposal also included making the higher standard deduction for income taxes permanent, as the increases enacted in recent years are scheduled to expire on January 1, 2026. This is in addition to the more than \$5 billion in tax cuts already delivered to Virginians over the last several years – at a time when core services continue to be underfunded, and a watershed report by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) shines a bright light on the state’s dramatic underfunding of K-12. Within this context, reducing state revenues even further raises concerns about the potential restoration of the state and local partnership on core services. Since 2009, state funding for K-12 and local aid has gone from 52.6 percent of total General Fund spending to only 37.4 percent in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget.

Priority Budget Items for Fairfax County

K-12 Funding

Compensation Increases

Provides \$134.4 million General Fund (GF) in FY 2025 to fund up to a \$1,000 bonus per funded SOQ instructional and support position. The bonus would be provided no later than June 1, 2025, but allows for flexibility to use the funding to provide a smaller bonus to all staff, should a locality choose to spread funding across all positions at a lower amount, rather than provide \$1,000 for each staff person which would require localities to fully fund the cost for non-SOQ positions. This funding also does not require a local match. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) would receive \$19.5 million in FY 2025 to provide a one-time \$1,000 bonus – if FCPS were to choose to provide the full \$1,000 for each staff person, it would cost FCPS \$37.2 million, with a net cost of approximately \$17.7 million.

JLARC Study and Implementation

Provides \$1 million for the Joint Subcommittee to Study Elementary and Secondary Education Funding to continue work on this topic, including supporting the procurement of a contractor to simulate changes regarding potential updates to the SOQ funding formula. The 2023 JLARC study made several recommendations for both short- and long-term improvements to the current SOQ formula.

Support Cap

Provides \$222.9 million GF in FY 2026 to raise the support cap to the prevailing ratio of 27.89 positions per 1,000 students. FCPS would receive \$20.3 million in FY 2026.

Special Education Add-on

Provides \$52.8 million in FY 2026 as an add-on to basic aid for students receiving special education services (4.7 percent for special education students receiving Level I services and 5.25 percent for special education students receiving Level II services). FCPS would receive \$5.4 million in FY 2026.

Literacy Screening in Fairfax County

Provides \$2.7 million GF in FY 2025 and FY 2026 to Fairfax County to fix a technical error in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget, reflecting updated literacy screening data for Fairfax County.

HB 599

Does not provide additional HB 599 funding in FY 2026, though it eliminates the language included in the Governor's budget amendments prioritizing this funding for localities with high crime rates. The adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget provided the same level of funding in both FY 2025 and FY 2026.

Affordable Housing

Restores the down payment assistance pilot program to provide second forgivable mortgages to home buyers with very low incomes, which is included in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget – the Governor's budget amendments proposed eliminating the program (this program is funded through Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) balances).

Restores the pilot program for tenants and nonprofits to acquire manufactured home parks, which is included in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget – the Governor's budget amendments proposed eliminating the program (this program is funded through RGGI balances).

Directs the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to identify programs designed to keep long-term residents in their primary homes as real property tax liabilities increase.

Provides \$15 million GF in FY 2025 for grants to first-time homebuyers.

Provides \$13 million GF in FY 2025 for grants to localities or planning district commissions that have established, or will establish by December 31, 2025, a local Housing Trust Fund for long-term investments for affordable housing. A substantial share of this funding is reserved for specific localities (\$5 million to Prince William County, \$1 million to the City of Emporia, and \$250,000 to Tazewell County).

Behavioral Health

Provides \$4.8 million GF in FY 2026 to support eight additional Marcus Alert sites to develop co-response programs. While additional funding for Marcus Alert co-response teams is positive, this funding only supports new co-responder programs. Established programs (like Fairfax County's) would not receive support. The funding the County receives for this is used for other components of Marcus Alert (mobile crisis teams and crisis service coordination) but cannot be used for the co-responder program because it was in place prior to the availability of Marcus Alert funding. A more equitable statewide funding approach is needed to support both new and established co-responder programs, particularly with increasing Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) data requirements and oversight.

Authorizes Medicaid coverage for services provided to individuals (ages 21-64) during short-term stays (not to exceed 60 days) for acute care in psychiatric hospitals or residential treatment settings that qualify as Institutes of Mental Disease (IMD) through an 1115 mental health community waiver. IMDs include hospitals, nursing facilities, or other institutions with more than 16 beds that are primarily engaged in providing behavioral health services. Crisis stabilization facilities could also fall under this definition if they have more than 16 beds, creating a barrier to treatment in the community. This budget amendment also provides resources to support the cost of implementing and overseeing services provided through the 1115 waiver. Authority to reappropriate first year balances is also provided should program implementation costs carry over into 2026.

Children’s Services Act (CSA)

Caps increases in the state reimbursement to localities for CSA private day special education services at five percent (up from 2.5 percent in the Governor’s and Senate’s budget amendments) in FY 2026, realizing approximately \$5 million in savings for the state (essentially stating that \$5 million in state costs will be shifted to localities). Capping the state contribution shifts more of the funding responsibility for these critical state-local services to localities, as providers are not likely to lower their rates. The County supports continued state responsibility for funding mandated CSA services on a sum sufficient basis, and opposes changes to CSA that increase costs to Fairfax County. Redirects savings to fund special education services in public schools to help support children in the least restrictive environment.

Early Childhood

Restores the 0.5 Local Composite Index (LCI) cap for the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI). Eliminating the cap would have reduced funding to Fairfax County by \$5.1 million (nearly half of the cut to funding statewide).

Medicaid Waivers

Provides \$8.7 million GF in FY 2026 for Community Services Boards (CSBs) to hire additional support coordinators. This funding will help new support coordinators during their training process before they are able to bill Medicaid (4-6 months). During this training period, the full cost is borne by local jurisdictions. With the influx of new waiver slots as a result of action by the 2024 GA, support coordinator teams must grow to ensure that individuals are connected to services in a timely manner. This additional funding acknowledges that need, but a substantial gap remains for the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB, which will receive 1,200 new waivers at a cost of \$5.7 million (requiring 73 new full-time equivalents (FTEs)) – approximately 66 percent of the statewide funding included. Additionally, ongoing funding is needed to cover the full cost of this state-mandated service.

Older Adults

Provides \$750,000 GF in FY 2026 to increase support for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).

Specifies that, in the conversion from a daily rate to an hourly rate for adult day care services, the hourly rate will be limited to six hours per day (the Governor’s budget amendments had proposed shifting from a daily to an hourly rate). Such a change would increase administrative costs for the County, requiring updates to the County’s Information Technology (IT) systems. While most participants attend approximately six hours a day, capping the hourly rate would prevent the County from being reimbursed for any additional hours participants attend.

Safety Net Programs

Provides \$2 million in FY 2026 from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant for increased support for local community action agencies (CAAs). This increase will hold CAAs harmless from any reductions resulting from a new locality joining the CAA network (which will impact existing CAA allocation percentages), which goes into effect July 1, 2025. The additional funding will also help address mandated national census updates impacting the state's CAA funding formula, starting July 1, 2026, although it does not fully fund the CAA network's request (as the \$4.3 million provided in the Senate budget amendments did). Fairfax County anticipates receiving approximately \$142,800 in additional funding.

Directs the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) to begin the process of transitioning electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards to chip-enabled cards in a cost-effective manner. A report is due to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025, with recommendations on how best to transition EBT cards to chip cards, including cost estimates for the process.

Funding for Local Finance Directors

No additional funding is included to address unfunded positions in the Local Finance Directors' offices, which resulted from prior budget reductions.

Funding for State-Supported Local Employees

Provides \$83.1 million GF in FY 2025 to provide a 1.5 percent bonus to state employees and state-supported local employees on June 16, 2025. The County would receive approximately \$700,000 in additional state funding from the Compensation Board in FY 2026 to provide a 1.5 percent bonus to Constitutional officers and state-supported local employees. However, if the County should choose to extend these bonuses for the other employees in those offices not currently funded by the Compensation Board, the County would have to fully fund those bonuses with local dollars.

Libraries

Provides approximately \$600,000 GF in FY 2026 to support state aid to public libraries, increasing the biennium total to \$27.4 million.

Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF)

Provides \$40 million in Non-General Funds (NGF) in FY 2025 for SLAF to provide matching grants to local governments for the planning, design, and implementation of stormwater best management practices.

Transportation

Metrorail is vital to the transportation networks and economic growth of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth. In Virginia, local jurisdictions have historically provided substantial funding for WMATA (primarily through local property tax revenues), though the benefits are shared by the entire Commonwealth. According to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission's (NVTC) 2023 analysis, Northern Virginia's transit network generates \$1.5 billion in annual personal income and sales tax revenue for Virginia (approximately \$1 billion attributed to the Metrorail system), which translates to nearly five percent of Virginia's General Fund and support for over 311,000 jobs (including nearly 41,000 outside of Northern Virginia). The adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget provided \$144.7 from the General Fund to address some of WMATA's shortfall in both FY 2025 and FY 2026. The Governor's budget amendments reduced that amount by \$11.1 million, due to updated subsidy projections. The GA's conference report restored \$3.3 million of that reduction due to revised estimates.

Tax Policy

Extends the expiration dates on the enhanced standard deduction, refundable earned income tax credit, and the pass-through entity elective tax until January 1, 2027. Also increases the standard deduction for tax years 2025 and 2026 to \$8,750 for single filers and \$17,500 for joint filers.

Increases the refundability of the earned income tax credit from 15 to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit.

Provides income tax rebates of \$200 for individual taxpayers and \$400 for joint filers.

Retains the proposal in the Governor's budget amendments to increase the threshold for individual taxpayers to make estimated tax payments from the current level of \$150 in tax liability to \$1000, beginning with taxable years that commence on January 1, 2026.

Directs the Department of Taxation (TAX) to convene a work group composed of tax practitioners experienced in the preparation of corporate tax returns involving net operating losses to study the treatment of net operating losses in Virginia when compared to other states and make recommendations to simplify such treatment in Virginia.

Directs the Joint Subcommittee on Tax Policy to study the data center sales and use tax exemption during the 2025 interim, including reviewing competitive advantages provided by existing and future exemptions, approaches taken in other states, methods to attract data center investment to non-urbanized areas of the Commonwealth, the recommendations and options in the 2024 JLARC study of data centers, and the estimated direct and indirect economic benefits of data center investment in the Commonwealth.

Extends the Housing Opportunity Tax Credit from 2025 until 2030 and directs \$20 million of the \$64 million in credits authorized per calendar year from 2026 through 2030 for qualified projects located in certain geographic areas.

Criminal Justice

The 2021 GA passed substantial legislation related to criminal justice reform, including automatic sealing for some criminal charges and streamlining the process for expungements and record sealings of certain criminal records (including those for certain low-level marijuana-related offenses). This law is set to go into effect July 1, 2025, and as that deadline approaches, challenges with the underlying legislation have emerged. To address these concerns, **HB 2723** (Herring)/**SB 1466** (Surovell) were introduced and recommended by the Crime Commission, along with corresponding budget amendments. While the following budget amendments are a good start, additional funding is needed for local implementation across agencies, including sheriffs and police.

Provides \$5.5 million in FY 2026 for 70 additional Commonwealth's Attorney positions, to be distributed in accordance with current staffing standard needs to assist with anticipated workload increases resulting from **HB 2723/SB 1466**. Language requires localities to use such funding to supplement, not supplant, local funds provided for salaries of Commonwealth's Attorneys and their employees. It also includes language that requires all Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices to report, if directed by the Compensation Board, information regarding workloads directly resulting from the implementation of the bills' provisions.

Provides \$5.5 million in FY 2026 for 117 Deputy Clerk IV positions to assist with anticipated workload increases resulting from **HB 2723/SB 1466**. Language requires localities to use such funding to supplement, not supplant, local funds provided for salaries of Circuit Court Clerks and their employees.

Provides \$138,193 GF and one position in FY 2026 to the Indigent Defense Commission for costs associated with **HB 2723/SB 1466**, related to expungement and sealing of records.

Federal Issues

The recent Presidential election signals potentially sweeping changes for the long-standing relationship between the federal government and Fairfax County as well as challenges for a wide variety of federal policy issues related to Fairfax County priorities. Given the policy priorities of the previous Trump Administration, combined with proposals President Trump has recently espoused, it appears that while some impacts may be positive for both Fairfax County and the Commonwealth, there are likely to be many that are negative. This includes cuts to the federal workforce as well as grants, loans, and contracts, which are critical to Virginia's economy.

In response, the House formed a select committee to monitor changes in federal funding levels to Virginia. The budget includes language requiring TAX to provide estimated fiscal impacts of any changes to federal income tax policy within 30 business days of their enactment, and directing the Governor to submit a budget bill within 20 business days of receiving the estimated fiscal impacts if the cumulative projected impact would decrease General Fund revenues by more than \$100 million in the current or succeeding fiscal year (there is a caveat that if this occurs after November 1 the Governor could include it in the introduced budget rather than notifying the GA separately).

Additionally, the budget stipulates that Virginia will not automatically conform its income tax structure to any federal income tax changes between January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2027, that would increase or decrease state General Fund revenues by any amount in the fiscal year in which the amendment was enacted or any of the succeeding four fiscal years, with the exception of the amendments to the federal tax code that are subsequently adopted by the GA, or federal income tax "extenders." This is a departure from the rolling conformity statute enacted in 2023, which generally provides for conformity with federal changes that affect state revenues up to certain thresholds.

Additionally, it requires the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget to provide the estimated fiscal impact (within 30 business days after enactment) of federal changes that impact federal grant revenue to the Commonwealth by at least \$100 million in the current or succeeding fiscal year. Federal grants will be payable only to the extent that Non-General Fund revenues are sufficient. If federal grant reductions result in additional state General Fund expenditures being required that exceed one percent of the General Fund operating budget in the current or succeeding fiscal year, the Governor must consult with GA leadership about a special session.

Immigration

The Governor's budget amendments included language that would allow the state to withhold HB 599 funding (for localities with police departments) or jail per diem payments from a locality if the official in charge of the jail does not comply with lawful U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers, and does not provide at least 48-hour pre-release notification to ICE. Funds could also be withheld if the official in charge of the jail, local law enforcement agency, or sheriff's office prohibits or impedes communication or cooperation with ICE pursuant to adoption of a local ordinance, procedure, policy, or custom. This was not included in the conference report. At a minimum, it is important to clarify that the Sheriff, who oversees the County's Adult Detention Center (ADC), is an elected Constitutional officer independent of Fairfax County, so withholding County funds for actions by an elected Constitutional officer could create significant challenges. Several bills regarding immigration enforcement were introduced, but all failed to make it out of the House and Senate Courts of Justice Committees.

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Source	Amendment	Fairfax County Impact
Compensation/Compensation Board		
<i>Governor</i> Item 469	No changes in compensation. The adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget included a 3% salary increase each year for state-supported local employees.	
<i>House</i> Item 469 #1h	Maintains the 3% salary increase from the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget. Provides \$14 million General Fund (GF) in Fiscal Year (FY) FY 2025 to fund a 1% one-time bonus for state supported local employees, effective December 1, 2025. The bonus funding is contingent on the local governing body using the funding to support the provision of bonuses.	The County would receive approximately \$500,000 in additional state funding from the Compensation Board in FY 2026 to provide a 1% bonus to Constitutional officers and state-supported local employees. However, the County will have to fund the full bonuses for the other employees in the offices that are not currently funded by the Compensation Board.
<i>Senate</i> Item 469 #1s	Maintains the 3% salary increase from the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget. Provides up to \$21.1 million GF in FY 2025 to fund a 1.5% one-time bonus for state supported local employees, effective July 1, 2025. The bonus funding is contingent on the local governing body using the funding to support the provision of bonuses.	The County would receive approximately \$700,000 in additional state funding from the Compensation Board in FY 2026 to provide a 1.5% bonus to Constitutional officers and state-supported local employees. However, the County will have to fund the full bonuses for the other employees in the offices that are not currently funded by the Compensation Board.
<i>Conference</i> Item 469 #1c	Maintains the 3% salary increase from the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget. In addition, provides up to \$21.1 million GF in FY 2025 to fund a 1.5% one-time bonus for state supported local employees, effective July 1, 2025. The bonus funding is contingent on the local governing body using the funding to support the provision of bonuses. Allows state funds for bonus payments to state-supported local employees provided on a reimbursement basis but not expended in FY 2025 to be reappropriated.	The County would receive approximately \$700,000 in additional state funding from the Compensation Board in FY 2026 to provide a 1.5% bonus to Constitutional officers and state-supported local employees. However, if the County should choose to extend these bonuses for the other employees in those offices not currently funded by the Compensation Board, the County would have to fully fund those bonuses with local dollars.
<i>House</i> Item 469 #2h	Makes a \$100 million lump sum payment to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) in FY 2025 to reduce the unfunded liability in the state employee retiree health credit program.	No impact.
<i>Senate</i> Item 470 #1s	Earmarks \$500 million from FY 2025 excess revenues (after any Constitutionally mandated deposit to the Revenue Stabilization Fund (known as the Rainy Day Fund)) – \$250 million would be reserved for the unfunded liabilities of retirement plans administered by the VRS and \$250 million would be reserved for other post-employment benefit plans administered by VRS.	Positive. Fairfax County Public School employees are part of VRS and additional state funding to pay for other post-employment benefit plans could mean the local cost will be lower.

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<i>Governor</i> Item 60	Provides \$1.4 million in FY 2026 for a 9.3% salary increase for sheriffs' dispatchers and dispatcher supervisors, effective July 1, 2025.	No impact. Currently, Fairfax County does not have any of these positions compensated through the Compensation Board.
<i>House</i> Item 60	No change from the Governor's budget amendments.	
<i>Senate</i> Item 60 #1s	Removes the \$1.4 million in FY 2026 included in the Governor's budget for sheriffs' dispatchers and dispatcher supervisors' salaries.	
<i>Conference</i> Item 60 #1c	Reduces the proposed salary increase included in the Governor's budget amendments for Sheriff's dispatch positions from 9.3% to 6%.	No impact. Currently, Fairfax County does not have any of these positions compensated through the Compensation Board.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 61 #1s, #1c	Directs the Compensation Board, in conjunction with the Board of Local and Regional Jails, to survey local and regional jails to identify the staffing and space impacts of making inmates available to appear in virtual court hearings, making recommendations for staffing and space needs to address the frequency of virtual hearings requested by the court.	Study. The Fairfax County Adult Detention Center (ADC) has one virtual courtroom for adults. Depending on the results of this study, there might be a need for enhancements, potentially increasing local costs.
<i>Senate</i> Item 67 #1s	Directs the Compensation Board to recommend options to support analysis of salary increases for employees in Constitutional offices, based on factors such as market rates and costs, workloads, and parity amongst employees in Constitutional offices.	Study. Support for increased funding for the court system and Constitutional officers' is included in the County's 2025 Legislative Program. The County currently supplements salaries based on a percentage – increased state funding for competitive salaries could reduce some of the County's funding responsibility for these state positions.
<i>Conference</i> Item 67 #3c	Directs the Compensation Board to assess potential options for information to be provided related to comparable state roles and local salary supplements for employees in Constitutional offices, with a report on recommendations to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2026 (interim report due November 1, 2025).	Study. Compared to the Senate budget, which called for an analysis of salaries based on specific factors, the conference language only directs the Compensation Board to analyze comparable state roles and local salary supplements, making it less clear the extent to which this proposal will impact the County (or will be helpful to localities in general).
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 62	No additional funding is included to address staffing standards, or the restoration of prior salary reductions to unfunded or underfunded positions at Local Director of Finance offices.	
Judiciary/Public Safety		
<i>Governor</i> Item 31	Provides an additional \$3 million to meet sealing legislation requirements passed by the GA.	Appears that this funding is for the Virginia Supreme Court. Improvements to the state system may aid in local implementation.

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<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 31 #2s, #1c	Reduces by \$1 million GF in FY 2026 the proposed increase for technology expenses at the Virginia Supreme Court, bringing the total increase to \$2 million annually.	Appears that this funding is for the Virginia Supreme Court. Improvements to the state system may aid in local implementation.
<i>Senate</i> Item 31 #3s	Provides \$600,000 GF in FY 2025 for the fiscal impact of SB 1466 (Surovell), related to criminal record sealing. Funding covers system updates, including those necessary for new data collection.	Improvements to the state system may aid in local implementation. The County supports HB 2723 (Herring)/ SB 1466 to improve implementation including state funding for local implementation.
<i>Conference</i> Item 31 #3c	Provides \$573,414 in FY 2025 for the fiscal impact of SB 1466 , related to criminal record sealing. Funding covers system updates, including those necessary for new data collection.	Improvements to the state system may aid in local implementation. The County supports HB 2723/SB 1466 to improve implementation, including state funding for local implementation.
<i>House</i> Item 28 #1h	Provides \$600,000 GF in FY 2026 to the Virginia Supreme Court for costs associated with HB 2723 .	Improvements to the state system may aid in local implementation. The County supports HB 2723/SB 1466 to improve implementation including state funding for local implementation.
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 33 #2h, #1c	Reverts \$100,000 GF in FY 2026 in the Sealing Fee Fund to the general fund in accordance with the provisions of HB 2723/SB 1466 .	The County supports HB 2723/SB 1466 to improve implementation, including state funding for local implementation.
<i>Governor</i> Item 40	Increases Non-General Fund (NGF) appropriation by \$1.3 million each year for supplemental pay provided by localities for public defenders.	Positive. Fairfax County currently provides salary supplements to 40 positions at the Office of the Public Defender at a cost of \$600,000.
<i>House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 40 #1h, #1s, #1c	Provides \$138,193 GF and one position in FY 2026 to the Indigent Defense Commission for costs associated with HB 2723/SB 1466 , related to expungement and sealing of records.	Improvements to the state system can aid local implementation. The County supports HB 2723/SB 1466 to improve implementation, including state funding for local implementation.
<i>Conference</i> Item 40 #2c	Provides \$381,000 GF in FY 2026 and three positions for the Indigent Defense Council to increase services provided to the Town of Herndon, Town of Vienna, and City of Fairfax.	Positive.
<i>House</i> Item 33 #4h	Provides \$2.5 million GF in FY 2026 for deposit to the Criminal Fund to support the cost of court-appointed attorneys for the implementation of HB 2555 (Henson Jr.), which creates a process for automatic hearings to modify certain marijuana-related offenses.	TBD.
<i>Conference</i> Item 33 #3c	Provides \$450,000 GF in FY 2026 for the implementation of HB 2322 (Davis) to provide court-appointed co-counsel for indigent defendants charged with felonies, punishable by a mandatory minimum of life.	TBD. Fairfax County currently budgets \$490,472 for compensation for court appointed attorneys in the General District Court (GDC). The bill requires two attorneys to be appointed instead of one, increasing the County's costs. The exact impact is TBD depending on how many people in this category are charged with a Class 1 felony.

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<p><i>House</i> Item 64 #1h</p>	<p>Provides \$5.8 million in FY 2026 to fund 120 paralegal positions for Commonwealth’s Attorneys’ offices; allows the Compensation Board to use the funding for assistant attorney positions and requires distribution of positions in accordance with staffing standards to assist with anticipated workload increases associated with HB 2723 implementation.</p>	<p>Positive. TBD how many positions will be allocated to Fairfax County. The County supports HB 2723/SB 1466 to improve implementation including state funding for local implementation.</p>
<p><i>Senate</i> Item 64 #1s</p>	<p>Provides \$1.6 million in FY 2026 for 68 additional Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney positions, effective March 1, 2026 (intended to align with the effective date of SB 1466). Language stipulates that localities may not utilize such funding to supplement, nor supplant, local funds provided for salaries of Commonwealth’s Attorneys and their employees.</p>	<p>Positive. TBD how many positions will be allocated to Fairfax County. The County supports HB 2723/SB 1466 to improve implementation including state funding for local implementation.</p>
<p><i>Conference</i> Item 64 #1c</p>	<p>Provides \$5.5 million in FY 2026 for 70 additional Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney positions, to be distributed in accordance with current staffing standard needs, assisting with anticipated workload increases resulting from HB 2723/SB 1466. Language requires localities to use such funding to supplement, not supplant, local funds provided for salaries of Commonwealth’s Attorneys and their employees. Language is also included requiring all Commonwealth’s Attorneys’ offices to report, if directed by the Compensation Board, information regarding workloads directly resulting from the implementation of the bills’ provisions.</p>	<p>Positive. TBD how many positions will be allocated to Fairfax County. The County supports HB 2723/SB 1466 to improve implementation, including state funding for local implementation.</p>
<p><i>House</i> Item 65 #1h</p>	<p>Provides \$5.5 million in FY 2026 for 120 Deputy Clerk IV positions; directs the Compensation Board to distribute one position to each Circuit Court Clerk office to assist with anticipated workload increases associated with HB 2723.</p>	<p>Positive, exact impact TBD. It is important to note that there will be a fiscal impact to Fairfax County, as the County supplements State Clerk salaries. The County supports HB 2723/SB 1466 to improve implementation including state funding for local implementation.</p>
<p><i>Senate</i> Item 65 #1s</p>	<p>Provides \$1.5 million in FY 2026 to support an additional 120 Deputy Clerk IV positions, effective March 1, 2026 (intended to align with the effective date of SB 1466). Language requires localities to use the funds to supplement, and not supplant, local funding.</p>	<p>Positive, exact impact TBD. Exact impact TBD. It is important to note that there will be a fiscal impact to Fairfax County, as the County supplements State Clerk salaries. The County supports HB 2723/SB 1466 to improve implementation including state funding for local implementation.</p>
<p><i>Conference</i> Item 65 #1c</p>	<p>Provides \$5.5 million in FY 2026 for 117 Deputy Clerk IV positions to assist with anticipated workload increases resulting from HB 2723/SB 1466. Language requires localities to use such funding to supplement, not supplant, local funds provided for salaries of Circuit Court Clerks and their employees.</p>	<p>Positive, exact impact TBD. It is important to note that there will be a fiscal impact to Fairfax County, as the County supplements Clerk salaries. The County supports HB 2723/SB 1466 to improve implementation, including state funding for local implementation.</p>

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<i>Governor</i> Item 377	Would withhold state funding from any locality implementing sanctuary city-style practices (if the official in charge of the jail does not comply with lawful U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers and does not provide at least 48-hour pre-release notification to ICE). Funds could also be withheld if the official in charge of the jail, local law enforcement agency, or sheriff's office prohibits or impedes communication or cooperation with ICE pursuant to adoption of a local ordinance, procedure, policy, or custom.	TBD. County staff continue to analyze the potential implications of this proposed language. At a minimum it is important to clarify that the Sheriff, who oversees the County's ADC, is an elected Constitutional officer independent of Fairfax County, so withholding County funds for actions by an elected Constitutional officer could create significant challenges.
<i>House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 377 #1h, #1s, #1c	Removes language in the Governor's budget amendments withholding payments for certain local law enforcement agencies for noncompliance with new requirements related to immigration enforcement.	Positive. The language that was removed would have reduced Compensation Board jail per diem payments and funding for Aid to Localities with Police Departments (HB 599) for noncompliance.
<i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 396	Does not provide additional HB 599 funding in FY 2026. The adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget provided the same level of funding in both FY 2025 and FY 2026.	The County's Legislative Program supports full restoration of HB 599 law enforcement funding.
<i>Governor</i> Item 394	Provides an additional \$6.8 million in FY 2025 for School Resource Officers (SRO) Incentive Grants Fund.	TBD. Could be positive if the County is able to apply for additional SROs as well as funding to assist with training and equipment.
<i>House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 394 #1h, #4s, #1c	Removes the increase of \$6.8 million GF in FY 2025 for SRO Incentive Grants Fund, in light of significant cash balances currently in the Fund.	
<i>Governor</i> Item 394	Provides \$2.5 million in FY 2025 for public safety communications infrastructure grants to assist localities with purchasing public safety radio and communications infrastructure equipment. Priority shall be given to localities that score both above average or high on the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) fiscal stress index and double-distressed according to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership's (VEDP) Commonwealth Opportunity Funds Distress Localities Assessment and demonstrate the need for such equipment.	TBD. Most likely will have no impact as Fairfax County does not score average or high on the DHCD fiscal stress index.
<i>House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 394 #2h, #2s, #4c	Removes the \$2.5 million in FY 2025 for communications infrastructure grants to localities.	
<i>Governor</i> Item 394	Provides \$3.5 million in FY 2026 to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for time spent transporting individuals under Temporary Detention Order (TDO) and Emergency Custody Order (ECO) transportation. Priority is given to Virginia State Police (VSP) Regions II, IV, and VI, and localities whose agencies must travel far distances to transport an individual to a state facility.	TBD. Most likely will have no impact as Fairfax County is within VSP Division VII. The Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) spends over \$500,000 annually on this function.

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<i>House</i> Item 394 #3h	Reduces funding by \$1.5 million for reimbursements to local law enforcement agencies for time spent transporting individuals subject to an ECO or TDO, as proposed in the Governor’s budget amendments (leaving \$2 million for this purpose). Does not remove language in the Governor’s budget amendments directing the prioritization of funds for law enforcement agencies within certain VSP regions.	TBD. Most likely will have no impact as Fairfax County is within VSP Division VII. The Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) spends over \$500,000 annually on this function.
<i>Senate</i> Item 394 #1s	Moves the \$3.5 million from FY 2026 to FY 2025 for reimbursement to local law enforcement agencies for time spent transporting individuals under TDOs and ECOs. Removes language in the Governor’s budget amendments directing the prioritization of funds for law enforcement agencies within certain VSP regions.	Positive.
<i>Conference</i> Item 394 #3c	Provides \$2 million in FY 2025 and removes \$3.5 million in FY 2026 for reimbursement to local law enforcement agencies for time spent transporting individuals under TDOs and ECOs. Removes language in the Governor’s budget amendments directing the prioritization of funds for law enforcement agencies within certain VSP regions. Language now directs prioritization for localities with agencies that must travel long distances to transport individuals to state facilities.	Positive.
<i>Governor</i> Item 394	Provides an additional \$200,000 in each year for the Victim Witness Grant Program.	TBD. Direct impact on County to be determined. Additional funding is needed to offset declines in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding to restore services and support growing demand.
<i>House</i> Item 394 #4h	Eliminates the additional \$200,000 in each year proposed in the Governor’s budget amendments for the Victim Witness Grant Program.	
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 394 #5s, #8s, #6c, #9c	Eliminates the additional \$200,000 each year proposed in the Governor’s budget amendments for the Victim Witness Grant Program. Provides an additional \$1.5 million GF in FY 2026 for the Victim Witness Grant Program.	TBD.
<i>House</i> Item 394 #5h	Provides \$4.1 million in FY 2026 for local sexual assault and domestic violence agencies to offset reductions in support received through federal VOCA funding.	Positive. Proposes to offset reductions in support received through VOCA funding. The County had to fund an additional \$959,199 in costs in FY 2025 resulting from these reductions.
<i>Senate</i> Item 394 #7s	Provides \$1 million in FY 2026 GF in grants for sexual assault and domestic violence agencies.	Positive.
<i>Conference</i> Item 394 #8c	Provides \$2 million in FY 2026 GF in grants for sexual assault and domestic violence agencies.	Positive.

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<i>Senate</i> Item 394 #10s	Provides \$3 million GF in FY 2025 in one-time funding for a grant program to assist state and local law enforcement and other first responders with replacing unmanned aircraft systems (drones) to comply with federal requirements.	TBD. Fairfax County’s fleet includes 36 drones, 29 of which will need to be replaced to comply with the new federal requirements.
<i>Conference</i> Item 394 #2c	Provides \$1 million GF in FY 2025 in one-time funding for a grant program to assist local law enforcement and other first responders with replacing unmanned aircraft systems (drones) to comply with federal requirements.	TBD. Fairfax County’s fleet includes 36 drones, 29 of which will need to be replaced to comply with the new federal requirements.
<i>Governor</i> Item 406	Provides \$5 million in FY 2026 to assist localities with purchasing protective equipment for firefighters. Priority is given to localities that score both above average or high on the DHCD fiscal stress index and double-distressed according to the VEDP Commonwealth Opportunity Funds Distress Localities Assessment and demonstrate the need for such equipment.	TBD. Most likely will have no impact as Fairfax County does not score average or high on the DHCD fiscal stress index. Protective equipment is essential to protect from fire, smoke, hazardous materials, and other dangers encountered by firefighters.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 406 #1s, #1c	Moves \$5 million GF from FY 2026 to FY 2025 for firefighter non-vehicular equipment. Requirements for the prioritization of funds remain the same as the Governor’s budget amendments.	TBD.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 4-14 #6s, #6c	Amends the Code of Virginia to increase maximum duration after the date of diagnosis (from 52 weeks to 104 weeks) for workers' compensation benefits payable for anxiety disorder, depressive disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters acting in the line of duty.	
Economic Development/Workforce/Housing		
<i>Governor</i> Item 101	Includes an increase of \$50 million GF in FY 2026, for a total of \$70 million for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund (grants require recipients to provide matching funds).	TBD.
<i>House</i> Item 101 #3h	Moves \$20 million in support for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund from FY 2026 to FY 2025 (leaving total funding of \$90 million over the biennium). Includes language barring further transfers from the second year of the biennium to the first year.	TBD.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 101 #4s, #10c	Provides an additional \$20 million GF in FY 2025, and reduces the appropriation by \$50 million GF in FY 2026, for the Business Ready Sites Grant Program, leaving total funding of \$60 million over the biennium.	TBD.
<i>Governor</i> Item 102	Provides \$25 million in FY 2025 to establish the Disaster Assistance Fund to address life, safety, and housing disaster-related costs not covered by federal assistance, private donations, or insurance.	TBD.

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<i>House</i> Item 102 #12h	Redirects the \$25 million GF proposed in the Governor’s budget amendments for a Disaster Assistance Fund to a Hurricane Helene relief program to be administered by the DHCD (this program would assist residents who lost homes or sustained residential property damage.)	TBD.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 102 #7s, #10c	Eliminates \$25 million GF in FY 2025 provided in the Governor’s budget amendments to establish the Disaster Assistance Fund.	TBD.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 102 #3s, #1c	Provides \$50 million GF in FY 2025 to assist victims of Hurricane Helene who suffered major residential damage and to increase the likelihood that housing stock is better able to withstand hazards in communities affected by flood disasters.	TBD.
<i>Senate</i> Item 102 #5s	Provides \$15 million GF in FY 2025 to establish and fund a family rental assistance pilot program to provide rental assistance to households with children under age 16 whose income does not exceed 50% of the area median income for the locality.	TBD.
<i>Conference</i> Item 102 #3c	Provides \$20 million GF in FY 2025 to establish and fund a family rental assistance pilot program in Planning Districts 8 (Northern Virginia) and 23, for households with children under age 16 whose income does not exceed 50% of the area median income for the locality.	TBD. Compared with the Senate budget, this amendment limits the eligibility to Region 8 (Northern Virginia) and Region 23 (Hampton Roads).
<i>Governor</i> Item 102	Removes the authorization to utilize \$5 million from unobligated balances of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) for DHCD to launch a new program assisting non-profits and associations of tenants residing in manufactured home parks to acquire the land on which such homes reside.	
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 102 #5h, #6c	Restores the pilot program for assistance to tenants and nonprofits to acquire manufactured home parks, which was included in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget and proposed to be eliminated in the Governor’s budget amendments (this program is funded through RGGI balances).	Support for manufactured housing parks is included in the County’s Legislative Program. This proposal provides specific funding to preserve mobile home communities and to support ownership by the residents of those communities.
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 102 #2h, #13c	Directs DHCD to provide recommendations to help long-term, low-income homeowners continue to keep their properties in areas where real property tax liabilities have increased substantially overtime.	TBD.
<i>House</i> Item 102 #3h	Provides \$15 million in FY 2026 for grants to first-time homebuyers.	TBD.
<i>Conference</i> Item 102 #11c	Provides \$15 million in FY 2025 to establish the First-Time Homebuyer Grant Program, to award grants of up to \$10,000 for costs incurred by eligible homebuyers in first-time homebuyer expenses for residential real property.	TBD.

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<i>House</i> Item 102 #6h	Provides \$1.5 million in FY 2026 to fund legislation that would provide grants for localities that adopt certain zoning policies to allow for additional housing development.	TBD.
<i>House</i> Item 102 #9h	Provides \$500,000 in FY 2026 for the Virginia Eviction Prevention and Diversion Program.	Positive.
<i>Conference</i> Item 102 #9c	Provides \$1.5 million GF in FY 2025 to the City of Portsmouth to support ForKids eviction prevention services and target support for McKinney-Vento children in the Hampton Roads area.	Compared to the House budget, this limits the program to specific areas and does not include Fairfax County.
<i>House</i> Item 102 #11h	Provides \$14 million in FY 2025 for grants to localities or planning district commissions that have established, or will establish by December 31, 2025, a local housing trust fund for long-term investments for affordable housing; earmarks \$5 million of these funds for Prince William County and \$1 million for the City of Emporia.	Positive. However, \$6 million of the funding is earmarked for specific localities.
<i>Conference</i> Item 102 #12c	Provides \$13 million in FY 2025 for grants to localities or planning district commissions that have established, or will establish by December 31, 2025, a local housing trust fund for long-term local investments related to affordable housing. Also earmarks \$5 million of these funds for Prince William County, \$250,000 for Tazewell County, and \$1 million for City of Emporia.	Positive. However, \$6.3 million of the funding is earmarked for specific localities.
<i>Governor</i> Item 102	Removes the authorization to utilize \$5 million from the unobligated balances of RGGI for DHCD to create a new grant program providing second forgivable mortgages to home buyers.	
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 102 #1h, #5c	Restores the down-payment assistance pilot program funded through RGGI balances included in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget that the Governor’s budget amendments sought to eliminate.	Funding may create another tool to promote affordable homeownership. Currently, one of the most significant barriers to homeownership for low- and moderate-income would-be homebuyers is access to affordable financing.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 102 E	No additional funding is included for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. The adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget includes \$87.5 million GF each year.	Support for increased funding for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund is included in the County’s Legislative Program. This plays an important role in the County’s affordable housing development and preservation activities.
<i>Governor</i> Item 114	Provides \$5 million in FY 2025 for the Virginia Tourism Authority to establish and support the Virginia Sports Incentive Grant Program.	TBD.
<i>House</i> Item 114 #1h	Increases proposed Virginia Sports Tourism Incentive Program by \$3 million, which would be earmarked for an event in Prince William County.	No impact.
<i>Senate</i> Item 114 #1s	Removes the \$5 million GF in FY 2025 provided in the Governor’s budget amendments for a sports tourism initiative.	

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<i>Conference</i> Item 114 #2c	Reduces funding in the Governor’s budget amendments for the Virginia Sports Incentive Grant Program by \$2 million; directs the remaining \$3 million to be used to support a major sporting event in Prince William County.	No impact.
<i>Governor</i> Item 130 G.1.	Provides an additional \$3.5 million GF in FY 2026 for the Workforce Credential Grant Program, for a total of \$22.5 million in FY 2025 and \$27.3 million in FY 2026.	Positive. Support for workforce initiatives is included in the County’s Legislative Program.
<i>House</i> Item 130 G.1.	No change from the Governor’s budget amendments.	
<i>Senate</i> Item 130 #2s	Provides \$15 million in FY 2025 and redirects \$3.5 million in FY 2026 for the Workforce Credential Grant Program. Restricts high school student participation in the program except for certain circumstances.	Positive. Support for workforce initiatives is included in the County’s Legislative Program.
<i>Conference</i> Item 130 #1c, Item 201 #2c	Removes the additional \$3.5 million GF in FY 2026 for the Workforce Credential Grant Program. Transfers \$15 million from balances in the G3 program (a tuition assistance program for any resident who qualifies for in-state financial aid and whose family income falls below an identified threshold) to the Workforce Credential Grant Program in FY 2025.	Positive. Support for workforce initiatives is included in the County’s Legislative Program.
State Aid to Local Libraries		
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 227 #1s, #1c	Provides an additional \$600,000 in FY 2026 in state aid to local libraries, increasing the biennium total to \$27.4 million	Positive. Exact impact TBD.
Natural and Historic Resources		
<i>Governor</i> Item 359	Deposits \$26.3 million in FY 2025 into the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF). Of this amount, \$8.9 million is designated for deposit to the reserve within WQIF. (This meets the mandatory deposit requirement in the Constitution associated with the FY 2024 excess GF revenue collections and discretionary year-end GF balances.)	Positive. Support for WQIF funding is included in the County’s Legislative Program.
<i>House</i>	No change from the Governor’s budget amendments.	
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 359 #1s, #3c	Deposits \$50 million in FY 2025 to the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund.	TBD.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 359 #3s, #4c	Provides \$500,000 GF in FY 2025 to complete engineering and design work for the Lake Barcroft Dam Flood Mitigation Project in Fairfax County.	Positive.
<i>Governor</i> Item 365	No additional funding is included to fund the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF).	Support for SLAF funding is included in the County’s Legislative Program.
<i>House</i> Item 365 #2h	Provides \$50 million in FY 2025 for SLAF.	Positive. Support for SLAF funding is included in the County’s Legislative Program.

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<i>Senate</i> Item C-53.80 #1s	Provides \$40 million GF in FY 2025 to SLAF to be used to provide grants for capital projects, including new stormwater best management practices; stormwater best management practice retrofits; stream restoration; low impact development projects; (v) buffer restoration; pond retrofits; and wetlands restoration.	Positive. Support for SLAF funding is included in the County’s Legislative Program.
<i>Conference</i> Item C-53.80 #1c	Provides \$40 million NGF in FY 2025 to SLAF to be used for grants for capital projects, including: new stormwater best management practices; stormwater best management practice retrofits; stream restoration; low impact development projects; buffer restoration; pond retrofits; and, wetlands restoration.	Positive. Support for SLAF funding is included in the County’s Legislative Program.
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 358 #1h, #1s, #1c	Directs the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources to convene a workgroup to review WQIF, including: the organizational structure in the Code of Virginia and budget; disposition of funding; feasibility of the incorporation of SLAF; grant approval guidelines including cost-effectiveness and benefits of practices funded; grant agreement terms; annual reporting requirements; potential improvements to current funding needs assessments; and, outdated or unnecessary requirements.	Study.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 365	Deposits \$17.4 million of FY 2024 surplus revenues into WQIF to support the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program.	Positive.
Tax Policy Changes		
<i>Governor</i> Item 4-14, Item 255	Proposes a new car tax credit (a refundable income tax credit for taxable years beginning January 1, 2025), funded by \$1.1 billion from the FY 2025 projected surplus. The credit would be available to individuals with federal adjusted gross income under \$50,000, and to married couples filing a joint return with federal adjusted gross income under \$100,000 (capped at \$150 and \$300, respectively, or the amount actually paid in personal property tax on qualifying vehicles, whichever is less). If a locality increases its personal property tax rate on qualifying vehicles by more than 2.5% above the rate it imposed the prior year, taxpayers in that locality would not qualify for the credit. The \$1.1 billion would fund credits for taxable years beginning January 1, 2025, and ending by January 1, 2028. The projected state revenue reduction after that time would be \$360 million annually.	No direct impact on County revenues. However, it will impact overall state revenues, potentially exacerbating state underfunding for core services.
<i>House/Senate/ Conference</i>	Eliminates the proposed Car Tax Credit. Provides \$977.8 million GF in FY 2025 for an income tax	No direct impact on County revenues. The Commonwealth should rebalance its

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Item 255 #1h, #2h, #1s, #1c Item 258 #1c	rebate of \$200 for single filers and \$400 for married filers to be paid during FY 2026.	resources and responsibilities so that the funding partnership with localities is restored, ensuring the delivery of critically needed services in communities throughout Virginia.
Governor Item 4-14	Proposes the elimination of state income tax on tipped wages (both cash and electronic). The estimated partial year impact in FY 2026 is a reduction in state revenue of \$35 million, with a projected reduction of \$70 million each year after.	No direct impact on County revenues. However, it will impact overall state revenues, potentially exacerbating state underfunding for core services.
House/Senate/Conference Item 4-14	Removes the proposed elimination of the state income tax on tipped wages included in the Governor's budget amendments.	
Governor Item 4-14	Makes permanent the standard deduction amounts for income taxes (\$8,500 for single individuals and \$17,000 for married persons). The increases enacted in recent years are scheduled to expire on January 1, 2026. Allowing the reductions to go into effect would increase state revenues by \$557.2 million in FY 2026 and \$1.16 billion in FY 2027.	No direct impact on County revenues.
House/Senate/Conference Item 4-14 #3h, #1s, #3c	Extends the expiration date on the standard deduction, refundable earned income tax credit, and the pass-through entity elective tax to January 1, 2027. Increases the standard deduction for tax years 2025 and 2026, to \$8,750 for single filers and \$17,500 for joint filers, a \$250 and \$500 increase respectively. Also increases the refundability of the earned income tax credit from 15% to 20% of the federal earned income tax credit.	No direct impact on County revenues. The Commonwealth should rebalance its resources and responsibilities so that the funding partnership with localities is restored, ensuring the delivery of critically needed services in communities throughout Virginia.
Governor Item 4-14	Proposes allowing market-based sourcing in the attribution of income for purposes of corporate income taxes for service sector companies operating in multiple states. Businesses would pay the tax where the intangible goods or services are delivered (as is currently done for tangible goods) rather than where the business or majority of employees are located.	No direct impact on County revenues.
House/Senate/Conference Item 4-14 #3h, #1s, #3c	Eliminates the proposed implementation of market-based sourcing for corporate income tax in the Governor's budget amendments.	
Senate/Conference Item 257 #1s, #1c	Directs the Department of Taxation (TAX) to assess implementation of market-based sourcing, including administrative feasibility and impact on state tax revenue.	Study. This study should be closely monitored.
Senate/Conference Item 257 #2s, #2c	Directs TAX to convene a workgroup of tax practitioners to study the treatment of net operating losses in Virginia compared to other states, including recommendations to simplify such treatment.	Study. This study should be closely monitored.

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<p><i>House</i> Item 489.50 #1h; Item 4-14 #2h</p>	<p>Establishes the Virginia Gaming Commission as an independent agency of the Commonwealth.</p>	
<p><i>Senate</i> Item 489.10 #2s; Item 4-14 #2s</p>	<p>Embeds 2024 legislation legalizing skill games and imposing a tax and regulatory framework on the games. Authorizes a treasury loan for the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to administer oversight until the Lottery Board promulgates necessary regulations. The amendment authorizes and specifies the registration requirements for the distribution, operation, hosting, and play of skill game machines. It imposes a 25% tax on the gross receipts from the play of each skill game machine from each distributor and provides for the use of such tax proceeds, with most being deposited into the PreK-12 Priority Fund.</p>	<p>Establishes a regulatory framework for skill games. Of the 25% tax on gross receipts, the following would have a direct impact on the County if these were to operate within the County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% to the localities in which skill game machines are located; • 1% to the law-enforcement agencies that have primary law-enforcement responsibilities in any locality in which skill game machines are located; and, • 75% to the PreK-12 Priority Fund established pursuant to § 58.1-4207. <p>Could provide additional revenue to the County, though any action on skill games will need to be reviewed for local taxation implications as well as local land use authority.</p>
<p><i>Conference</i> Item 258 #2c</p>	<p>Does not include language establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission or legislation legalizing skill games. Also removes language included in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget related to the regulation of skill games vetoed by the Governor after the 2024 GA session.</p>	
<p><i>Senate</i> Item 4-14 #3s</p>	<p>Authorizes all counties and cities to impose an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed 1% with the revenue used only for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools if such levy is approved in a voter referendum. It specifies that the revenues from this tax shall not be used to reduce, supplant, or offset any amounts of local appropriations or local funding for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools on the date such tax is first imposed in the county or city.</p>	<p>Provides additional local taxing authority. Embeds legislation from 2024 GA, which was vetoed by the Governor. Would require approval in a referendum.</p>
<p><i>Conference</i> Item 4-14</p>	<p>Does not include provisions of proposed legislation allowing an additional 1% local option sales and use tax for school capital needs.</p>	
<p><i>House</i> Item 3-5.25 #1h</p>	<p>Provides that for the purpose of the local option property tax exemption for the surviving spouses of first responders who die in the line of duty, a surviving spouse may qualify if the deceased law enforcement officer was a member of the U.S. Capitol Police or District of Columbia Police Department who was involved in the police response on January 6, 2021.</p>	<p>Minimal impact.</p>

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<i>Conference</i> Item 3-5.25 #1c	Extends the sales and use tax exemption for bullion or legal tender coins through July 1, 2026 (currently is set to expire on July 1, 2025).	No impact.
<i>House</i> Item 3-5.25 #2h	Extends the sunset date for the retail sales and use tax exemption for data center equipment from 2035 to 2050.	Given that equipment meeting these requirements is already tax exempt, the state and County would continue to forgo this potential revenue.
<i>Senate</i> Item 4-14 #7	Requires data centers to meet energy efficiency standards to qualify for the retail sales tax exemption for data center equipment.	Localities should be granted increased flexibility to explore initiatives that promote clean air, energy efficiency, conservation, and other critical measures that could spur the development of innovative approaches to address the impact of global climate change and sustainability. Localities should also be granted additional authority to address the environmental and community impacts of data centers.
<i>Conference</i> Item 1 #1c	Directs the Joint Subcommittee on Tax Policy to review the data center sales and use tax exemption during the 2025 off session. The objectives include: reviewing Virginia’s current and future competitive advantages for data center development and tax preferences; methods to attract data center investment to non-urbanized areas in Virginia; reviewing the recommendations and options in the 2024 Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission (JLARC) study on Data Centers in Virginia; and, reviewing the estimated direct and indirect economic benefits of data center investments.	Study. This study should be closely monitored.
<i>Senate</i> Item 4-14 #9s	Extends the Housing Opportunity Tax Credit from tax year 2025 to 2030, subject to an annual cap equal to \$60 million per calendar year, as well as a multi-year cap on the program of \$555 million.	
<i>Conference</i> Item 4-14 #4c	Extends the Housing Opportunity Tax Credit from tax year 2025 to 2030, subject to an annual cap equal to \$64 million per calendar year, as well as a multi-year cap on the program of \$575 million.	
Federal Policy Changes		
<i>House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 4-1.01 #1h Item 4-1.01 #1s Item 4-1.02 #1c	Directs the formation of a select committee to monitor changes in federal funding levels to Virginia. Requires TAX to provide estimated fiscal impacts of any changes to federal income tax policy within 30 business days of their enactment, and directs the Governor to submit a budget bill within 20 business days of receiving the estimated fiscal impacts if the cumulative projected impact would decrease GF revenues by more than \$100 million in the current or succeeding fiscal year (if this occurs	Given the policy priorities of the previous Trump Administration, combined with proposals President Trump has recently espoused, it appears that while some impacts may be positive for both Fairfax County and the Commonwealth, there are likely to be many that are negative.

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	after November 1, the Governor could include it in the introduced budget rather than notifying the GA separately).	
House/Senate /Conference Item 4-14 #3h, #1s, #3c	Stipulates that Virginia will not automatically conform its income tax structure to any federal income tax changes that would increase or decrease state GF revenues in the fiscal year in which the changes are enacted, or any of the succeeding four fiscal years, with the exception of amendments to the federal tax code that are subsequently adopted by the GA, or federal income tax “extenders.” (This is a departure from the rolling conformity statute enacted in 2023, which generally provides for conformity with federal changes that affect state revenues up to certain thresholds.)	Given the policy priorities of the previous Trump Administration, combined with proposals President Trump has recently espoused, it appears that while some impacts may be positive for both Fairfax County and the Commonwealth, there are likely to be many that are negative.
Senate/Conference Item 4-1.01 #1s Item 4-1.02 #2c	Requires the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) to provide the estimated fiscal impact (within 30 business days after enactment of federal changes) that impact federal grant revenue to the Commonwealth by at least \$100 million in the current or succeeding fiscal years. The Governor would be required to submit plans detailing the reductions, the impact on services, and the amount that must be offset by state revenues. For additional required state expenditures, the plan must detail specific offsetting spending reductions. Additionally, if federal actions result in additional GF expenditures of 1% of current general fund operating budget, the Governor must notify the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. The Governor would be barred from withholding any spending authority until the GA enacts a spending reduction plan through a general appropriation act.	Given the policy priorities of the previous Trump Administration, combined with proposals President Trump has recently espoused, it appears that while some impacts may be positive for both Fairfax County and the Commonwealth, there are likely to be many that are negative.
Conference Item 470 #1c	Earmarks the first \$20 million from any excess FY 2025 revenues for Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program tuition waivers, reserving all remaining surplus funds not required to be deposited to the Revenue Stabilization Fund or the Water Quality Improvement Fund for the GA to address the impacts of federal funding reductions.	

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Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) Study		
<i>Governor</i>	Does not provide additional funding to address the JLARC study recommendations.	The watershed JLARC study released in 2023 highlights the dramatic state underfunding of K-12, providing a critical opportunity to spur a substantial and ongoing increase in state funding for public education. The JLARC report included both short-term and long-term recommendations.
<i>House</i> Item 125 #4h	Provides \$222.9 million in FY 2026 to recognize support positions under the school funding formula in accordance with prevailing local practices. Eliminates the cap on recognition of these positions, reverting to the methodology used prior to 2009 to fund support positions.	Positive. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) would receive \$20.3 million in FY 2026.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 125 #3s, #11c	Provides \$222.9 million in FY 2026 to recognize support positions under the school funding formula in accordance with prevailing local practice ratio, functionally eliminating the cap (for the current year). (In FY 2026, the support cap ratio will be 27.89 positions per 1,000 students based on the JLARC recommendation.)	Positive. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) would receive \$20.3 million in FY 2026. Could require revisions to each biennium budget if the prevailing practice ratio changes over time.
<i>House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 125 #4h, #4s, #6c	Provides \$52.8 million in FY 2026 as an add-on to basic aid of 4.75% for special education students receiving Level I services and 5.25% for special education students receiving Level II services.	Positive. FCPS would receive \$5.4 million in FY 2026.
<i>Senate</i> Item 1 #1s	Establishes a workgroup to make recommendations to the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding regarding updates to the SOQ funding formula.	Strong support for the implementation of the 2023 JLARC K-12 study's recommendations is included in the County's 2025 Legislative Program. This work is critical to appropriately address the current underfunding of K-12 education.
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 1 #3h, #3c	Provides \$1 million GF in FY 2025 to support the Joint Subcommittee to Study Elementary and Secondary Funding's ongoing work to review Virginia's K-12 funding formula.	Strong support for implementation of the 2023 JLARC K-12 study's recommendations is included in the County's 2025 Legislative Program. This work is critical to appropriately address the current state underfunding of K-12 education.
Compensation – Salary Increases		
<i>Governor</i> Item 125	No changes in compensation. The adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget includes funding for the state's share of two 3% salary increases (effective July 1, 2024, for FY 2025, and July 1, 2025, for FY 2026).	For FY 2026, the cost to FCPS to provide a 3% salary increase totals \$91 million. After accounting for the state share of \$18.2 million, the net cost to FCPS is \$72.9 million.

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		FCPS' FY 2026 Fiscal Forecast included funding beyond this amount. While the County supports increased salaries for K-12 staff, it is essential to note that when the state provides such funding, it only pays for approximately 20% of the cost of salary increases to FCPS staff, while approximately 80% must be provided with local funding.
<i>House</i> Item 125 #8h	Maintains the 3% salary increase from the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget. Provides \$140.5 million for a one-time \$1,000 bonus payment for funded Standards of Quality (SOQ) instructional and support positions, with no local match required. The bonus would be provided September 1.	Positive. FCPS would receive \$20.3 million in FY 2025 to provide a one-time \$1,000 bonus (reappropriated for expenditure for the same purpose in FY 2026). In FY 2026, the cost to FCPS to provide a bonus to all FCPS staff (as was provided in FY 2023) is \$37.2 million. After accounting for the state share of \$20.3 million, the net cost to FCPS is up to \$16.9 million.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 125 #5s, #2c	Maintains the 3% salary increase from the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget. Provides \$134.4 million for a one-time \$1,000 bonus payment for funded SOQ instructional and support positions, with no local match required. The bonus would be provided no later than June 1, 2025, and provides school divisions the flexibility to determine the amount of bonus per employee to maximize the use of these funds to promote retention among instructional and support positions.	Positive. FCPS would receive \$19.5 million in FY 2025 to provide a one-time \$1,000 bonus. If FCPS were to provide \$1,000 to all FCPS staff, in FY 2025 the cost would be is \$37.2 million (as FCPS provided in FY 2023). After accounting for the state share of \$19.5 million, the net cost to FCPS would be up to \$17.7 million. However, this funding is flexible and does not require \$1,000 to be provided to each staff person.
Updated Projections		
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 125	Updates funding provided to local school divisions based on the latest sales tax forecast and school age population estimates. Provides an additional \$44.9 million in FY 2025 and \$41.4 million in FY 2026. Sales tax distributions reduce the state's share of basic aid funding, resulting in a net increase of \$20 million in FY 2025 and \$16.8 million in FY 2026.	This would result in a net increase of \$4.2 million in FY 2025 and \$800,000 to FCPS in FY 2026 compared to the current adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 125	Provides an additional \$13.3 million GF in FY 2025 and \$20.5 million GF in FY 2026 in Direct Aid, based on actual fall membership data.	This would result in a decrease of \$4.4 million in FY 2025 and a decrease of \$4.8 million FY 2026 compared to the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 125	Updates cost of the English Learner Teacher (ELL) SOQ program to reflect updated data for verified English learners, including proficiency level data, providing an additional \$48.8 million in FY 2025 and \$61.9 million in FY 2026.	This would result in an additional \$5.7 million for FCPS in FY 2025 and \$6.1 million in FY 2026 compared to the current the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget.

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Governor/House/ Senate/Conference Item 125	Technical updates to non-SOQ programs result in reduced funding of \$13.2 million in FY 2025 and \$3.2 million in FY 2026.	The impact to FCPS would be a reduction of \$3.7 million in FY 2025 and \$2.9 million in FY 2026 compared to the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget. In particular, a change in the Early Reading Intervention Program would result in a decrease of \$2.9 million in FY 2026.
House/Senate/ Conference Item 125 #6h, #9s, #7c	Includes \$2.7 million GF each year, reflecting updated literacy screening data for Fairfax County.	This reflects a technical correction of \$2.7 million for Early Reading data for FCPS for each year.
Virginia Opportunity Scholarships		
Governor Item 125	Provides \$50 million GF in FY 2026 to establish the Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Program, to provide grants to qualified students of \$5,000 per academic year for qualified expenses for attending an accredited private school in the Commonwealth (including tuition, fees, textbooks, transportation, uniforms, and other specialized education programs).	Diverts funding from local public schools and toward alternative options.
House/Senate/ Conference Item 125 #1h, #1s, #1c	Eliminates the \$50 million proposed in the Governor’s budget amendments for the Virginia Opportunity Scholarship Program.	
Other Items of Interest		
Governor/House/ Senate/Conference Item 124	Provides an additional \$200,000 GF in FY 2026 for school divisions to pay a portion of the vision screening for students in kindergarten, grades two or three, and grades seven and ten.	TBD. The impact to FCPS cannot be determined at this time.
House Item 124 #7h	Provides Fairfax County \$114,320 GF in FY 2026 to support after-school programming at Title I elementary schools, including tutoring to support literacy and math for at-risk students, and student engagement opportunities in the arts.	Both revenues and expenditures would amount to \$114,320, resulting in a net balance of zero.
Governor Item 119	Provides \$61 million in FY 2025 and \$5 million in FY 2026 for the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to implement a new statewide assessment contract, including funds for one-time transition costs and new ongoing costs.	It appears this funding is only for VDOE and not local school divisions.
House Item 119 #1h	Defers the implementation of the next statewide assessment contract until the 2027-2028 school year.	
Conference Item 119 #1c	Defers the implementation of the next statewide assessment contract until the 2027-2028 school year. Provides \$500,000 GF in FY 2025 to VDOE to contract with a vendor to support the development of an RFP for new state assessment system.	

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<i>Governor</i> Item 120	Provides \$50.3 million GF in FY 2025 and \$1 million in FY 2026 to establish the School Performance and Support Framework Resource Hub, including ongoing funding for regional support specialists in math, literacy, and science, and one-time funding to support infrastructure, technical training, and evidence-based supports needed for schools identified as “Off Track” or “Needs Intensive Support”.	TBD. The impact to FCPS cannot be determined at this time.
<i>House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 120 #1h, #2h, #1s, #2s, #1c, #2c	Eliminates the \$50.3 million GF in FY 2025 and \$1 million in FY 2026 proposed in the Governor’s budget amendments to establish the School Performance and Support Framework Resource Hub.	
<i>Senate</i> Item 120 #3s	Funds a mathematics improvement initiative with \$12 million in FY 2025 and \$1 million in FY 2026; these funds include one-time grant funds for curriculum support and innovative strategies to improve student outcomes in FY 2025 and ongoing funding for regional specialists and a data analyst.	
<i>Conference</i> Item 117 #1c	Includes \$11 million in FY 2025 and \$1 million in FY 2026 for improvements to mathematics instruction, including one-time grant funds and the establishment of Mathematics Advisory Task Forces.	
<i>Governor/Senate</i> Item 123	Provides \$1.9 million GF in FY 2025 and \$3.1 million in FY 2026 to support Virginia’s Visualization and Analytics Solution, a data tool used by local school divisions originally implemented with pandemic relief funds.	It appears this funding is only for VDOE and not local school divisions.
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 123 #1h, #1c	Eliminates the funding included in the Governor’s budget amendments for Virginia’s Visualization and Analytics Solution.	
<i>Conference</i> Item 123 #2c	Provides \$5.1 million GF in FY 2025 to support the provision of a statewide Learning Management System, which has previously been supported with federal funds.	
<i>Governor</i> Item 125	Provides an additional \$270 million in FY 2025 and \$20 million in FY 2026 NGF for the School Construction Fund.	TBD. As these are grant funds, there may be opportunities to apply and receive funds, depending on program requirements.
<i>Senate</i> Item 125 #10s	Removes the proposed transfer of \$150 million from the Literary Fund to the School Construction Fund in FY 2025.	
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 125 #9h, #9c	Removes the proposed transfer of \$150 million from the Literary Fund to the School Construction Fund in FY 2025. Provides an additional \$10 million in FY 2026 from expected casino revenues. These actions provide \$310 million for School Construction Assistance Grants over the biennium,	

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	an increase of \$150 million from the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget.	
Governor Item 125	Provides \$25 million GF in FY 2025 for the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund for the design, launch, and operation of college partnership laboratory schools established by a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in Virginia.	Though Fairfax County prioritizes racial and social equity through the One Fairfax policy, this proposal potentially diverts funding from local public schools and toward alternative options.
House/Senate/Conference Item 125 #3h, #2s, #5c	Eliminates the proposed deposit of \$25 million in FY 2025 to the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund.	
House/Conference Item 118 #1h, #1c	Provides \$5 million GF in FY 2025 to support system enhancements to the Virginia Individualized Education Plan (IEP) System. These enhancements include: modules to support student progress tracking; document translation; family engagement; IEP and 504 processes; and, a dashboard to support performance monitoring.	

Impact on the FCPS's FY 2025 and FY 2026 Operating Fund Budget:

Governor's Budget:

FCPS' FY 2026 Fiscal Forecast included \$23.7 million in additional state revenue compared to the FY 2025 Approved Budget. The Governor's budget amendments include an increase of \$11.7 million in sales tax and an increase of \$11.5 million in state aid, for a net increase in state revenue of \$23.2 million as compared to the FY 2025 Approved Budget. Compared to the Fiscal Forecast, the Governor's budget amendments are a decrease of \$0.6 million in FY 2026.

Compared to the FY 2025 Approved Budget, the Governor's budget amendments are an increase of \$2 million for FY 2025.

Not delineated above is the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) cap removal in FY 2026, resulting in a loss of approximately \$5.1 million. See VPI details in Early Childhood section.

House Amendments: Compared to the Governor's budget amendments, the House amendments provide an increase of \$28.3 million in FY 2026. Compared to FCPS' FY 2026 Proposed Budget, the House amendments provide an increase of \$28.3 million in FY 2026. However, after accounting for local funding for bonus expenditures, FCPS would receive a net total of \$11.4 million. *The House includes \$144,320 to FCPS to support afterschool programming at Title I elementary schools.*

Senate Amendments: Compared to the Governor's budget amendments, the Senate amendments provide an increase of \$28.3 million in FY 2026. Compared to FCPS' FY 2026 Proposed Budget, the Senate amendments provide an increase of \$28.3 million in FY 2026. Unlike the House, the Senate accelerates the bonus to FY 2025 which could require up to an additional \$17.7 million of local funding in the current fiscal year. However, it also allows for flexibility for school divisions to determine the amount of bonuses per employee to maximize the use to promote retention of instructional and support positions.

Conference: Compared to the Governor's budget amendments, the Conference Report provides an increase of \$28.3 million in FY 2026. Compared to FCPS' FY 2026 Proposed Budget, the Conference Report provides an increase of \$28.3 million in FY 2026. The Conference Report accelerates the bonus to FY 2025. However, it also allows for flexibility for school divisions to determine the amount of bonuses per employee to maximize the use to promote retention of instructional and support positions.

Consistent with the House and Senate amendments, the Conference Report maintains the 0.5 cap on the local composite index (LCI) applicable to VPI funding. See VPI details in Early Childhood section.

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Health and Human Service

Source	Amendment	Fairfax County Impact
Behavioral Health		
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 285.C, 293.C	Adds emergency regulatory language for the Board of Counseling to regulate peer recovery specialist-trainees. Also allows the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to reimburse individuals who are not yet certified (but are completing their required supervision) in order to become certified as a peer recovery specialist. Also includes language allowing the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to promulgate emergency regulations related to peer recovery specialist-trainees.	Positive. Increases revenue for peer recovery services.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 288.UU	Increases graduate medical education supplemental payments for all qualifying psychiatric residencies to \$150,000 annually, effective July 1, 2026.	Positive. Positive impact on psychiatrist education as well as access to care.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 288.XX.3	Authorizes coverage for services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries (ages 21-64) during short-term stays (not to exceed 60 days) for acute care in psychiatric hospitals or residential treatment settings that qualify as Institutes of Mental Disease through an 1115 mental health community waiver. Resources are also provided to support the cost of implementing and overseeing services provided through the SMI waiver. Authority to reappropriate first year balances is also provided should program implementation costs run into 2026.	Positive. Support for state application and approval of an 1115 mental health community waiver is included in the County's Legislative Program. Positive to expand crisis services and reimbursement for community-based crisis stabilization services.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 288.LLLLL	Enables children served in psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF) to maintain enrollment in managed care during treatment. The payment for PRTF per diem payments and PRTF required services will be separated from the managed care contract and paid as a fee-for-service benefit. No service eligible for reimbursement through the Children's Services Act (CSA) will be included in managed care.	This policy is an important step to ensure children in PRTF can continue in managed care while receiving appropriate services. Separating PRTF services allows increased flexibility, ensuring essential services are covered. Additionally, excluding services eligible for reimbursement through CSA from managed care will prevent unnecessary overlap/duplication and confusion. However, this will likely require the creation of multiple billing and reimbursement processes, which could become a substantial administrative burden, potentially leading to inconsistencies in coverage and reimbursement as well as delayed care. This could be a barrier to access, impacting youth in need of services.

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Governor Item 288.MMMMM	Requires the payment of medical assistance, separate from the hospital daily rate, for long-acting injectable or extended-release medications administered for SMI in a hospital emergency department or hospital inpatient setting.	Positive. Positive impact, but payment for long-acting injectables and extended-release medication should be unbundled from all treatment settings, not just hospitals.
Senate Item 288 #13s	Adds language to ensure payments for long-acting injectable or extended-release medications for SUD are also unbundled (the Governor’s budget amendments required payments for these medications administered for SMI in a hospital emergency department or hospital inpatient setting to be unbundled).	Positive. Positive impact, but payment for long-acting injectables and extended-release medication for SMI and SUD should be unbundled from all treatment settings, not just hospitals. This amendment extends this provision for cases of SUD.
House/ Conference Item 288 #8h, #12c	Adds \$142,593 GF and \$428,713 NGF in FY 2026 and language to ensure payments for long-acting injectable or extended-release medications for substance use disorder (SUD) are unbundled (the Governor’s budget amendments required payments for these medications administered for SMI in a hospital emergency department or hospital inpatient setting to be unbundled).	Positive. Positive impact, but payment for long-acting injectables and extended-release medication for SMI and SUD should be unbundled from all treatment settings, not just hospitals. This amendment extends this provision for cases of SUD.
Governor Item 295.FF	Allows funds provided for school-based mental health services to be used for grants to school divisions (in addition to the current language directing the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to contract with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to establish school-based clinics for mental health and primary health care).	Support for additional state funding for youth behavioral health services is included in the County’s Legislative Program. This policy provides schools additional flexibility to use funds for school-based mental health services, intended to reduce barriers to mental health and primary care for students.
House Item 295 #5h	Adds language to allow school divisions to contract with a mental telehealth provider to provide mental health services to students. Eliminates language in the Governor’s budget amendments that allowed DBHDS to provide technical assistance to school divisions.	Support for additional state funding for youth behavioral health services is included in the County’s Legislative Program. This policy provides schools additional flexibility to use funds for school-based mental health services, intended to reduce barriers to mental health and primary care for students.
Senate Item 296 #1s	Strikes language that allowed DBHDS to provide technical assistance to school divisions, and clarifies language to allow for the creation of mobile school-based health clinics.	Support for additional state funding for youth behavioral health services is included in the County’s Legislative Program. This policy allows for the development of mobile school-based health clinics to reduce barriers to accessing care.
Conference Item 295 #5c	Adds language to allow school divisions to contract with a mental telehealth provider for mental health services to students. Strikes language in the Governor’s budget amendments that allowed DBHDS to provide technical assistance to school	Support for additional state funding for youth behavioral health services is included in the County’s Legislative Program. This policy allows for mobile school-based health clinics to reduce

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	divisions and clarifies language to allow for the creation of mobile school-based health clinics.	barriers to accessing care, and provides schools additional flexibility to use funds for school-based mental health services, intended to reduce barriers to mental health and primary care for students.
<i>Governor</i> Item 295.SS	Provides \$1 million GF in FY 2025 to create outreach and educational campaigns related to the impacts of mental health, substance use, and social media on youth and adolescents.	Positive. Support for additional state funding for youth behavioral health services is included in the County's Legislative Program. Positive to increase prevention efforts.
<i>House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 295 #2h, 6s, #2c	Eliminates the \$1 million GF in FY 2025 for the youth mental health campaign.	This funding would have been positive for increasing prevention efforts.
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 295 #4h, #4c	Authorizes DBHDS and DPB to direct up to \$75,000 from the Crisis Call Center Fund to Mental Health Virginia Warmline, a peer support line that reduces 988 crisis call center volume.	Negative. 988 focuses on low acuity cases and needs full funding to handle current and projected call volumes. Redirecting funding could undermine the development of a comprehensive crisis response system. A peer support line should be adequately funded separately from 988.
<i>Governor</i> Item 296.E.2	Provides authorization and \$35.2 million in FY 2026 to allow DBHDS to provide funding to private hospitals for special conservators of the peace (potentially relieving law enforcement from maintaining custody during a period of emergency custody or temporary detention).	Positive. Positive impact on law enforcement.
<i>House</i> Item 296 #1h	Reduces funding for private hospitals to hire Special Conservators of the Peace by \$30.2 million.	Negative. Additional funding would have been helpful for law enforcement.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 296 #5s, #5c	Reduces funding for private hospitals to hire Special Conservators of the Peace by \$31.1 million. Also specifies that DBHDS will prioritize funding contracts that provide coverage for all of Region 1 and 3, and to the extent that any funding is available after needs are met in Region 1 and 3, may expand the program into Region 5.	Negative. Additional funding would have been helpful for law enforcement. Updated language also prioritizes other regions of the state.
<i>Governor</i> Item 296.Y	Provides \$1.5 million GF in FY 2026 to sustain two regional pilot hubs through the Medical Society of Virginia for the Adult Psychiatric Access Line.	Positive. Improves access to care, allowing primary care providers to obtain expert consultation.
<i>Senate</i> Item 296 #2s	Provides an additional \$1 million GF in FY 2026 to expand the Adult Psychiatric Access Line.	Positive. Improves access to care, allowing primary care providers to obtain expert consultation.
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 296 #4h, #1c	Provides an additional \$750,000 GF in FY 2026 to expand the Adult Psychiatric Access Line.	Positive. Improves access to care, allowing primary care providers to obtain expert consultation.
<i>Governor</i> Item 297.LL	Provides \$1.2 million GF in FY 2026 to support two additional local crisis co-response teams in 2026.	No significant County impact. While expanding community-based crisis services is positive, Fairfax County received funding for such teams in recent

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		years, so it is likely this funding would be directed to other Community Services Boards (CSBs) for the establishment of new teams.
<i>House</i> Item 297 #2h	Provides \$3.6 million GF in FY 2026 to support 6 additional Marcus Alert sites to develop co-response programs.	No significant County impact. While additional funding for Marcus Alert co-response teams is positive, this funding only supports new co-responder programs, and established programs (like Fairfax County's) would receive no support. The funding the County receives for Marcus Alert does not pay for the co-responder program, because it was in place prior to the availability of Marcus Alert funding. A more equitable statewide funding approach is needed to support both new and established co-responder programs, particularly with increasing DBHDS data requirements and oversight.
<i>Senate</i> Item 297 #1s	Provides \$7.8 million GF in FY 2026 to support additional co-response teams, especially in localities that have not yet received funding to implement the Marcus Alert system.	No significant County impact. While additional funding for Marcus Alert co-response teams is positive, this funding only supports new co-responder programs, and established programs (like Fairfax County's) would receive no support. The funding the County receives for Marcus Alert does not pay for the co-responder program, because it was in place prior to the availability of Marcus Alert funding. A more equitable statewide funding approach is needed to support both new and established co-responder programs, particularly with increasing DBHDS data requirements and oversight.
<i>Conference</i> Item 297 #2c	Provides \$4.8 million GF in FY 2026 to support 8 additional Marcus Alert sites to develop co-response programs.	No significant County impact. While additional funding for Marcus Alert co-response teams is positive, this funding only supports new co-responder programs, and established programs (like Fairfax County's) would receive no support. The funding the County receives for Marcus Alert does not pay for the co-responder program, because it was in place prior to the availability of Marcus Alert funding. A more equitable statewide funding approach is needed to support both new and established co-responder programs, particularly with

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		increasing DBHDS data requirements and oversight.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 297.UU	Provides \$777,000 GF in FY 2026 for 10 youth peer support specialists and associated training costs.	Positive. Positive to expand youth peer services.
<i>House/ Conference</i> Item 296 #3h, #2c	Provides \$100,000 GF in FY 2026 to support the Regional Older Adults Facility Team (RAFT) in Northern Virginia to provide services to older adults with mental illness and dementia.	Positive. State funding for RAFT in Northern Virginia is positive. RAFT provides intensive multidisciplinary mental health treatment for older adults with SMI. The RAFT team is one of the programs of the Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office.
<i>House</i> Item 296 #5h	Provides \$2 million GF in FY 2026 to support pilot programs for individuals with dementia or geriatric individuals who may otherwise be admitted to a state facility.	No direct County impact.
<i>Conference</i> Item 296 #4c	Provides \$1 million GF in FY 2026 to support pilot programs for individuals with dementia or geriatric individuals who may otherwise be admitted to a state facility.	No direct County impact.
<i>House</i> Item 297 #3h	Provides \$8 million GF in FY 2026 for CSBs to support their prevention staff and expand prevention programs.	Positive. Allows CSBs to continue services funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Federal ARPA funding ends in September 2025.
<i>Senate</i> Item 288 #6s	Directs DMAS to apply for an 1115 waiver to include outpatient behavioral health services; mental health services; addiction and recovery treatment; and prescription drugs to treat behavioral health-related conditions of individuals incarcerated in state and local regional jails.	Positive. Allowing CSB to bill for services and medications at the Fairfax County ADC is a positive change. Expanded billable services would provide a fiscal benefit and help improve continuity of care. It would require updates to the electronic health record system and processes for the jail-based team.
<i>Senate/ Conference</i> Item 294 #1s, #1c	Allows DBHDS to use the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Trust Fund appropriation for community-based housing for any population currently served by DBHDS.	No direct County impact. The Trust Fund can only be used to provide community housing for individuals with intellectual disabilities who were transitioning from state training centers to community-based settings. This amendment expands the use of the Trust Fund for housing beyond individuals leaving state facilities to include any clients they serve.
<i>Senate</i> Item 297 #2s	Directs DBHDS to revise discharge protocols to require state hospitals and CSBs to explore whether permanent supportive housing (PSH) is a suitable discharge option for all patients by November 1, 2025; develop and implement a standardized assessment tool for state hospital staff to evaluate suitability for PSH as part of every discharge plan;	Positive. Expanding PSH screening in discharge planning would be a positive step toward increasing housing stability for individuals with SMI. Standardized assessments and staff training would help ensure more consistent and informed referrals. If more individuals are

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	develop a statewide training curriculum about the PSH program and conduct training with all staff involved in discharge planning; and, identify positions for which training on the PSH program is mandatory. Requires DBHDS to report to the Behavioral Health Commission by December 1, 2025.	identified for PSH, CSBs should monitor potential increases in workload for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) applications. Additionally, CSB would monitor the impact on workflows, staffing needs, and local PSH capacity to support successful transitions.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 297 #3s, #3c	Requires local governments to maintain the required 10% local contributions to CSBs each year, absent an extreme hardship, unless a state appropriation is intended to supplant local funding.	No County impact. No impact on the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB as the majority of funding comes from local dollars. This amendment is targeted at localities unable to provide the required 10% match.
Child Welfare		
<i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 329	Adjusts funding for the cost of providing foster care and adoption subsidy payments based on recent expenditure trends and the impact of child welfare policy changes (reduces funding by approximately \$14.3 million GF and \$9.8 million NGF in FY 2025 and \$13 million GF and \$9.2 million NGF in FY 2026).	TBD. Impact of funding reduction to both the County and state is of concern. Fairfax County currently has 249 children in foster care, which is significantly more (approximately 50) than the average in previous fiscal years.
<i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 329	Provides approximately \$1.5 million GF and \$1.4 million NGF in FY 2026 to raise the maximum payments for foster care families and adoption assistance by 3%. Language in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget requires rate increases in the year following a salary increase provided to state employees.	Positive. Virginia's payments for foster care and adoptive families are typically some of the lowest of all states.
<i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i>	Provides approximately \$7.5 million and five positions in FY 2026 to implement recommendations from the Office of the State Inspector General to improve child protective services.	Positive. Will fund positions for the state hotline, which currently has long wait times. Though Fairfax County has its own hotline, it uses the state's after hours to collect information (not for screening purposes).
<i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 329.M	Provides \$500,000 GF in FY 2025 to enhance the existing interactive voice response system used by the state child protective services hotline.	Positive to enhance the system.
<i>House</i> Item 329 #1h	Provides \$425,750 GF in FY 2026 for Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) to expand the existing program to find relative and fictive kin for youth in foster care.	Positive. The use of electronic tools to locate relatives and fictive kin has increased placement with relatives in foster care and prevented foster care.
<i>Senate</i> Item 329 #1s	Provides \$100,000 GF in FY 2026 to VDSS to expand the existing program to find relative and fictive kin for youth in foster care.	Positive. The use of electronic tools to locate relatives and fictive kin has increased placement with relatives in foster care and prevented foster care.
<i>Conference</i> Item 329 #3c	Provides \$300,000 GF in FY 2026 to VDSS to expand the existing program to find relative and fictive kin for youth in foster care.	Positive. The use of electronic tools to locate relatives and fictive kin has increased placement with relatives in foster care and prevented foster care.

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<i>House</i> Item 329 #2h	Provides \$1.6 million GF in FY 2026 to fund the fiscal impact of HB 1964 (Tata), which creates the Future in Focus program to provide a monthly maintenance care payment and case management services to individuals aged 21-23 to support their housing costs as they transition to adulthood and self-sufficiency.	TBD. This would be an increase in CSA funding and local match and additional staff would be needed to handle the increased caseload of up to 40 young adults within the first two years. The funding amount provided in this budget amendment is lower than the cost estimated in the bill's fiscal impact statement. HB 1964 failed to advance in the 2025 GA session.
<i>Senate/ Conference</i> Item 329 #2s, #1c	Directs VDSS to develop a process for Virginia localities to enter into memorandums of understanding with localities in surrounding states for the purposes of kinship care.	Positive. Will expedite permanency for children so they can be placed immediately versus going through the Interstate/Intercountry Placement of Children (ICPC) process.
<i>Senate/ Conference</i> Item 329 #3s, #2c	Directs VDSS to assess the feasibility of requiring local departments of social services (DSS) to apply for benefits administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) or the Department of Veterans Affairs on behalf of eligible children in foster care. Also requires local departments that are representative payees for children in foster care to conserve such federal benefits in an appropriate trust instrument.	Positive. The requirement to apply for benefits would codify Fairfax County's current practice. The County would need to develop a mechanism to create trusts for each child.
<i>House</i> Item 324 #1h	Provides \$500,000 GF in FY 2026 to VDSS to develop a child welfare workforce support program to include a confidential peer support helpline and a pilot program of the Community Resiliency Model, an evidence-based model that focuses on providing workers with the skills to help themselves and others after experiencing trauma and stress.	Positive. Although no County financial impact, this will provide additional support to our child welfare staff, as this work can lead to secondary trauma. It is beneficial to have experienced individuals who understand the challenges of this work available for support during these times.
<i>Senate</i> Item 324 #2s	Provides \$479,665 GF in FY 2026 to fund the fiscal impact of SB 773 (Favola), which requires local DSS to develop housing plans for individuals leaving foster care due to age that includes a description of housing options being pursued.	No County impact. This will codify Fairfax County's current practice.
Children's Services Act (CSA)		
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 268.B	Funds the projected revised forecast for CSA services.	Positive.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 268.C	Simplifies the current funding model for reimbursement for services provided through CSA by consolidating the separate base and supplemental allocations into a single pool available to reimburse localities for eligible expenses. This change does not impact local match rates.	Positive. The streamlined process will ease the County's administrative burden.

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<i>Governor</i> Item 268.L	Provides that for services provided on or after July 1, 2025, the reimbursement rate to localities for CSA private day special education services shall not increase more than 2.5% over the rates for such services provided the previous year.	Negative. The County supports continued state responsibility for funding mandated CSA services on a sum sufficient basis, and opposes changes to CSA, increasing costs to Fairfax County. The proposed rate cap limits the state's match and would shift costs to localities as providers may continue to charge higher rates beyond the 2.5% cap.
<i>House</i> Item 268 #1h	Eliminates language in the Governor's budget amendments that caps increases in the state reimbursement to localities for CSA private day special education services at 2.5% starting in FY 2026.	Positive. Eliminating the rate cap will allow reimbursement to localities for the actual costs of private day special education services.
<i>Senate</i> Item 268 #1s	Maintains language that caps increases in the state reimbursement to localities for CSA private day special education services at 2.5%, starting in FY 2026, and reflects approximately \$9.9 million in anticipated savings for the state.	Negative. The County supports continued state responsibility for funding mandated CSA services on a sum sufficient basis, and opposes changes to CSA that increase costs to Fairfax County. The County opposes maintaining the proposed rate cap on these critical shared state-local services. The proposed rate cap limits the state's match and would shift costs to localities as providers may continue to charge higher rates beyond the 2.5% cap.
<i>Conference</i> Item 268 #1c	Caps increases in the state reimbursement to localities for CSA private day special education services at 5% in FY 2026 and realizes approximately \$5 million in savings for the state. Redirects savings to fund special education services in public schools to help support children in the least restrictive environment.	Negative. The County opposes maintaining the proposed rate cap on these critical shared state-local services. The County supports continued state responsibility for funding mandated CSA services on a sum sufficient basis, and opposes changes to CSA that increase costs to Fairfax County. The proposed cap limits the state's match and would shift costs to localities, as providers may continue to charge higher rates beyond the 5% cap.
<i>House/ Conference</i> Item 269 #1h, #1c	Requires the Office for Children's Services (OCS), in coordination with VDOE's Office of Special Education, to report to the GA by October 1 of each year, recommendations made to each local education agency (LEA) and progress made in improving the LEA's ability to serve students; an assessment of barriers to students returning to an LEA from a private day placement; and trends in behavioral and emotional diagnoses, including students on home-based instruction that may require private day placements.	No significant County impact. There may be some costs for LEAs to provide this information. Also, OCS does not have authority to require LEAs to improve their services. However, a report or summary may identify trends or provide solutions to the problem of rising costs.

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Early Childhood		
<i>Governor</i> Item 103.U	Provides \$14 million GF in FY 2025 to establish an early learning capital supply-building fund, a competitive grant fund designed to increase the supply of quality early learning spaces in child care and early learning deserts.	TBD. Funding for early childhood programs is a priority in the County’s Legislative Program. It is unclear if Fairfax County has been established as a child care desert.
<i>House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 103 #1h, #3s, #1c	Eliminates \$14 million GF in FY 2025 for the early learning capital supply-building fund.	No County impact. It is unclear if Fairfax County would have been eligible for this funding.
<i>House</i> Item 125.10 #1h	Provides \$25 million GF in FY 2025 for public-private funded child care pilots. State funding will not exceed 1/3 of the cost of these child care slots, participating employers will cover at least as much as the state contribution, and employees will cover the remainder. Family income eligibility will be the same as the Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP). These funds will support the establishment of an estimated 2,679 early childhood education slots for the two initial years of the pilot.	TBD. While the public private partnership model is positive, it is unclear if the copayment for families would be the same or greater than CCSP.
<i>Senate</i> Item 125.10 #3s	Provides \$25 million GF in FY 2025 to support an early childhood employer cost-share pilot program through public-private partnerships to provide additional early childhood care and education slots. Directs the Virginia Early Childhood Foundations and the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission (ECCEC) to establish guidelines for the pilot program that address early childhood care and education supply challenges and prioritize areas of greatest need.	TBD. While the public private partnership model is positive, it will be important to monitor how the prioritization of areas of greatest need will be determined.
<i>Conference</i> Item 125.10 #7c	Provides \$25 million GF in FY 2025 to establish the Employee Child Care Assistance Program to provide matching funds to incentivize employers to contribute to the child care costs of their employees. Employers must agree to make child care contributions to an eligible mixed delivery provider on behalf of the employee, and a state match will be provided by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, which will administer the program. The Foundation, in consultation with the ECCEC, will establish guidelines for the program, including: limiting eligibility for state contributions for slots serving households with income at or below 85% of the state median income; establishing a schedule of expected family copayments not to exceed 5% for households at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and 5-10% for households above 300% of FPL and below 85% of the state median income; and, providing that the state match does not exceed 40% of the cost of the slot remaining after family copayments.	TBD. While the public private partnership model is positive, making it accessible to only Mixed Delivery programs may limit the number of programs families can access. Currently a limited number of slots are provided by the state for Mixed Delivery in the region, and therefore only a few programs are able to participate. Expanding the Employee Child Care Assistance Program to programs participating in CCSP would increase access to more families.
<i>Governor/Conference</i> Item 125.10.A	Adds slots in FY 2025 and 2026 for CCSP, and in FY 2026 for the Mixed Delivery Program, by making changes to CCSP, Mixed Delivery Program, and VPI.	TBD. While increasing child care slots is positive, some of the changes proposed to fund this increase may increase barriers for families to access these critical programs

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		(such as family copayment rates, job search and attendance requirements).
<i>House</i> Item 125.10 #6h	Repurposes \$3 million in unused FY 2025 VPI slots to reduce FY 2025 CCSP waitlists by 318 slots.	TBD. Helpful for unused funds to be used for CCSP versus reverted to the GF. The County had some unused VPI slots that would be repurposed, so direct County impact will depend on FY 2025 waitlist for CCSP.
<i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 125.10.B.5	Provides that parental work and job search requirements for FY 2025 shall not exceed those in effect at the beginning of FY 2024. Additionally, parental work and job search requirements for FY 2026 will include a time limit of 90 days for job search (households would be eligible for one extension for extraordinary circumstances, as defined and tracked by VDOE).	TBD. It is unclear if those unable to find a job within 90 days will lose child care subsidies (if so, that could create critical disruptions for families).
<i>Governor</i> Items 125.10.B.4, 125.10.B.6, 125.10.I	Provides that family copayment rates for FY 2025 shall not exceed those in effect at the beginning of FY 2024. Additionally, family copayment rates for FY 2026 shall be \$5 per month for households whose income is below 100% of the FPL and up to 7% of annual income for all other households (with no household exceeding 7% of their income). Limits new CCSP enrollment (as of July 1, 2025) to birth-to-five year old children, unless they qualify as hard-to-serve. VDOE must define "hard-to-serve" by July 1, 2025. Establishes a workgroup to review options for school-age children, including a review of all publicly funded out-of-school time learning and extracurricular programs. The workgroup will also make recommendations on whether to resume enrollment of school-age children in CCSP. A report from the workgroup is due September 1, 2025.	TBD. Families with income below 100% FPL do not currently make copayments, so it will be important to determine if this could affect families accessing services. While serving birth-to-five year old children is critical, families with school-age children are also in need of child care. Limiting enrollment may pose a risk of school-age children being left unattended or decrease work participation for families no longer being able to access child care. The workgroup will need to be monitored to ensure school-age children are able to participate in CCSP or another viable option for families.
<i>House</i> Item 125.10 #5h	Reduces the copayment proposed in the Governor's budget amendments for CCSP and Mixed Delivery slots from 7% of household income to 5% in FY 2026; continues school age enrollments in CCSP; and directs the ECCEC to review several issues during the 2025 interim, including future approaches to addressing school age child care needs (including through CCSP) and recognition of regional variations in cost of living to determine eligibility for subsidized early childhood slots.	Positive. Continues to provide subsidies for school age children and decreases the maximum copayment to 5% of household income from the 7% proposed in the Governor's budget amendments.
<i>Senate</i> Item 125.10 #4s	Removes the proposed pause on enrolling school-aged children in CCSP, and directs the ECCEC to review and recommend updates to the enrollment of school-aged children in CCSP.	Positive. Continues to provide subsidies for school age children.
<i>Conference</i> Items 125.10 #3c, 125.10 #6c	Reduces the copayment proposed in the Governor's budget amendments for CCSP and Mixed Delivery early childhood slots from 7% to 5% for FY 2026, and continues allowing new school age enrollees in CCSP.	Positive. Continues to provide subsidies for school age children and decreases the maximum copayment to 5% of household income.

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	Directs the ECCEC to review and recommend: adjustments to CCSP reimbursement rates for school age children and the appropriateness of continuing to provide services through CCSP to school age children; and, approaches to maximize state and federal resources by adjusting income eligibility requirements to reflect regional cost of living variations. A report is due to the Governor and Chairs of House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by December 1, 2025.	The workgroup will need to be monitored to ensure school-age children are able to participate in CCSP or another viable option for families.
Governor Items 125.10.B.7, 125.10.C.4, 125.10.D.1.d.	Requires VDOE to revise attendance requirements for CCSP, Mixed Delivery Initiative, and VPI to ensure participating children fully benefit as well as maximizing of available resources.	TBD. While tracking attendance is positive to ensure participation, it is unclear how the requirements will be revised, and whether those changes could create barriers for families accessing the programs.
Senate Item 125.10 #6s	Adds language making revisions to early childhood education program attendance requirements subject to review by the ECCEC, and requiring VDOE to report proposed changes for CCSP, Mixed Delivery, and VPI to the GA by November 1, 2025.	TBD. Ensure that revisions to attendance requirements do not hinder family participation in CCSP.
Conference Item 125.10 #5c	Same as Senate, except the report is due to the GA by December 1, 2025.	TBD. Ensure that revisions to attendance requirements do not hinder family participation in CCSP.
Senate Item 125.10 #5s	Requires VDOE to report waitlist data for CCSP, Mixed Delivery, and VPI, including an estimate of how many children on the waitlist could be served immediately if a slot became available based on eligibility and regional capacity, to the GA by November 1 of each year.	No County impact.
Conference Item 125.10 #4c	Consolidates several currently required reports about early childhood programs into a single report, due December 15 each year. Requires the new report to include waitlist information for CCSP, Mixed Delivery, and VPI.	No County impact.
Governor Item 125.10.D.1.e.iii	Removes the cap on the composite index of local ability-to-pay (LCI) for VPI starting in FY 2026. The cap is currently set at 0.5 for the purpose of determining the state and local shares of funding for VPI.	Negative. Removing the LCI cap for VPI would increase the local share of funding for localities with LCIs above 0.5 (like Fairfax County), potentially affecting the County's ability to continue to serve children currently in the program as well as expand the program to serve more children.
House/Senate/ Conference Item 125.10 #4h, #1s, #2c	Restores the cap on the LCI for VPI.	Positive. Eliminating the cap would have reduced funding to Fairfax County by \$5.1 million (nearly half of the cut to funding statewide).
Governor/House/ Senate/Conference Item 297.H	Provides approximately \$1.5 million GF in FY 2026 to account for an anticipated 5% increase in caseload and costs for Part C early intervention services from 2025 to 2026.	TBD. Positive to increase funding for Part C; however, more state funding for this program overall is essential for serving additional children.

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Health Departments		
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 275	Provides \$1 million GF in FY 2026 for the Division of Disease Prevention to continue sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention efforts, resulting from an unanticipated loss of grant funding.	TBD. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is losing federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant STI funding, which supports two County Health Department positions through May 2025. It is critical that the state use this funding to ensure the County positions are maintained.
<i>Senate/ Conference</i> Item 279 #2s, #2c	Provides \$500,000 GF in FY 2026 to contract with the Virginia Community Healthcare Association (VHCA) to enable FQHCs to continue providing comprehensive medical, dental, maternal, and mental health services to the most vulnerable and uninsured Virginians, primarily in rural and urban settings.	Additional funding for FQHCs and Free and Charitable Clinics is positive; however, this amount does not keep up with the increasing cost of care and the increased number of Virginians seeking affordable health care.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 280.H	Provides approximately \$1.8 million GF in FY 2026 to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, Virginia Public Water Supplies Law, and Virginia Waterworks Regulations as well as to support Office of Drinking Water programs. Requires the Office of Drinking Water to report to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2025.	Additional funding to support drinking water protection is positive for County residents; however, funding levels are significantly lower than those required to meet the actual need. For example, the Fairfax Water Authority's initial capital cost to address Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) treatment is \$300 million.
Maternal Health		
<i>Governor</i> Item 267.G	Provides \$500,000 GF in FY 2025 for a media campaign to raise awareness of potentially life-threatening warning signs during and after a woman's pregnancy.	No County budget impact. The County could choose to participate in the campaign once it is developed.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 267 #2s, #1c	Eliminates \$500,000 GF in FY 2025 for a media campaign relating to warning signs during and after pregnancy.	No County budget impact.
<i>House/Senate/ Conference</i> Item 277 #3h, #3s, #2c	Provides \$553,200 GF in FY 2026 to implement the provisions of HB 2446 (Mundon King), which directs VDH to establish a public awareness campaign, develop and distribute educational materials, and create an online resource hub focused on perinatal and postpartum depression.	TBD. This could have a positive impact on County operations and residents by increasing awareness of perinatal and postpartum depression along with providing a web-based resource hub. Maternal mental health conditions are the most common complication of pregnancy and birth.
<i>Governor</i> Item 277.H	Provides \$2.5 million GF in FY 2026 to support a perinatal health hub pilot program in Virginia to reduce maternal and infant mortality. VDH will provide 2-year grant awards for community-based providers.	No County budget impact. Community-based providers could benefit if awarded funds.

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<i>Senate</i> Item 277 #1s	Updates language related to pilot perinatal health hub programs, directing the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative to be the lead on the pilot programs instead of VDH, and adding requirements for potential pilot hub locations.	No significant County budget impact. This is a pilot program to establish perinatal health hubs to be led by the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative.
<i>Conference</i> Item 277 #4c	Updates language related to pilot perinatal health hub programs, directing VDH to collaborate closely with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, and adding requirements for potential pilot hub locations.	No County budget impact. Community-based providers could benefit if awarded funds.
<i>Governor</i> Item 278.J	Provides an additional \$1 million GF in FY 2026 for community health workers and doulas at local health districts, prioritizing those serving localities with the highest rates of maternal mortality.	No County budget impact. Fairfax County has among the lowest rates of maternal mortality in the Commonwealth.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 278 #1s, #1c	Removes \$1 million GF in FY 2026 and language making existing funding available to doulas.	No County budget impact.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 292 #11s, #11c	Directs DMAS to make efforts to ensure that pregnant women that apply for Medicaid coverage utilize the Cover Virginia Call Center, to the maximum extent possible, to reduce application processing time and expedite the applicant into coverage.	No significant County impact. Positive impact on County residents. This amendment would improve the processing time of Medicaid applications via use of the Cover Virginia Call Center and support timely access to covered services.
Medicaid		
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i>	Provides \$715,000 GF and approximately \$2 million NGF in FY 2025 for eligibility and enrollment systems changes as part of implementing new federal rules. Final rules recently issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) make a number of changes to the Commonwealth's application, eligibility determination, enrollment, and renewal processes. This funding is necessary to comply with these federal requirements.	Positive. Will streamline process to comply with new federal rules, ensuring clients receive appropriate determination. Also, will ease administrative burden for both customers and staff in implementing new federal rules.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 288.AAAA	Clarifies that the language in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget prohibiting cost sharing in Medicaid applies to co-insurance and deductibles.	Positive. Removing these financial barriers will improve access to healthcare services for enrollees, particularly those in vulnerable populations, by eliminating all cost sharing requirements; enhancing overall health equity within the community.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 288.GGGG.2	Authorizes the provision of covered services, including screenings, diagnostic services, and targeted case management, in the 30 days pre-release and immediately post-release to eligible incarcerated youth and young adults in accordance with Section 5121 of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.	Positive. Expands covered care for eligible youth.

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<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 288.KKKKK	Directs DMAS to require that liable third-party payers are barred from refusing payment for an item or service solely because it did not receive prior authorization under the third-party payer’s rules.	Positive. Rules aim to ensure patients and providers are not penalized for administrative oversights (and that these oversights do not result in the denial of claims for services delivered), reducing barriers to care and ensuring providers receive timely payment for services.
<i>Governor</i> Item 288.NNNNN	Ensures sufficient GF appropriations in future budgets by creating a funding reserve mechanism for the Medicaid program (to account for projected but unbudgeted costs of new initiatives). Provides approximately \$973,000 GF in FY 2026.	Positive. No direct County budget impact; however, state funding reserves for projected new Medicaid initiatives may ease administrative burden of implementation at the local level (system enhancements, form revision, etc.).
<i>House</i> Item 288 #1h	Eliminates language and proposed funding to create a Medicaid reserve fund.	Negative. No direct County budget impact; however, may make it more difficult for the state to effectively implement new federal Medicaid legislation and/or initiatives.
<i>Senate/ Conference</i> Item 288 #11s, #7c	Eliminates funding associated with the Medicaid Reserve and instead directs DMAS to convene a workgroup to evaluate options for developing a process that recognizes the true costs of policy changes to the Medicaid program and how to integrate that process into the development of the state budget.	Negative. No direct County budget impact; however, may make it more difficult for the state to effectively implement new federal Medicaid legislation and/or initiatives.
<i>Senate</i> Item 288 #7s	Directs the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight to meet and begin immediate consideration of the fiscal impact to the Commonwealth from the loss of federal assistance for the Medicaid expansion population and the resulting impact on Medicaid enrollment and coverage losses.	Positive. Addressing this issue is a critical need given events at the federal level. Virginia is a “trigger” state, meaning any loss of federal funding for the Medicaid expansion population may require Virginia to scale back or eliminate coverage for such individuals. This amendment requires the state to assess the financial impact and recommend options before enrollees automatically lose coverage.
<i>Senate</i> Item 288 #14s	Provides \$1.8 million GF and \$3.6 million NGF in FY 2026 to provide Medicaid coverage for inpatient and residential neurobehavioral treatment for individuals with traumatic brain injury through a brain injury waiver.	Positive. No direct impact, but expands capacity to serve more low-income individuals who suffer from traumatic brain injuries through a new brain injury waiver.
<i>House/ Conference</i> Item 288 #9h, #13c	Provides \$1.6 million GF and \$3.1 million NGF in FY 2026 to provide Medicaid coverage for neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities to support 20 individuals with traumatic brain injuries and neurocognitive disorders by January 1, 2026.	Positive. No direct impact, but expanding capacity to serve more low-income individuals who suffer from traumatic brain injuries or neurocognitive disorders is positive.
<i>Senate</i> Item 288 #15s	Provides \$10 million GF and \$11.7 million NGF in FY 2026 to increase Medicaid rates for nursing facilities.	Positive. No direct impact, but provides greater reimbursement to providers, expanding capacity for providers to serve

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		more low-income individuals who require nursing home facility care.
Conference Item 288 #18c	Same as Senate, and specifies that the Medicaid rate increase would assume full direct care cost coverage for 59% of Medicaid days reimbursed at the full cost for direct care. This methodology change would be maintained until the next rebasing.	Positive. No direct impact, but provides greater reimbursement to providers, expanding capacity for providers to serve more low-income individuals who require nursing home facility care.
Senate Item 292 #6s	Directs DMAS to develop a plan for reimbursing community paramedicine services in Virginia.	Positive. A Medicaid reimbursement model would provide consistent revenue for Fairfax County’s community paramedicine efforts, ensuring program sustainability and potential expansion. Community paramedicine can help address chronic conditions, behavioral health issues, and gaps in primary care by providing in-home assessments, chronic disease management, and care coordination – improving patient health outcomes while also reducing hospital readmissions. As DMAS develops its plan, it is critical that the County have an opportunity to provide input in shaping a fair and effective reimbursement model.
Senate Item 292 #8s	Directs DMAS to share training opportunities, including training on dementia care, to consumer-directed and agency-hired home care workers.	Positive. Expands dementia care training opportunities to providers serving affected populations. No significant impact.
Senate Item 292 #9s	Clarifies that DMAS may only conduct provider rate studies after specific authorization by the GA, and authorizes a rate study of Developmental Disability (DD) services, including group day services; group home residential; independent living supports; individual and family/caregiver training; in-home support services; peer mentor supports; support coordination/case management; skilled nursing; support coordination/targeted case management; supported living residential; therapeutic consultation; transition services; transportation; and workplace assistance.	TBD. DD rates studies are critical for ensuring sustainable reimbursement rates.
Conference Item 292 #8c	Clarifies that DMAS may only conduct provider rate studies after specific authorization by the GA, and authorizes a rate study of DD services required by the permanent injunction approved to end the settlement agreement between the Commonwealth and the U.S. Department of Justice related to Virginia’s system of services for people with DD.	TBD. DD rates studies are critical for ensuring sustainable reimbursement rates.

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<p><i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 292 #12s, #12c</p>	<p>Directs DMAS to develop cost estimates for options proposed in the Evaluation of Medicaid Eligibility Determination report to the GA in December 2024, and work with the VDSS to establish a Joint Steering Committee on Medicaid Eligibility.</p>	<p>Positive. This report includes many findings and recommendations to improve the VDSS/DMAS governance structure, systems, processes, and performance for Medicaid eligibility. Cost estimates developed pursuant to this budget amendment will allow the state to determine which, if any, improvements to pursue. Some of these may have direct impacts to the work and processes of the County's Department of Family Services (DFS).</p>
Medicaid Waivers		
<p><i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i></p>	<p>Provides \$150,000 GF and \$850,000 NGF in FY 2025 and \$239,000 GF and \$239,000 NGF and four positions in FY 2026 to ensure DBHDS can comply with state and federal DD waiver requirements associated with contract monitoring, quality reviews, and rules changes. Authority to reappropriate first year balances is also provided should implementation costs extend into 2026.</p>	<p>While funding to ensure DBHDS is in compliance is important, increased funding is also needed for support coordination and provider services.</p>
<p><i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i></p>	<p>Provides approximately \$212,000 GF and \$212,000 NGF in FY 2025 and \$956,000 GF and \$1.5 million NGF and 12 positions in FY 2026 for the administrative costs of services provided to individuals on DD waivers, including supports intensity scale (SIS) evaluations and service authorization staff.</p>	<p>TBD. More timely SIS evaluations and service authorizations could be positive.</p>
<p><i>House</i> Item 288 #7h</p>	<p>Provides \$658,252 GF and \$687,152 NGF in FY 2026 to direct DMAS to submit amendments to the CMS for two DD waivers to provide Medicaid payment for designated staff support for adults with DD in acute care settings.</p>	<p>No significant County impact. This associated budget amendment to HB 2160 (Carr) is important funding for providers. HB 2160 allows family members and friends to be trained and paid as support staff through Medicaid waivers, which could help with provider workforce issues.</p>
<p><i>Senate</i> Item 296 #3s</p>	<p>Adds \$686,000 GF in FY 2026 for the Provider Development Incubator, intended to stimulate workforce development and business expansion to grow provider capacity for individuals with disabilities receiving waiver services.</p>	<p>No direct County budget impact. Although this is a small amount of funding, investment in the provider workforce is positive as it could help ensure adequate system capacity to handle the anticipated increase in service volume,</p>
<p><i>House/Conference</i> Item 297 #1h, #1c</p>	<p>Provides \$8.7 million GF in FY 2026 for CSBs to hire additional support coordinators.</p>	<p>No significant County impact. The County's Legislative Program includes support for building CSB and provider capacity, including the hiring and retention of support coordinators, to ensure individuals are connected with services in a timely manner. While</p>

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		additional funding is helpful in acknowledging the support coordination needs, a wide gap will remain for the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB, which will receive 1,200 new waivers at a cost of \$5.7 million (requiring 73 new full-time equivalents (FTEs)) – approximately 66% of the statewide funding included. Additionally, ongoing funding will be needed to cover the full cost of this state-mandated service and allow the CSB to create additional FTEs. The funding will help support new support coordinators during their training process before they are able to bill Medicaid (4-6 months) when the full cost is borne by local jurisdictions. Support coordinator teams must grow to ensure that with the increased waiver slots, individuals are connected to services in a timely manner.
<i>Senate</i> Item 288 #22s	Directs DMAS to review and consider the benefits of adding center-based respite service to the Community Living and Family and Individuals Support waivers.	TBD. Could expand respite options for families, though implementation timeline and details need clarification.
Older Adults and People with Disabilities		
<i>Governor</i> Item 267.F	Provides \$100,000 GF in FY 2025 to develop a plan to enhance the collegiate experience for individuals with DD.	No County budget impact. Positive impact for individuals with DD.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 267 #1s, #1c	Eliminates \$100,000 GF in FY 2025 related to the collegiate experience of individuals with DD.	No County budget impact. Funding would have been helpful for individuals with DD.
<i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 270.F	Directs the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (DDHH) to report on the anticipated statewide transition to Real-Time Text (RTT) and associated forms of digital telecommunication technology as related to relay services.	TBD. Could allow more accurate and timely communication experiences for people with disabilities.
<i>Governor</i> Item 288.HHHHH	Provides authority for DMAS to change the reimbursement methodology for adult day health care from a daily rate to an hourly rate (reimbursement rate adjustments must be budget neutral for the state).	Negative. While this may be budget neutral for DMAS, it will create an increased administrative burden for the County and require the County to update its information technology (IT) systems. It will also require more administrative staff time to bill hourly while yielding the same amount of revenue.
<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 288 #12s, #6c	Clarifies that in the conversion from a daily rate to an hourly rate, the hourly rate for adult day care services is limited to no more than six hours per day.	Negative. While most participants attend approximately six hours a day, capping the hourly rate would prevent the County from being reimbursed for any additional hours participants attend. Also, this

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		amendment does not address the underlying issues created by changing from a daily rate to an hourly rate.
<i>House</i> Item 315 #1h	Provides \$1.5 million GF in FY 2026 to increase support to the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs).	Positive. This would provide an additional approximately \$110,700 to the Fairfax AAA, a significant impact. Lessens net cost to Fairfax County by increasing state funds to implement needed programs for older adults.
<i>Conference</i> Item 315 #1c	Provides \$750,000 GF in FY 2026 to increase support for AAAs.	Positive. This would provide additional funding to the Fairfax AAA (amount unknown at this time as it is unclear what allocation methodology the state will use). Lessens net cost to Fairfax County by increasing state funds to implement needed programs for older adults.
<i>House</i> Item 315 #3h	Provides \$750,000 GF in FY 2026 to Fairfax County to support the Washington Area Villages Exchange in the creation of a pilot program to reduce the public health risk of social isolation among older Virginians by expanding the availability of Villages to additional sites.	Positive. Provides funds directly to Fairfax County to help introduce a pilot program geared at reducing social isolation to neighboring areas.
<i>Conference</i> Item 315 #3c	Provides \$400,000 GF in FY 2026 to Fairfax County to support the Washington Area Villages Exchange in the creation of a pilot program to reduce the public health risk of social isolation among older Virginians by expanding the availability of Villages to additional sites.	Positive. Provides funds directly to Fairfax County to help introduce a pilot program geared at reducing social isolation to neighboring areas.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 328.A	Effective January 1, 2025, increases auxiliary grant rate from \$2,079 to \$2,103.	Positive to increase auxiliary grant rate, but it is still wholly insufficient to cover the actual cost of care/housing in an assisted living facility.
Safety Net Programs		
<i>Governor</i>	Provides \$440,000 NGF in FY 2026 to expand the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Full Employment Program to agencies and community organizations that offer volunteer work with the goal of improving employability.	TBD.
<i>Senate/ Conference</i> Item 325 #1s, #1c	Removes \$440,000 NGF in FY 2026 for the expansion of the TANF Full Employment Program.	TBD. These funds were added to the FY 2025 budget, but are consistently underutilized, so this change may have a minimal impact.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 326.J	Provides approximately \$7.3 million GF and \$6.5 million NGF in FY 2026 to supplement existing support for employment and income verification services. In addition, the VDSS is required to investigate alternatives to its current employment and income verification services contract that may offer more affordable contract opportunities.	Positive. No direct County budget impact; however, additional support for income and employment verifications services may ease administrative burdens on County and customers, potentially expediting the eligibility determination process.

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<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 334.H	Provides \$805,000 GF and \$805,000 NGF in FY 2026 for enhanced electronic identity validation services, which utilize a digital platform to verify applicant identities online. Through this effort, the agency aims to decrease improperly provided benefits and services.	TBD. More information is needed on the intended use of the new validation platform. If solely used as an additional method to verify identity, it could have a positive impact on customers, easing their administrative burden and potentially expediting eligibility determinations. However, if required as a secondary level of identity verification, this could have a negative impact by requiring an additional step in the process.
<i>House</i> Item 330 #1h	Authorizes the State Board of Social Services to expand the application window for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to a year-round basis, provided adequate funding is available to extend the application period. Provides \$120,000 GF in FY 2026 to provide technical support.	Positive. This amendment adds funds for technical support to extend LIHEAP applications year-round. A related bill was enacted last year (contingent on funding being available), but has not yet been implemented – presumably due to funding, which is included in this amendment.
<i>Conference</i> Item 330 #1c	Same as House, but removes the \$120,000 GF in FY 2026 for technical support.	Negative. A related bill was enacted last year (contingent on funding being available). This amendment removes funding for technical support, which is required to update the system and effectively support year-round LIHEAP applications.
<i>House/ Conference</i> Item 331 #1h, #3c	Provides \$4 million GF in FY 2025 to Prince William County to support the renovation of the Prince William and Fairfax Welcome Centers operated by CASA.	Positive. The County contributed \$1.5 million to this project from its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds funding.
<i>House</i> Item 331 #4h	Provides \$400,000 GF in FY 2026 to Fairfax County for the Lorton Community Action Center, which provides individuals with low income, older adults, and families access to basic needs and self-sufficiency programs.	Positive.
<i>Conference</i> Item 331 #12c	Provides \$200,000 GF in FY 2026 to Fairfax County for the Lorton Community Action Center.	Positive.
<i>House</i> Item 331 #7h	Provides \$500,000 in FY 2026 from the TANF block grant to Cornerstones to address the rising needs for safe and stable housing, food security, quality child care, youth enrichment, and family self-sufficiency.	Positive. TANF and SNAP employment programs rely on additional support from non-profit partners to serve the large number of people accessing employment services.
<i>Conference</i> Item 331 #8c	Provides \$250,000 in FY 2026 from the TANF block grant to Cornerstones to address the rising needs for safe and stable housing, food security, quality child care, youth enrichment, and family self-sufficiency.	Positive. TANF and SNAP employment programs rely on additional support from non-profit partners to serve the large number of people accessing employment services.

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<p><i>House/Senate/ Conference</i> Item 331 #9h, 3s, #9c</p>	<p>Provides \$125,000 in FY 2026 from the TANF block grant to Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS) to provide services that address the basic needs of families in crisis, including providing food, financial assistance, access to health services, and workforce development programs.</p>	<p>Positive. TANF and SNAP employment programs rely on additional support from non-profit partners to serve the large number of people accessing employment services.</p>
<p><i>House</i> Item 331 #6h</p>	<p>Provides \$175,000 in FY 2026 from the TANF block grant to provide increased support for local Community Action Agencies (CAAs). This increase will hold CAAs harmless from any reductions resulting from a new locality joining the CAA network (which will impact existing CAA allocation percentages), which goes into effect July 1, 2025.</p>	<p>Positive. Fairfax County would lose \$3,700 in TANF funding without this amendment. However, the Senate amendment (Item 331 #2s) is the preferred approach as it would result in a larger funding increase to the County.</p>
<p><i>Senate</i> Item 331 #2s</p>	<p>Provides \$4.3 million in FY 2026 from the TANF block grant to contract with local CAAs. This increase will hold CAAs harmless from any reductions resulting from a new locality joining the CAA network (which will impact existing CAA allocation percentages), which goes into effect July 1, 2025; and mandated national census updates impacting the state’s CAA funding formula starting July 1, 2026.</p>	<p>Positive. This funding will provide an additional \$305,235 to Fairfax County.</p>
<p><i>Conference</i> Item 331 #7c</p>	<p>Provides \$2 million in FY 2026 from the TANF block grant to provide increased support for local CAAs. This increase will hold CAAs harmless from any reductions resulting from a new locality joining the CAA network (which will impact existing CAA allocation percentages), which goes into effect July 1, 2025.</p>	<p>Positive. This funding will also help address mandated national census updates impacting the state’s CAA funding formula, starting July 1, 2026, although it does not fully fund the CAA network’s request (as the \$4.3 million provided in the Senate budget did). This funding will provide an additional \$142,800 to Fairfax County.</p>
<p><i>Senate</i> Item 324 #1s</p>	<p>Directs VDSS to develop a plan that includes a review of best practices for providing treatment and services to trafficking victims; analysis of data gaps and recommendations for addressing them; recommendations to improve and establish additional long-term support services for trafficking victims; and, training policies for mandatory reporters of suspected trafficking cases. The plan is due November 1, 2026.</p>	<p>Positive. VDSS already mandates involvement in these cases, but does not provide any guidance, resources, or training on how to work them. However, this plan will require funding which is not attached to this item. The completed strategic plan is not due until November 2026.</p>
<p><i>Conference</i> Item 324 #1c</p>	<p>Same as Senate, but requires the plan to be submitted by November 1, 2025.</p>	<p>Positive. VDSS already mandates involvement in these cases, but does not provide any guidance, resources, or training on how to work them. However, this plan will require funding which is not attached to this item.</p>

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<i>Senate</i> Item 334 #2s	Provides \$500,000 GF in FY 2026 to VDSS to begin the process of transitioning electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards to chip cards to combat fraud.	Positive. Provides funds to transition to chip cards for SNAP, further safeguarding customers against skimming and EBT theft.
<i>Conference</i> Item 334 #2c	Directs VDSS to begin the process of transitioning EBT cards to chip-enabled cards in a cost-effective manner. A report is due to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2025, with recommendations on how best to transition EBT cards to chip cards, including cost estimates for the process.	Positive. The County supports efforts to enhance the security of EBT cards.
Substance Use Disorder (SUD)		
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 277.I	Provides \$100,000 in FY 2026 in Commonwealth Opioid Abatement and Remediation funding for one-time costs associated with the development of the Opioid Impact Reduction Registry.	TDB. Positive to measure outcomes, but unclear what data localities would need to collect/report for the registry.
<i>House/ Conference</i> Item 277 #5h, #3c	Requires VDH to maintain a list of agencies and organizations that submit requests for and receive opioid antagonists through its distribution program.	No significant County impact.
<i>Senate</i> Item 288 #12s	Provides \$2.2 million GF and \$14.1 million NGF in FY 2026 to increase rates by 12.5% for office-based addiction treatment, opioid treatment services, partial hospitalization services, and intensive outpatient services for SUD.	Positive. Rate increases can enhance provider sustainability and access to SUD services in the community for CSB clients.
<i>Conference</i> Item 288 #17c	Provides \$1.1 million GF and \$7 million NGF in FY 2026 to increase rates by 6.5% for office-based addiction treatment, opioid treatment services, partial hospitalization services, and intensive outpatient services for SUD.	Positive. Rate increases can enhance provider sustainability and access to SUD services in the community for CSB clients.
<i>Senate/ Conference</i> Item 295 #1s, #7c	Provides \$115,846 GF in FY 2026 to support SB 838 (VanValkenburg), which requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a workgroup and to make recommendations regarding the creation of an oversight process of residential recovery homes and transparency in the credentialing process.	No direct County impact.
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 296.L	Amends current language to allow DBHDS to make grants to any certified recovery residence.	Positive. Positive in expanding potential recovery housing.
Workforce		
<i>House/ Conference</i> Item 271 #2h, #3c	Directs VDH to expand the Mary Marshall Scholarship Program to increase the number of nurses coming into the profession to address significant shortages, including expanding eligibility to individuals who entered the United States for urgent humanitarian reasons and paying the fees for Virginians with a nursing degree from	Positive. This would be helpful for long-term care staffing in the region, which is a critical necessity now and as the population ages.

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	an international educational institution to be credentialed in order to practice.	
House/ Conference Item 271 #4h, 279 #8c	Provides \$150,000 GF in FY 2026 for Birmingham Green to establish the Birmingham Green Workforce Development Training Center to improve the Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA) program, introduce new career training opportunities for its workforce, and further health care career opportunities for staff from other health care operations.	Positive.
Senate/ Conference Item 271 #2s, #1c	Allows \$300,000 GF each year of existing nursing scholarship funds to be used for school nurse scholarships to address the lack of access to Registered Nurses in schools.	This policy will provide financial support to aid the recruitment and retention of licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and registered nurses (RNs) in schools.
Other Items of Interest		
Governor Item 4-5.04.1	Prevents expenditures from GF or NGF sources to be used for providing abortion services, except as otherwise required by federal law.	No County budget impact. However, the proposal could create inequities by limiting reproductive health care access to those who have insurance coverage or can afford services out-of-pocket.
House/Senate/ Conference Item 4-5.04 #1h, #1s, #1c	Restores language in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget related to state expenditures for abortion services.	Positive. While there is no fiscal impact to the County, this will ensure that public funds remain accessible for abortion services in situations where pregnancy results from rape or incest, a physician certifies that the fetus is believed to have an “incapacitating physical deformity or mental deficiency,” or cases where the pregnancy threatens the life or health of the mother/birthing person.
House Item 277 #4h	Provides \$644,075 GF in FY 2026 and three positions for the fiscal impact of HB 1724 (Delaney), which establishes the Prescription Drug Affordability Board.	Positive. The County has historically supported the establishment of a Prescription Drug Affordability Board.
Senate Item 295 #4s	Provides \$25,000 GF in FY 2026 to be distributed by DBHDS’ Lock and Talk program, via CSBs, to facilitate distribution of firearms safes to people who are unable to benefit from Virginia’s tax credit for firearms safes due to limited financial resources.	No significant County impact.

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Transportation

REGIONAL PROGRAMS		
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Funding		
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 446	Includes approximately \$865.9 million for distribution of NVTA fund revenues over the biennium, an increase of approximately \$18.6 million.	The amount received by the County is dependent on actual collections from revenue sources. Through its Six Year Program, NVTA allocates 70% (approximately \$606.1 million from FY 2024 to FY 2026) to regional projects, which has already been approved through adoption of NVTA's FY 2020-2025 and FY 2022-2027 Six Year Programs. Fairfax County should receive approximately \$116 million over the biennium to allocate for local projects approved by the Board of Supervisors (30% funding returned to localities), minus the respective shares provided to the Towns of Vienna and Herndon. Each year, approximately \$14 million of this "30% funding" will likely be transferred to the Commonwealth's Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Capital Fund for the County's share of local funding for State of Good Repair, as required by HB 1539/SB 856 (2018).
Regional Gas Tax		
<i>Governor/House/ Senate/Conference</i> Item 430	Provides approximately \$207.4 million over the 2024-2026 biennium for regional gas taxes (for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), and other regional gas taxes). Estimates approximately \$101.6 million for NVTC over the FY 2024-2026 biennium (no change), and an additional \$22.2 million annually that is transferred to the WMATA Capital Fund per HB 1539/SB 856 (2018). Also, \$15 million of NVTC and PRTC revenues are transferred annually to the Commuter Rail Operating and Capital Fund.	The amount received by NVTC and the County is dependent on actual collections from the revenue sources.
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Funding		
<i>Governor</i> Item 433	Retains language temporarily suspending, for FY 2025 and FY 2026, provisions in the Code of Virginia limiting the state's annual operating assistance for WMATA to no more than 3% over the prior year's approved budget. It also provides an	Provides funding to help address WMATA's operational funding needs, as well as language suspending the 3% cap, to ensure that a portion of annual state aid to WMATA will not be withheld.

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	<p>additional \$133.57 million, total, in FY 2025 and FY 2026 to address WMATA’s funding needs (\$11.13 million decrease from the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget). Additionally, retains language requiring WMATA to complete a comparison of its total costs and overhead costs to those of similar transit systems, submitting this comparison to the Joint Subcommittee on Northern Virginia Public Transit.</p>	<p>The Youngkin Administration has indicated the reduction in additional funding support is due to updated subsidy figures.</p>
<p><i>House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 433 #1h, #1s, #1c</p>	<p>Restores \$3.3 million GF for WMATA operating support.</p>	<p>The Governor’s budget amendments reduced the funding provided in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget by \$11.13 million due to updated subsidy figures. More recent estimates indicate that a reduction of only \$7.8 million is necessary.</p>
<p>STATEWIDE PROGRAMS</p>		
<p>Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)</p>		
<p><i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 433</p>	<p>Provides approximately \$1.5 billion for Public Transportation Programs (no change except for the \$11.13 million reduction for additional WMATA assistance), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately \$226.1 million for Operating Assistance; • Approximately \$156.9 million for Capital Assistance; • Approximately \$429.1 million for WMATA operating and capital costs; • Approximately \$55.4 million for the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP); • Approximately \$32.3 million for Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Assistance; • Approximately \$23.1 million for Special Programs; • \$4 million for federally mandated state safety oversight of fixed rail guideway transit agencies, i.e. the Metrorail Safety Commission (MSC); and, • \$100 million as the state match for the federal Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA). <p>Includes approximately \$318.8 million for the WMATA Capital Fund, which is comprised of state funding and the local and regional funding redirected as part of HB 1539/SB 856 (2018) (no change).</p>	<p>Statewide Operating and Capital funding is subject to the transit prioritization process required by legislation passed in the 2018 GA, entitled MERIT, and programs created in HB 1414/SB 890 (2020), so the impact to Fairfax Connector is unclear.</p> <p>TRIP funding is allocated through a separate application process.</p> <p>Per HB 1496/SB 1079 (2023), VRE now receives up to 3.5% of the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund for operations and capital (similar to WMATA’s set-aside), rather than receiving funding through the MERIT process.</p>

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<i>Senate/Conference</i> Item 433 #2s, #2c	Provides \$200,000 GF in FY 2025 to Hampton Roads Transit for a one-time transit investment	No direct impact to the County
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Virginia Passenger Rail Authority/Rail Programs

<i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 431	Includes approximately \$687.1 million for passenger rail development and operation programs (no change).	TBD. Will help fund rail projects, including those located in Northern Virginia (such as improvements in the I-95 Corridor).
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Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Environmental Monitoring and Evaluation

<i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 436	Includes approximately \$55.3 million for Environmental Monitoring and Evaluation (approximately \$1.1 million increase). This includes approximately \$33.3 million for Environmental Monitoring and Compliance for Highway Projects (approximately \$9.1 million increase) and \$12.7 million for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Compliance Activities (approximately \$8.6 million decrease).	TBD.
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Ground Transportation Planning and Research

<i>House/Conference</i> Item 437 #1h, #1c	Provides \$250,000 GF in FY 2025 to complete a study of the impact the development of the state's highway systems on African American communities. The study will include spatial and health analyses, the effects of discriminatory practices, and recommendations for reparative actions and equitable infrastructure planning	TBD.
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<i>Senate</i>	No language	
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Highway Construction

<i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 438	<p>Provides approximately \$7.2 billion for Highway Construction Programs, an approximately \$431 million decrease due to updated revenue projections, and the adjustment of appropriation amounts to conform to the final program amounts in the 2024-2026 Transportation Six-Year Financial Plan, as approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in June 2024. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately \$198.6 million for the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (approximately \$57.9 million decrease); • Approximately \$785.3 million for the Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program (approximately \$124.8 million decrease); 	<p>Many of these funds are subject to Smart Scale or other prioritization processes, so the impact to Fairfax County is unclear.</p> <p>The decrease in CMAQ should decrease the amount of funding from this program that is provided to Northern Virginia.</p> <p>The increases in RSTP and Transportation Alternative funds could benefit the County and region.</p> <p>The County has not utilized TPOF funds in several years, so the impact of the TPOF language has not been determined.</p> <p>Providing additional funds to I-81 improvements could impact funding to other programs that affect Fairfax County</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately \$684 million for State of Good Repair (approximately \$156 million decrease); • Approximately \$442.1 million for the High Priority Projects Program (approximately \$156 million decrease); • Approximately \$716.1 million for the Construction District Grant Program (approximately \$149.1 million decrease), which includes approximately \$243.8 million from the regional fuel tax collected in transportation districts that do not have a regional authority; • Approximately \$3.99 billion for Specialized State and Federal Programs (approximately \$203 million increase); and, • \$214 million for Legacy Construction Formula Programs (no change). <p>Of the Specialized State and Federal Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately \$261.2 million for the federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) (approximately \$15.7 million decrease); • Approximately \$75 million in federal funds for a new federal resiliency program (approximately \$3.6 million decrease); • Approximately \$160.4 million for the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) (approximately \$7.4 million decrease); • \$200 million for Revenue Sharing (no change); • Approximately \$64.7 million for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Set-Aside (approximately \$60,000 increase); and, • Approximately \$65.9 million federal and state matching funds for the federal Carbon Reduction Program (approximately \$3.2 million decrease). <p>Included in the amounts for Specialized State and Federal Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately \$1.58 billion represents estimated project participation costs from localities and regional entities; and, 	<p>(it should be noted that other regions of the state (Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads) have received GF transfers for transportation projects).</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reappropriation of approximately \$773 million in bond proceeds from various bond programs. tfc <p>Retains language limiting the amount of Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues that can be transferred to the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (TPOF) to up to \$90 million, with no more than \$15 million in any individual year.</p> <p>Also retains language specifying that proposed direction of TPOF funds in excess of \$20 million for any one project, and cumulative direction of funds in excess of \$50 million in a biennium, shall be subject to approval by the Major Employment and Investment (MEI) Project Approval Commission. The Commission has 21 days to review submissions – if a negative recommendation is made, or if no recommendation is made, the funding will proceed.</p> <p>As specified in the adopted 2024-2026 biennium budget, provides an additional \$175 million GF (for a total of \$245 million) for the advancement of projects in the I-81 Corridor Improvement program.</p>	
<u>Highway Maintenance</u>		
<p><i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 439; C-33</p>	<p>Provides approximately \$5.3 billion for Highway System Maintenance and Operations (approximately \$543.7 million increase). This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately \$1.2 billion for interstates (approximately \$211.8 million increase); • Approximately \$1.5 billion for primaries (approximately \$202.1 million decrease); • Approximately \$1.56 billion for secondaries (approximately \$91.8 million increase); and, • Approximately \$801 million for Transportation Operations Services (approximately \$45.7 million increase). <p>Capital Budget provides \$15.5 million from the CTF to add to the existing maintenance reserve.</p>	<p>Using historical estimates, approximately \$70 million more may be available for maintenance and operations within Northern Virginia.</p>
<u>Special Structures</u>		
<p><i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 440</p>	<p>Provides \$177.6 million for this program (approximately \$5.9 million increase).</p>	<p>TBD.</p>
<u>Toll Facilities</u>		

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<p><i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 441</p>	<p>Provides approximately \$335.4 million for toll facilities (approximately \$38.7 million increase), including approximately \$120.2 million for Maintenance and Operations (approximately \$92.9 million decrease); and approximately \$215.2 million for the Revolving Fund (\$131.7 million decrease).</p> <p>Included is \$101 million GF over the biennium to provide additional toll relief through 2036 to eligible drivers of the Elizabeth River Crossings (in Hampton Roads) who earn less than \$50,000 per year. Amends the language to clarify driver eligibility and expand use of funds.</p> <p>Eliminates the collection of tolls for use of the George P. Coleman Bridge and eliminates the requirement to reimburse the Toll Facility Revolving Account if sufficient funds are not available.</p>	<p>TBD.</p> <p>Though toll relief for Elizabeth River Crossings does not directly impact Fairfax County, similar relief is not provided to Northern Virginia drivers who pay substantially higher tolls (when combined with the existing toll relief program for Elizabeth River Crossings, this proposal would provide a 100% toll rebate on up to 14 trips per week for eligible drivers through 2036).</p>
<p><i>House/Conference</i> Item 441 #1h, #1c</p>	<p>Also requires the VDOT Commissioner to coordinate with the DRPT to ensure that public transit buses are exempted from tolls.</p>	<p>As Fairfax Connector Buses do not currently pay tolls when on the toll facilities in the region, this language should not have a significant impact.</p>
<p>Virginia Port Authority</p>		
<p><i>Governor/House/Senate/Conference</i> Item 449</p>	<p>Provides \$33.9 million for Economic Development Services (no change), with \$16 million provided from the CTF.</p>	<p>The CTF has not historically provided funding for this purpose.</p>
<p><i>Conference</i> Items 450 #1c; 452 #1c</p>	<p>Also authorizes the Virginia Port Authority to issue additional bonds to ensure operational and investment control of the Virginia International Gateway Terminal.</p> <p>Provides \$8 million in FY 2025 TPOF funds for a dredging project at Wallops Island to enable barges to deliver rockets and other materials to the launch site and facilities.</p> <p>Amends capital leases for the Virginia Port Authority to ensure operational and investment control of the Virginia International Gateway Terminal.</p>	<p>TBD. These efforts to not utilize CTF revenues.</p>
<p>Department of Motor Vehicles</p>		
<p><i>Governor/Senate</i> Item 426; C-34</p>	<p>Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to charge a 1.5% convenience fee for credit card transactions \$10,000 and above. DMV would still be prohibited from charging customers for the use of credit cards for internet or other transactions under \$10,000.</p>	<p>TBD.</p>

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	Provides \$25 million from the CTF to support modernizing the DMVs mainframe system and \$16 million for the next phase of the previously approved project to renovate the DMV headquarters.	
<i>House/Conference</i> Item 426 #1h, #1c	Requires the DMV to conduct an analysis of the DMV Select Program to evaluate its potential financial impact on participating localities. The report is due December 1, 2025	TBD.



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- HB 1865** - Virginia Access to Justice Act.
- HB 1954** - Public school funding and staffing; special education students; support services positions.
- HB 1964** - Future in Focus Program; established.
- HB 2004** - Local meals and prepared food and beverage taxes; maximum rate.
- HB 2006** - RS and UT; food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products.
- HB 2041** - Speed safety cameras; placement and operation.
- HB 2046** - High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies, report.
- HB 2214** - Trespass towing fees; State Corporation Commission to establish, etc.
- HB 2293** - Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent.
- HB 2353** - Public elementary & secondary schools; copies of minor's discharge plan sent to schools and parents.
- HB 2368** - Toll relief; maximum charges.
- HB 2434** - Voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.
- HB 2438** - Solar facilities; local regulation, special exceptions.
- HB 2445** - Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to election, hours of operation.
- HB 2527** - Sex offenses prohibiting proximity to children; state parks, penalty.
- HB 2538** - Public education; early childhood care and education; funding formula calculations.
- HB 2641** - Statewide housing targets; requires localities to increase their total housing stock.
- HB 2666** - Attorney General; distribution of 599 funding to distressed localities w/ high crime & poverty rate.
- SB 756** - Public education; early childhood care and education, funding formula calculations, etc.
- SB 764** - Elections; voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.
- SB 765** - Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.
- SB 773** - Foster care; housing services, housing plan, report.
- SB 825** - Vulnerable adults; seizure of property used in connection with/derived from financial exploitation.
- SB 839** - Zoning; by-right multifamily development in areas zoned for commercial use.
- SB 841** - Opioid treatment programs; dispensing, medications from mobile units.
- SB 856** - Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to election.

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- SB 876** - Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public bodies to post agenda on website prior to meetings.
- SB 932** - Counties, cities, and towns; comprehensive plan may include tiny homes or accessory dwelling units.
- SB 960** - Electric utilities; data center cost allocation.
- SB 975** - Statewide housing targets; requires localities to increase their total housing stock.
- SB 977** - Standards of Quality; certain calculations, support services.
- SB 1045** - Siting of data centers; property classified for industrial use.
- SB 1046** - Data centers; noise abatement.
- SB 1054** - Virginia Cannabis Control Authority; draft regulations governing cannabis, report.
- SB 1070** - Voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.
- SB 1072** - Absentee voting in person; available beginning 14 days prior to election.
- SB 1073** - Voter registration; verification of social security numbers, provisional registration status.
- SB 1097** - Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; allocations, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.
- SB 1108** - Sex offenses prohibiting proximity to children; state parks, penalty.
- SB 1114** - Solar facilities; special exceptions for solar photovoltaic projects.
- SB 1143** - Public elementary & secondary schools; copies of minor's discharge plan sent to schools and parents.
- SB 1178** - Faith and housing; affordable housing on property owned by religious or tax-exempt organizations
- SB 1183** - Virginia Access to Justice Act; establishes a public defender office in each judicial circuit.
- SB 1209** - Photo speed monitoring devices; private vendors compensated for calibration, civil penalty.
- SB 1214** - High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies, report.
- SB 1236** - Public schools; certain calculations in Standards of Quality, support services.
- SB 1256** - Counties, cities, and towns; comprehensive plan may include use of accessory dwelling units.
- SB 1296** - Virginia Public-Private Safety Communications Infrastructure Fund; established.
- SB 1305** - Local taxes; change to zoning ordinances, etc.
- SB 1337** - Coastal storm risk mgmt.; Office of Commonwealth Resilience to study costs of feasibility studies
- SB 1351** - Affordable housing; religious organizations and other tax-exempt properties.
- SB 1385** - Emergency management and state health regions, etc.; study of makeup and composition.
- SB 1432** - Juvenile secure detention facilities; closure or consolidation, funding contributions.

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Initiatives

HB 2036 - Reckless driving; 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)
2/3/2025	House: Transportation Amendment rejected 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)
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)
2/14/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 1-N)
2/19/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (35-Y 5-N)
2/20/2025	House: Senate substitute agreed to by House (92-Y 5-N 0-A)

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HB 2550 - Noise abatement monitoring systems; counties in Planning Districts 8 and 16 to place & operate.

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, also defined in the bill. The bill provides that the operator of a vehicle is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$100, but the violation shall not be reported on the driver's operating record or to the driver's insurance agency. Under the bill, the civil penalty will be paid to the locality in which the violation occurred to be used for the cost of administering the noise abatement monitoring system program and for transportation safety initiatives. The bill contains the same data privacy and storage requirements as are in current law for photo speed monitoring devices. The bill 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)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
2/13/2025	Senate: Reported from Transportation with amendment and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (8-Y 6-N)
2/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (10-Y 4-N)
2/20/2025	Senate: Transportation Amendment rejected Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 17-N) House: Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 96-N) Senate: Senate insisted on substitute (38-Y 0-N) Senate: Senate requested conference committee House: House acceded to request House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: Sullivan, Cole, Davis

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Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate

Senate: Senators: Marsden, Boysko, Stuart

2/22/2025

Conference: Amended by conference committee

Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (24-Y 16-N)

House: Conference report agreed to by House (53-Y 45-N)

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

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)
2/14/2025	House: Senate substitute rejected by House (Y-2 N-94 A-0)
2/18/2025	Senate: Senate insisted on substitute (38-Y 0-N) Senate: Senate requested conference committee
2/19/2025	House: House acceded to request House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: Thomas, Sewell, Morefield

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2/20/2025	Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: Ebbin, McPike, Hackworth
2/21/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (22-Y 13-N 1-A)
2/22/2025	House: Conference report agreed to by House (55-Y 44-N)

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.

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
2/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendments (14-Y 1-N)
2/20/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Amendment rejected Senate: Senator Perry, Russet Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (39-Y 0-N) House: Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 96-N) Senate: Senate insisted on substitute (38-Y 0-N) Senate: Senate requested conference committee House: House acceded to request

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	House: Conferees appointed by House
	House: Delegates: Watts, Simon, Leftwich
	Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate
	Senate: Senators: Perry, Surovell, Stuart
2/21/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee
	Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/22/2025	House: Conference report agreed to by House (98-Y 0-N)

HB 1743 - License taxes; deduction for out-of-state receipts, effective date, report.

License taxes; deduction for out-of-state receipts; work group; report. Provides that, for purposes of the license tax deduction for out-of-state receipts, such receipts shall be determined based upon the facts and circumstances of the taxpayer's business operation, without regard to the amount of income, receipts, or revenue ultimately computed as taxable under the methodology used by the state or country to which such receipts are attributable. The bill defines "income or other tax based upon income" as a net income tax, as defined in federal law, or any other tax the measure of which is based in whole or in part on gross or net income, or receipts. The bill has a delayed effective date with regard to such provisions of July 1, 2026. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Taxation to convene a work group to review the policies, methods, existing laws, and potential impacts of such license tax deduction and to submit a report of the findings and recommendations, if any, of the work group to the Chairs of the House Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by October 1, 2025.

Bill Patron: Vivian E. Watts

25105038A (1/14/2025)

County Position: Oppose

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: Passed House (99-Y 0-N)
	House: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House
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)

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2/12/2025	Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (39-Y 0-N)
2/14/2025	House: Senate substitute rejected by House (Y-2 N-93 A-0)
2/18/2025	Senate: Senate insisted on substitute (40-Y 0-N) Senate: Senate requested conference committee
2/19/2025	House: House acceded to request House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: Watts, Anthony, McNamara
2/20/2025	Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: Deeds, Locke, McDougle
2/21/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (38-Y 0-N)
2/22/2025	House: Conference report agreed to by House (99-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

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)
2/14/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 4-N)

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2/19/2025	Senate: Commerce and Labor Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N)
2/20/2025	House: Senate substitute rejected by House (1-Y 97-N) Senate: Senate insisted on substitute (39-Y 0-N) Senate: Senate requested conference committee House: House acceded to request House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: Tran, Cousins, Webert Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: Surovell, Locke, Peake
2/22/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee House: Conference report agreed to by House (49-Y 46-N) House: Reconsideration of conference report agreed to by House House: Conference report agreed to by House (50-Y 47-N) Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (21-Y 19-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. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

Bill Patron: Scott A. Surovell

25102162D (1/5/2025)

County Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Notes: Oppose unless amended to eliminate applicability to Fairfax County. See also HB 2764 (Tran).

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 SB1401 (Lucas)

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1/29/2025	Senate: Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
	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: Senator Stanley, William M., Jr. Amendments rejected
	Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to
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
2/13/2025	House: Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (12-Y 10-N)
2/18/2025	House: Labor and Commerce Substitute agreed to
	House: Passed House with substitute (49-Y 48-N 0-A)
	House: Reconsideration of House passage agreed to by House
	House: Passed House with substitute (50-Y 47-N)
2/19/2025	Senate: House substitute rejected by Senate (0-Y 40-N)
2/20/2025	House: House insisted on substitute
	House: House requested conference committee
	Senate: Senate acceded to request (38-Y 0-N)
	Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate
	Senate: Senators: Surovell, Locke, Stanley
	House: Conferees appointed by House
	House: Delegates: Tran, Cousins, Webert
2/22/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee
	House: Conference report agreed to by House (51-Y 45-N)
	Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (21-Y 19-N)

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 uncollectable 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.

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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)
2/17/2025	House: Reported from Education with amendment(s) (13-Y 9-N)
2/20/2025	House: Education Amendments agreed to House: Passed House with amendments (58-Y 39-N 0-A) Senate: House Amendments agreed to by Senate (35-Y 4-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

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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)
2/14/2025	House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (22-Y 0-N)
2/19/2025	House: Passed House (97-Y 0-N 0-A)

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Support

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

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

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) 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)
2/14/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 15-N)
2/19/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1607ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/22/2025	Senate: Signed by President

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HB 1608 - Firearm industry members; creates 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)
2/14/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 15-N)
2/18/2025	House: Senate substitute agreed to by House (50-Y 47-N)
2/20/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1608ER)

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HB 1660 - Trigger activator; definition does not include semi-automatic replacement trigger, etc., 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 such semi-automatic firearm not equipped with 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)
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)
2/18/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N)
2/19/2025	House: Senate substitute agreed to by House (51-Y 46-N)

HB 1706 - Va. Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures for buyer to beware.

Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures for buyer to beware; aircraft noise. Requires that the owner of a residential real property include in the residential property disclosure statement provided to a potential purchaser of such residential real property a statement that the owner makes no representations or warranties with respect to the property's proximity to a public use airport nor any noise from aircraft due to the proximity of the property to flight operations, and purchasers are advised to exercise whatever due diligence they deem necessary to determine whether the property is within proximity to a flight path or public use airport aircraft noise zone. The bill also requires the Department of Aviation to establish and provide to the Real Estate Board by July 31, 2025, a website address that allows purchasers to access public use airport aircraft noise zone maps, and requires the Real Estate Board to include such website address on the form for signature by the parties stating that the purchaser has been advised of the disclosures listed in the residential property disclosure statement. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission. This bill is identical to SB 1210.

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Bill Patron: David L. Bulova

25105102D (1/16/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: See also SB 1210 (Pekarsky).

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: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1706ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/15/2025	Senate: Signed by President
2/18/2025	House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on February 18, 2025 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025

HB 1712 - Persons, certain; definitions, arrest 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 (i) for an offense committed in his presence or (ii) based on probable cause, personal observations, the reasonable complaint of a person who observed the alleged offense, or upon person investigation. The bill further provides that the Department of Criminal Justice Services, in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, shall (a) provide and require in-person or virtual training to all law-enforcement agencies and officers and (b) 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 or virtual training to special conservators of the peace on the provisions of the bill and other existing statutes related to the arrest and prosecution of persons with mental or behavioral health disorders by 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

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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: Vivian E. Watts

25106008D (1/24/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: See also SB 1194 (Deeds).

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)
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)
2/17/2025	Senate: Committee substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (39-Y 0-N)
2/18/2025	House: Senate substitute rejected by House (2-Y 94-N)
2/19/2025	Senate: Senate insisted on substitute (40-Y 0-N) Senate: Senate requested conference committee
2/20/2025	House: House acceded to request House: Conferees appointed by House Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: Deeds, Perry, Stanley House: Delegates: Watts, Hope, Hodges
2/22/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) House: Conference report agreed to by House (60-Y 39-N)

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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 (16-Y 6-N)
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (55-Y 44-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice (15-Y 0-N)
2/17/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)
2/19/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1713ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/22/2025	Senate: Signed by President

HB 1716 - Contraception; establishes right to obtain, 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 clarifies that none of its provisions shall be construed to permit or sanction the performance of any sterilization procedure without a patient's voluntary and informed consent. The bill creates a cause of action that may be instituted against anyone who infringes on such right. This bill is identical to SB 1105.

Bill Patron: Marcia S. "Cia" Price

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)
1/21/2025	House: Delegate Price Substitute agreed to

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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
2/13/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health (7-Y 6-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 18-N)

HB 1869 - 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 definition of "family or household member," as such definition relates to juvenile and domestic relations district court, a person's intimate partner, defined in the bill as an individual who, within the previous 12 months, was in a romantic, dating, or sexual relationship with the person. The bill also adds to the definition of "family or household member," as such definition relates to a person's purchase, possession, or transportation of a firearm following an assault and battery of a family or household member, any individual who cohabits or who, within the previous 12 months, cohabitated with the person. Finally, the bill provides that any person who knowingly and intentionally purchases, possesses, or transports any firearm following a misdemeanor conviction for an offense that occurred on or after July 1, 2025, for the offense of assault and battery against an intimate partner or an offense substantially similar under the laws of any other state or of the United States is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Bill Patron: Adele Y. McClure

25101355D (1/6/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also SB 883 (Perry).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
1/21/2025	House: Assigned PS sub: Firearms
1/23/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (5-Y 3-N)
1/24/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety and referred to Appropriations (12-Y 10-N)
1/25/2025	House: Assigned Approps sub: Transportation & Public Safety
1/29/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 3-N) House: Reported from Appropriations (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 for Courts of Justice
2/10/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 5-N)

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2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (10-Y 5-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute rejected Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (22-Y 18-N)
2/19/2025	House: Senate substitute agreed to by House (53-Y 44-N)

HB 1941 - Invasive plant species; retail sales, penalty, delayed effective date January 1, 2027.

Invasive plant species; retail sales. Requires, for the retail sale of certain invasive plant species for outdoor use, a retail establishment to post in a conspicuous manner on the property located in proximity to each invasive plant signage identifying such plant as invasive, educating consumers regarding invasive plant species, and encouraging consumers to ask about alternatives. The bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to designate the format, size, and content of such signage no later than October 1, 2025, and requires the Commissioner to issue a stop sale order and mark or tag a plant in a conspicuous manner when an invasive plant is for sale at a retail establishment without appropriate signage. In such case, the bill requires the Commissioner to give written notice of a finding made to the owner, tenant, or person in charge of such retail establishment and requires the stop sale order issued to remain in effect until the required signage is posted. Certain provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026.

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)
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)
2/14/2025	Senate: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Amendments agreed to

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2/18/2025	Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (27-Y 9-N)
2/20/2025	House: Senate Amendments agreed to by House (67-Y 28-N)
	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1941ER)

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 to the transferee a copy of the form certifying that such person does not possess any firearms or that all firearms possessed by such person have been surrendered, sold, or transferred. The bill also provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because such person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member shall be advised that a law-enforcement officer may obtain a search warrant to search for any firearms from such person if such law-enforcement officer has reason to believe that such person has not relinquished all firearms in his possession. This bill is identical to SB 744.

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)
2/17/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1960ER)
	House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President

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HB 1973 - Affordable housing; preservation, definitions, civil penalty.

Preservation of affordable housing; definitions; civil penalty. Creates a framework for localities to preserve affordable housing by exercising a right of first refusal on publicly supported housing, defined in the bill. The bill authorizes localities to implement an ordinance that requires an owner to accept a right of first refusal offer by the locality or qualified designee, defined in the bill, in order to preserve affordable housing for at least 15 years. The bill requires that any locality adopting such an ordinance to preserve affordable housing submit an annual report to the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to existing law.

Bill Patron: Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker

25101114D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
1/20/2025	House: Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection
1/30/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 3-N) House: Reported from General Laws with substitute (12-Y 9-N)
2/3/2025	House: General Laws Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (50-Y 47-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology (9-Y 6-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 19-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, any publicly owned treatment works or drinking water treatment plant, or a municipal solid waste facility but allows any public water system to follow the requirements of the bill for the purpose of planning for compliance with the MCL for PFAS in finished water. The bill clarifies that its provisions will not limit the authority of the Department or the owner or operator of any publicly owned treatment works to which any user discharges

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wastewater to require monitoring or reporting or otherwise regulate the discharge of any PFAS chemicals or other pollutants under other applicable legal authority.

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)
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)
2/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 1-N)
2/20/2025	Senate: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Substitute agreed to Senate: Amendments by Senator agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute with amendments (38-Y 0-N) House: Senate substitute agreed to by House (95-Y 0-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

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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)
2/17/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2054ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President

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)

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2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
2/11/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health
2/13/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health with amendments (15-Y 0-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Education and Health Amendments agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (40-Y 0-N)
2/19/2025	House: Senate Amendments agreed to by House (96-Y 1-N)

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

25107087D-S1 (2/11/2025)

County Position: ~~Support with amendment~~ Support

Notes: Bill was amended to all law enforcement discretion when pursuing seizures.

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)
2/17/2025	House: Senate substitute rejected by House (2-Y 94-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Senate insisted on substitute (40-Y 0-N) Senate: Senate requested conference committee
2/19/2025	House: House acceded to request House: Conferees appointed by House

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2/20/2025	House: Delegates: Maldonado, Hernandez, Kilgore Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate
2/21/2025	Senate: Senators: Favola, Perry, Stuart Conference: Amended by conference committee House: Conference report agreed to by House (96-Y 0-N 0-A) Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)

HB 2124 - Synthetic digital content; definition, penalty, report, effective clause.

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

Bill Patron: Michelle Lopes Maldonado

25101882D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: See also 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)

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2/14/2025	House: Senate Amendment agreed to by House (Y-88 N-7 A-0)
2/19/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2124ER)
	House: Signed by Speaker
2/22/2025	Senate: Signed by President

HB 2218 - Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; rental payment methods.

Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; rental payment methods. Requires, with certain exceptions outlined in the bill, landlords subject to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to accept payment of periodic rent and any security deposit by any lawful means, including check, electronic funds transfer, debit or credit card, cash, and money order. The bill also removes the provision requiring the tenant to request a written receipt after paying in the form of cash or money order and requires the landlord to provide such written receipt as a matter of law. Finally, the bill prohibits a landlord from charging a tenant any fee for the collection or processing of any payment of rent, security deposit, or any other fees. This bill is identical to SB 1356.

Bill Patron: Kathy K.L. Tran

25106170D-H1 (1/29/2025)

County Position: Support

Date of Action

Action Notes

1/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
1/20/2025	House: Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection
1/23/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (5-Y 3-N)
1/28/2025	House: Reported from General Laws with substitute (12-Y 10-N)
1/31/2025	House: General Laws Substitute agreed to
2/3/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (51-Y 48-N)
2/4/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)
2/17/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (38-Y 1-N)
2/19/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2218ER)
	House: Signed by Speaker
2/22/2025	Senate: Signed by President

HB 2277 - Elections administration; duties of local electoral board certification of election, civil penalty.

Elections administration; duties of local electoral board; certification of election; grounds for removal; civil penalty. Provides that the certification of the results of an election is a clear, ministerial duty of the local

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electoral boards and that a member of the local electoral board who neglects or refuses to perform such duty in accordance with law shall be subject to removal proceedings by the State Board of Elections and assessed a penalty not exceeding \$1,000. The bill also authorizes the State Board of Elections to intervene and carry out the duties related to election certification in the event a local electoral board fails or refuses to do so.

Bill Patron: Marcia S. "Cia" Price

25106593D-H1 (1/31/2025)

County Position: Support

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 reporting (5-Y 3-N)
1/31/2025	House: Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (12-Y 9-N)
2/3/2025	House: Privileges and Elections Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (51-Y 47-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/11/2025	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)
2/14/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 14-N)
2/19/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2277ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/22/2025	Senate: Signed by President

HB 2485 - Cannabis control; establishes framework for creating 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: Paul E. Krizek

25101954D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Board has historically supported with amendment. Support strong local government 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

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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)
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 - Nonhospitalized individuals; crisis stabilization services.

Department of Medical Assistance Services; state plan for medical assistance services; crisis stabilization services for nonhospitalized individuals. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek federal approval to remove the prohibition against the use of crisis stabilization services for nonhospitalized individuals in institutions for mental disease. The bill directs the Department to promulgate regulations to implement such changes to be effective within 280 days of receiving federal approval. This bill is identical to SB 1304.

Bill Patron: Briana D. Sewell

25105285D (1/23/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: See also SB 1304 (McPike).

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

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2/4/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
2/13/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health (13-Y 0-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

HB 2541 - Information Technology Access Act; digital accessibility, definitions, procurement requirements.

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

25107280A-AS1 (2/13/2025)

County Position: Amend Support

Notes: 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)
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)
2/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)
2/20/2025	Senate: General Laws and Technology Amendments agreed to

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Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (39-Y 0-N)

Senate: Reconsideration of Senate passage agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)

Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (39-Y 0-N)

House: Senate Amendments agreed to by House (96-Y 0-N)

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

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

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)

2/17/2025

Senate: Courts of Justice Amendment agreed to

Senate: Passed Senate with amendment (23-Y 15-N)

2/18/2025

House: Senate Amendment agreed to by House (92-Y 3-N)

2/20/2025

House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2560ER)

HB 2631 - Firearms; purchase, at least 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: C.E. Cliff Hayes, Jr.

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25104635D (1/13/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also SB 891 (Salim).

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/13/2025	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 (51-Y 47-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 4-N)
2/12/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
2/14/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 15-N)
2/19/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2631ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/22/2025	Senate: Signed by President

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

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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)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/11/2025	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)
2/14/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 15-N)
2/19/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2668ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/22/2025	Senate: Signed by President

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) educate and provide support to public defenders and certified court-appointed counsel on expungement and sealing, (b) conduct trainings on expungement and sealing across the Commonwealth, (c) develop a library of resources on expungement and sealing for use by public defenders and court-appointed counsel, and (d) post information regarding expungement and sealing for use by the public on its website; and (iii) the Department of State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles, Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and clerk of any circuit court to provide data and information on sealing upon request of the Virginia State Crime Commission for purposes of monitoring and evaluating the implementation and impact of the sealing processes. The bill 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. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

Bill Patron: Charniele L. Herring

25103269D (1/17/2025)

County Position: Support

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

Date of Action

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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)
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)
2/14/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (10-Y 4-N)
2/19/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute rejected Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (23-Y 16-N)
2/20/2025	House: Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 97-N 0-A) Senate: Senate insisted on substitute (39-Y 0-N) Senate: Senate requested conference committee House: House acceded to request Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: Surovell, Lucas, Obenshain House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: Herring, Hope, Gilbert
2/22/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee House: Conference report agreed to by House (98-Y 0-N) Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (28-Y 12-N)

HB 2746 - Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.

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

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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: See also 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)
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)
2/17/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2746ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President

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. 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

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H251956-AH1 (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) House: Delegate Cherry Amendments #2, #3 passed by House: Motion to pass by Delegate Cherry Amendments #2, #3 agreed to (51-Y 48-N) House: Delegate Cherry Amendment #1 passed by House: Agreed to by House (55-Y 44-N)
1/15/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
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 - Coastal storm risk management studies; non-federal sponsor contributions by localities.

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
2/14/2025	Senate: Reported from Rules (Voice Vote)

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Senate: Agreed to by Senate by voice vote

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 to the transferee a copy of the form certifying that such person does not possess any firearms or that all firearms possessed by such person have been surrendered, sold, or transferred. The bill also provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because such person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member shall be advised that a law-enforcement officer may obtain a search warrant to search for any firearms from such person if such law-enforcement officer has reason to believe that such person has not relinquished all firearms in his possession. This bill is identical to HB 1960.

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 for 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)

2/17/2025

Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB744ER)

House: Signed by Speaker

2/20/2025

Senate: Signed by President

House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on February 20, 2025

Governor: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025

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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)
2/14/2025	House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (12-Y 10-N)
2/19/2025	House: Passed House (54-Y 43-N 0-A)

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)

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1/27/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (19-Y 18-N) Senate: Reconsideration of (37-Y 0-N) Senate: 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)
2/17/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB848ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on February 20, 2025 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025

SB 852 - Photo speed monitoring devices; proof of violation affirmed by 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)
2/13/2025	House: Reported from Transportation (13-Y 6-N)
2/18/2025	House: Passed House (69-Y 27-N 0-A)
2/20/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB852ER)

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

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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)
2/17/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB880ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on February 20, 2025 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025

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

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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)
2/17/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB881ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on February 20, 2025 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025

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.

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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: Senator Perry, Russet Substitute agreed to
1/28/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 17-N) Senate: Reconsideration of (39-Y 0-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
2/17/2025	House: Reported from Rules (13-Y 5-N)
2/20/2025	House: Public Safety Substitute agreed to House: Passed House with substitute (52-Y 46-N 0-A) Senate: House substitute rejected by Senate (0-Y 39-N) House: House insisted on substitute House: House requested conference committee Senate: Senate acceded to request (37-Y 0-N) House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: McClure, Simon, Ennis Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: Perry, Salim, Mulchi
2/21/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee House: Conference report agreed to by House (51-Y 45-N 0-A) Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (22-Y 18-N)

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SB 886 - Trigger activator; definition does not include semi-automatic replacement trigger, etc., 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 such semi-automatic firearm can achieve when not equipped with a conversion kit, tool, accessory, or device. The bill clarifies that "trigger activator" includes a bump stock, trigger crank, hellfire trigger, binary trigger system, burst trigger system, or a copy thereof, but does not include a semi-automatic replacement trigger, designed for use in competitive shooting, that improves performance and functionality over the stock trigger.

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
2/17/2025	House: Reported from Rules (12-Y 6-N)
2/20/2025	House: Passed House (51-Y 47-N 0-A)

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

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25101316D (1/3/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also HB 2631 (Hayes, Jr.).

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)
2/17/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB891ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on February 20, 2025 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025

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 (i) 90 days before the date of a general election, (ii) 65 days before the date of a primary election, (iii) 70 days before the date of a special election held on the same date as the general election, or (iv) for any special election held at a time other than a general election (a) at least 55 days before the date of the special election or (b) within 10 days of any writ of election or order calling a special election to be held less than 60 days after the issuance of the writ or order.. The bill specifies that any such legal action will be given precedence on the docket and be decided by the court no later than the date on which ballots for that election are made available for absentee voting. The bill also specifies that candidates who are nominated at a primary election cannot be later challenged on the basis of facts that were present prior to the primary election and could have been raised in a challenge to such candidate's eligibility for the primary ballot.

Bill Patron: Scott A. Surovell

25107188A-AH1 (2/14/2025)

County Position: ~~Support with Amendment~~ Support

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

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Date of Action	Action Notes
1/6/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/28/2025	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)
2/14/2025	House: Reported from Privileges and Elections with amendment(s) (20-Y 2-N)
2/19/2025	House: Passed House with amendment (94-Y 2-N 0-A) House: Privileges and Elections Amendment agreed to
2/20/2025	Senate: House Amendment agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)

SB 962 - Va. 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 provisions of the bill do not apply to transportation-related construction projects. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Bill Patron: Jennifer D. Carroll Foy

25105779D-S1 (1/23/2025)

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: General Laws and Technology 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)

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2/12/2025	House: General Laws Substitute agreed to House: Delegate Krizek Amendment Offered agreed House: Passed House with substitute with amendment (50-Y 47-N)
2/14/2025	Senate: House substitute with amendment agreed to by Senate (21-Y 15-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB962ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President

SB 970 - Cannabis control; establishes framework for creating 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 government 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

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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)
2/18/2025	House: Left in Transportation

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

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: 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)

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1/22/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Amendment agreed to
1/23/2025	Senate: Reconsideration of Engrossment agreed to (39-Y 0-N) Senate: Amendment by Senator Ebbin, Adam P. agreed to 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)
2/13/2025	House: Passed House (89-Y 8-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1053ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President

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. This bill is identical to HB 2008.

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)
2/17/2025	House: Passed House (87-Y 9-N)

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2/19/2025 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1093ER)
House: Signed by Speaker

2/22/2025 Senate: Signed by President

SB 1105 - Contraception; establishes right to obtain, 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)
2/14/2025	House: Health and Human Services Substitute agreed to House: Passed House with substitute (54-Y 41-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: House substitute agreed to by Senate (21-Y 19-N)
2/21/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1105ER)

SB 1134 - Firearms; storage in residence where minor or person prohibited from possessing 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

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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)
2/17/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1134ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on February 20, 2025 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025

SB 1181 - Assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices; prohibits sale, transfer, etc.

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

Bill Patron: R. Creigh Deeds

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25100426D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: Board has historically supported. See also 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)
2/14/2025	Senate: House substitute agreed to by Senate (21-Y 15-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1181ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President

SB 1194 - DCJS; establishing training course for law-enforcement officers and agencies regarding arrests.

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

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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

Notes: See also HB 1712 (Watts).

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)
2/13/2025	House: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to House: Passed House with substitute (59-Y 37-N)
2/17/2025	Senate: House substitute rejected by Senate (2-Y 37-N)
2/18/2025	House: House insisted on substitute House: House requested conference committee
2/19/2025	Senate: Senate acceded to request (39-Y 0-N) Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: Deeds, Carroll Foy, Obenshain
2/20/2025	House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: Watts, Hope, Hodges
2/22/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee House: Conference report agreed to by House (58-Y 39-N) Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)

SB 1210 - Va. Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures for buyer to beware.

Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures for buyer to beware; aircraft noise. Requires that the owner of a residential real property include in the residential property disclosure statement provided to a potential purchaser of such residential real property a statement that the owner makes no representations or warranties with respect to the property's proximity to a public use airport nor any noise from aircraft due to the proximity of the property to flight operations, and purchasers are advised to exercise whatever due diligence they deem necessary to determine whether the property is within proximity to a flight path or public use airport aircraft noise zone. The bill also requires the Department of Aviation to establish and provide to the Real Estate Board by July 31, 2025, a website address that allows purchasers to

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access public use airport aircraft noise zone maps, and requires the Real Estate Board to include such website address on the form for signature by the parties stating that the purchaser has been advised of the disclosures listed in the residential property disclosure statement. As introduced, this bill was a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission. This bill is identical to HB 1706.

Bill Patron: Stella G. Pekarsky

25104889D (1/16/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: See also HB 1706 (Bulova).

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)
2/13/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1210ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/16/2025	Senate: Signed by President
2/20/2025	House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on February 20, 2025 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025

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

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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)
2/13/2025	House: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to House: Passed House with substitute (96-Y 0-N)
2/17/2025	Senate: House substitute rejected by Senate (0-Y 39-N)
2/18/2025	House: House insisted on substitute House: House requested conference committee
2/19/2025	Senate: Senate acceded to request (40-Y 0-N) Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: Perry, Salim, McDougle
2/20/2025	House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: Hope, Delaney, Williams
2/21/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee House: Conference report agreed to by House (96-Y 0-N 0-A) Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (40-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. This bill is identical to HB 2534.

Bill Patron: Jeremy S. McPike

25102036D (1/9/2025)

County Position: Support

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Notes: See also HB 2534 (Sewell).

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)
2/14/2025	House: Passed House (96-Y 0-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1304ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President

SB 1319 - Industrial wastewater; publicly owned treatment works.

Self-reporting of PFAS manufacture and use for PFAS assessment; Department of Environmental Quality; industrial wastewater; publicly owned treatment works. Requires every publicly owned treatment works to require certain new or existing industrial users to self-report use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as part of a pretreatment program. The bill requires every publicly owned treatment works receiving such self-report of PFAS from an industrial user to convey the information to the Department of Environmental Quality within 90 days of receipt. The bill amends the defined meaning of "use of PFAS" to exclude use of surface water or groundwater supply from the definition. Currently "use of PFAS" does not include manufacturing equipment that contains PFAS. The bill also directs any industrial user required to self-report use of PFAS to submit such report within 30 days of notification from the publicly owned treatment works of this reporting requirement and requires the publicly owned treatment works to notify relevant industrial users of the requirement to self-report use of PFAS within 90 days of notification from the Department to make such notification. The bill requires the Department to notify publicly owned treatment works of the industrial user self-reporting requirements within 30 days of the bill's effective date. Finally, the bill directs the PFAS Expert Advisory Committee to include in its 2025 annual report recommendations on the development of an inventory of PFAS testing methodologies and control technologies for industrial sources.

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.

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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)
2/17/2025	House: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Amendment agreed to House: Passed House with amendment (69-Y 27-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: House Amendment agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/21/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1319ER)

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

Firearm safety device tax credit; definitions. Redefines an "eligible transaction" for purposes of the firearm safety device tax credit as one in which a taxpayer purchases one or more firearm safety devices from a commercial retailer, as defined in the bill. Current law defines "eligible transaction" as one in which a taxpayer purchases one or more firearm safety devices from a federally licensed dealer. The provisions of the bill apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025. This bill is identical to HB 2595.

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)

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2/13/2025	House: Passed House (96-Y 0-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1389ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President

SB 1450 - Firearm industry members; creates 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. See also 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
2/14/2025	House: Reported from Public Safety with substitute (11-Y 10-N)
2/19/2025	House: Public Safety Substitute agreed to

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House: Passed House with substitute (51-Y 46-N 0-A)

2/20/2025

Senate: House substitute agreed to by Senate (20-Y 19-N)

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) educate and provide support to public defenders and certified court-appointed counsel on expungement and sealing, (b) conduct trainings on expungement and sealing across the Commonwealth, (c) develop a library of resources on expungement and sealing for use by public defenders and court-appointed counsel, and (d) post information regarding expungement and sealing for use by the public on its website; and (iii) the Department of State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles, Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and clerk of any circuit court to provide data and information on sealing upon request of the Virginia State Crime Commission for purposes of monitoring and evaluating the implementation and impact of the sealing processes. The bill also directs (A) the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to collect data related to petitions filed pursuant to relevant law, (B) the Virginia State Crime Commission to analyze data and information collected on automatic and petition sealing and report to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session, and (C) the Virginia State Crime Commission to continue its study on the sealing of criminal records and report its work to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2026 Regular Session. The bill repeals the Sealing Fee Fund and directs any money in such Fund to be reverted to the general fund. The bill contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026, for the provisions related to the sealing of former possession of marijuana offenses without entry of a court order and the sealing of charges and convictions related to automatic sealing and such petitions. Lastly, the bill delays the repeal of the relevant law related to marijuana possession, limits on dissemination of criminal history record information, and prohibited practices by employers, educational institutions, and state and local governments until July 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was 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)

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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)
2/13/2025	House: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to House: Passed House with substitute (97-Y 0-N)
2/17/2025	Senate: House substitute rejected by Senate (0-Y 39-N)
2/18/2025	House: House insisted on substitute House: House requested conference committee
2/19/2025	Senate: Senate acceded to request (40-Y 0-N) Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: Surovell, Lucas, Peake
2/20/2025	House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: Herring, Hope, Gilbert
2/22/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee House: Conference report agreed to by House (97-Y 0-N) Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (28-Y 11-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

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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)
2/13/2025	House: Agreed to by House (55-Y 42-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 2027 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)
1/28/2025	Senate: Rules Amendments agreed to
1/29/2025	Senate: Agreed to by Senate by voice vote
2/5/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Rules
2/17/2025	House: Reported from Rules (18-Y 0-N)
2/20/2025	House: Agreed to by House (97-Y 0-N)
	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SJ259ER)

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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~~ Monitor

Notes: 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)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/11/2025	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)
2/14/2025	Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 15-N)
2/19/2025	House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2002ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/22/2025	Senate: Signed by President

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

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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)
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)
2/14/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 4-N)
2/19/2025	Senate: General Laws and Technology Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N)
2/20/2025	House: Senate substitute agreed to by House (52-Y 46-N 0-A)

HB 2153 - Comprehensive plan; housing development by nonprofit organizations.

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

Bill Patron: Betsy B. Carr

25101682D (1/7/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: See also SB 1178 (Hashmi).

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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)
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)
2/18/2025	Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N) Senate: General Laws and Technology Substitute agreed to
2/19/2025	House: Senate substitute agreed to by House (52-Y 45-N)

HB 2276 - Voter registration; list maintenance activities, cancellation procedures, required record matches.

Voter registration; list maintenance activities; cancellation procedures; required record matches. Requires certain, specified identification information to be included on the lists received by the Department of Elections for list maintenance purposes and requires the Department, upon receiving any such list, to do an initial comparison of the information included on such list with the list of registered voters and determine the confidence score for any match. Matches with a confidence score of at least 80 are transmitted to the appropriate general registrars. The bill prohibits the use of voter data received from another state or jurisdiction or through a list comparison for list maintenance purposes when the data file does not include a unique identifier for each individual whose information is contained in the data file. The bill requires the Department of Elections to annually review all sources of data utilized for list maintenance activities for the purpose of determining the validity, completeness, accuracy, and reliability of the data received from each source, and to include the results of such review in its annual report to the House and Senate Committees on Privileges and Elections regarding its list maintenance activities. The bill prohibits the cancellation within 90 day of any election of any registration identified as belonging to a person no longer residing in the Commonwealth or otherwise no longer entitled to vote by a data match program conducted using lists of registered voters exchanged with other states. The bill requires the general registrars to send notice prior to cancelling a voter's record regardless of the reason for cancellation. Lastly, the bill clarifies that when a voter's registration is canceled, a cancellation record must be created, and that such records are public in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the National Voter Registration Act. The bill includes numerous technical amendments for organizational purposes.

Bill Patron: Marcia S. "Cia" Price
25105975D-H1 (1/30/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Notes: Support a study around best practices for confidence score.

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1/8/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
1/24/2025	House: Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute and referred to Appropriations (13-Y 8-N)
1/25/2025	House: Assigned Approps sub: General Government and Capital Outlay
1/27/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 1-N)
1/29/2025	House: Reported from Appropriations (16-Y 5-N)
2/3/2025	House: Privileges and Elections Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (56-Y 42-N)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
2/11/2025	Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (8-Y 7-N)
2/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (10-Y 4-N)
2/20/2025	Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (20-Y 18-N 1-A) Senate: Reconsideration of Senate passage agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N) Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (20-Y 18-N) House: Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 96-N) Senate: Senate insisted on substitute (38-Y 0-N) Senate: Senate requested conference committee House: House acceded to request House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: Price, Sickles, Bloxom Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: VanValkenburg, Carroll Foy, Salim
2/21/2025	Conference: Amended by conference committee House: Conference report agreed to by House (54-Y 41-N 0-A) Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (22-Y 18-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 a criminal investigation where there is

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a reasonable suspicion that a crime was committed; (ii) as part of an active investigation related to a missing or endangered person, including whether to issue an alert for such person, or a person associated with human trafficking; or (iii) to receive notifications related to a missing or endangered person, a person with an outstanding warrant, a person associated with human trafficking, a stolen vehicle, or a stolen license plate. The bill provides that a law-enforcement agency shall 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 and if so, the specific reason for the notification as set forth in relevant law. Except for certain provisions requiring (i) the Division determine and approve automatic license plate recognition systems for use in the Commonwealth, which shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and (ii) law-enforcement officers to collect data on whether a stop was based on a notification from an automatic license plate recognition system, which shall become effective January 1, 2026, the provisions of the bill become effective in due course. The bill requires the Division, in consultation with the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, to determine such systems for use in the Commonwealth and publicly post a list of such systems by January 1, 2026. As introduced, this bill was 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)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/17/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 3-N 1-A)
	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 3-N)

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2/20/2025

Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to

Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (28-Y 11-N)

House: Senate substitute agreed to by House (71-Y 24-N)

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 government 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

2/14/2025

Senate: Reported from Rules with amendment and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (Voice Vote)

2/17/2025

Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (Voice Vote)

2/20/2025

Senate: Rules Amendment agreed to

Senate: Agreed to by Senate with amendment by voice vote

House: Senate Amendment agreed to by House (50-Y 45-N)

SB 974 - Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent, definition of "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. However, the bill provides that the local planning commission may serve as the designated agent of any locality with a population of 5,000 or less. The bill also expedites the review process by shortening the timeframe for forwarding plats and plans to state agencies for review.

Bill Patron: Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

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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: Passed House with amendments (89-Y 8-N) House: Counties, Cities and Towns Amendments agreed to
2/14/2025	Senate: House Amendments agreed to by Senate (30-Y 5-N)
2/18/2025	Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB974ER) House: Signed by Speaker
2/20/2025	Senate: Signed by President

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 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-S1 (1/23/2025)

County Position: ~~Oppose~~ ~~Unless Amended~~ Monitor

Notes: Bill was amended to remove costly and overly burdensome certificate requirements.

Date of Action	Action Notes
1/7/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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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: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice House: Assigned Courts sub: Civil
2/5/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 1-N)
2/14/2025	House: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment(s) (21-Y 0-N)
2/19/2025	House: Courts of Justice Amendments agreed to House: Passed House with amendments (97-Y 0-N 0-A)
2/20/2025	Senate: House Amendments agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)

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. See also HB 2214 (McQuinn).

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)

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2/12/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 2-N)
2/13/2025	House: Reported from Transportation (18-Y 2-N)
2/20/2025	House: Passed House (53-Y 43-N 0-A)

SB 1449 - Data centers; site assessment for 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 application, or special use permit for the siting of a new high energy use facility (HEUF), as defined in the bill, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine the sound profile of the HEUF on residential units and schools located within 500 feet of the HEUF property boundary. The bill also allows a locality to require that a site assessment examine the effect of the proposed facility on (i) ground and surface water resources, (ii) agricultural resources, (iii) parks, (iv) registered historic sites, and (v) forestland on the HEUF site or immediately contiguous land. The provisions of the bill shall not apply to a site with an existing legislative or administrative approval where an applicant is seeking an expansion or modification of an already existing or approved facility and such expansion does not exceed an additional 100 megawatts or more of electrical power. Finally, the bill provides that its provisions shall not be construed to prohibit, limit, or otherwise supersede existing local zoning authority. This bill is identical to HB 1601.

Bill Patron: Adam P. Ebbin

25106875D-H1 (2/7/2025)

County Position: Monitor

Date of Action

Action Notes

1/17/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government
1/27/2025	Senate: Reported from Local Government with substitute (12-Y 3-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Local Government Substitute agreed to
1/30/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (33-Y 6-N 1-A)
2/3/2025	House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
2/4/2025	House: Assigned CCT sub: Subcommittee #2
2/6/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 3-N)
2/7/2025	House: Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with substitute (14-Y 7-N)
2/12/2025	House: Counties, Cities and Towns Substitute agreed to House: Passed House with substitute (58-Y 39-N)
2/14/2025	Senate: House substitute rejected by Senate (4-Y 31-N 1-A)
2/17/2025	House: House insisted on substitute House: House requested conference committee
2/18/2025	Senate: Senate acceded to request (39-Y 0-N 1-A) Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate

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2/19/2025 Senate: Senators: Ebbin, McPike, Hackworth
House: Conferees appointed by House

2/21/2025 House: Delegates: Thomas, Sewell, Morefield
Conference: Amended by conference committee

2/22/2025 Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (26-Y 13-N 1-A)
House: Conference report agreed to by House (57-Y 40-N)

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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 the bill, such information, as well as information regarding receipts and taxes paid, shall be provided to the Department by the accommodations intermediary on a quarterly basis. However, an accommodations intermediary shall not be required to provide such information to the Department if the intermediary provides monthly reports of property addresses and gross receipts for all accommodations facilitated by the accommodations intermediary to each locality in which an accommodation is located. Such monthly reports are a compliance requirement imposed by law for the payment of transient occupancy taxes. The bill states that the Department shall provide the commissioner of the revenue for each locality with access to the registry and information contained therein. The commissioner of the revenue shall notify an accommodations intermediary of any short-term rental on its platform that is not lawfully authorized to be offered on its platform, and the accommodations intermediary shall remove any such listing from its platform. Under the bill, any accommodations intermediary who does not remove such a listing from its platform shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000, to be paid into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. Finally, the bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

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

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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

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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 1597 - Firearms; secure storage, 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. The bill includes certain exceptions and requires firearms dealers to post a notice stating firearm storage requirements and the penalty for improperly storing such firearms. The bill also creates a Class 4 misdemeanor for any person who fails to report to law enforcement the theft or loss of a firearm from a vehicle and a Class 1 misdemeanor if another person obtains such firearm. Finally, the bill requires the Superintendent of State Police, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Health, to create a public awareness campaign on the importance of the secure storage of firearms by January 1, 2026.

Bill Patron: Michael B. Feggans

25105219D-HC1 (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)
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)
2/17/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute rejected

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	Senate: Finance and Appropriations Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 18-N)
2/18/2025	House: Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 97-N)
2/19/2025	Senate: Senate insisted on substitute (36-Y 3-N)
	Senate: Senate requested conference committee
2/20/2025	House: House acceded to request
	Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate
	Senate: Senators: Marsden, Boysko, Stuart
	House: Conferees appointed by House
	House: Delegates: Feggans, Simon, Taylor
2/22/2025	House: No further action taken
	House: Failed to Pass from conference

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)
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 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

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

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,

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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)

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1/15/2025	House: Reported from Education and referred to Appropriations (11-Y 10-N) House: Assigned Approps sub: Elementary & Secondary Education
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. This bill was incorporated into HB 2533.

Bill Patron: Shelly A. Simonds

25102648D (1/6/2025)

County Position: Oppose Monitor

Notes: 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

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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 the offices of Commonwealth's Attorneys that prosecute misdemeanors. 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 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; report. Requires state-funded add-ons to be provided to support special education students that are calculated by multiplying weights set forth in the general appropriation act by the relevant basic aid per-pupil amount for each such student. The bill establishes the At-Risk Program for the purpose of supporting programs and services for students who are educationally at risk, including prevention, intervention, or remediation activities required pursuant to relevant law, teacher recruitment programs and initiatives, programs for English language learners, the hiring of additional school counselors and other support staff, and other programs relating to increasing the success of disadvantaged students in completing a high school degree and providing opportunities to encourage further education and training. The bill also contains provisions relating to certain funding requirements for the At-Risk Program. The bill requires the Department of Education to develop and implement a data collection process related to English language learner expenditures and student English proficiency levels and identify other options to support English language learners and provide a status report to the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding on its implementation and data collection efforts by September 1, 2025. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or any other relevant stakeholders with expertise in special education as the Department of Education deems appropriate, to develop a plan for revised special education staffing requirements that addresses the staffing needs of each special education program in each school division as determined by the specific educational and behavioral support needs of students who receive special education and aims to improve special education teacher recruitment and retention and to report its findings to the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding by November 1, 2025. The bill is a recommendation of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.

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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: Incorporates HB1831(Simonds) House: Reported from Appropriations with substitute (13-Y 9-N)
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 1964 - Future in Focus 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: 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 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

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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 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 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

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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 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. The bill authorizes any locality without its own law-enforcement agency to, by ordinance, authorize officers of the law-enforcement agency with jurisdiction within such locality to issue a summons and swear to or affirm a certificate for a vehicle speed violation. For any new speed safety camera placed, the bill provides for a warning by mail instead of a summons and no civil penalty for alleged vehicle speed violations within the first 30 days of such camera's operation. The bill makes various other changes to the requirements for the use of speed safety cameras, including changes related to signs indicating the use of such cameras; the use of funds collected from civil penalties; requirements for private vendors; the periodic review of the use of such cameras; the provision of information to the public related to the use and placement of such cameras; the creation of advisory groups; and consultation with certain entities prior to placement and operation of such cameras.

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)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
2/13/2025	Senate: Failed to report from Transportation with substitute (6-Y 9-N)

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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 also directs the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth (CIO) to develop, publish, and maintain policies and procedures concerning the development, procurement, implementation, utilization, and ongoing assessment of systems that employ high-risk artificial intelligence systems that are consistent with the requirements created by the bill. The bill directs the CIO to convene a work group to examine the impact on and the ability of local governments to comply with the requirements of the bill. The substantive requirements of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 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)
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)
2/14/2025	Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)
2/20/2025	Senate: Passed by for the day
2/22/2025	House: No further action taken House: Failed to pass

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

Trespass towing fees; State Corporation Commission to establish; report. Repeals the authority for

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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

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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)

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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 2438 - Solar facilities; local regulation, 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, unless otherwise permitted by right.

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)

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1/29/2025	House: Delegate Mundon King Substitute agreed to
1/30/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (48-Y 46-N)
1/31/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
2/17/2025	Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Commerce and Labor (7-Y 7-N 1-A)

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).

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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 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. The bill contains a reenactment clause.

Bill Patron: David L. Bulova

25104342D (1/9/2025)

County Position: Support with Amendment

Notes: Support with amendment to ensure state child care funding is increased and provided equitably to localities throughout the Commonwealth (the bill currently includes language related to prioritizing child care 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)
2/5/2025	Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
2/10/2025	Senate: Assigned Education sub: Public Education
2/13/2025	Senate: Reported from Education and Health with substitute and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)
2/17/2025	Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations with letter (14-Y 0-N)

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

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: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (5-Y 3-N) House: Reported from Appropriations with amendment(s) (12-Y 9-N)
2/3/2025	House: Appropriations Amendments agreed to
2/4/2025	House: Read third time and passed House (50-Y 48-N)
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)

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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 child care funding is increased and provided equitably to localities throughout the Commonwealth (the bill currently includes language related to prioritizing child care deserts). See also HB 2538 (Bulova).

Date of Action

Action Notes

12/10/2024

Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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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 765 - Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.

Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand the act of voting. Provides that no person shall be deemed disqualified to vote due to lack of capacity for the purposes of Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia unless the court makes a specific finding by clear and convincing evidence that such person lacks the capacity to understand the act of voting. The bill allows any person deemed disqualified to vote due to lack of capacity prior to July 1, 2025, to file a petition for a court to review such determination in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The bill also requires the report of a guardian ad litem in a guardianship or conservatorship to include whether the respondent lacks the capacity to understand the act of voting. As introduced, this bill is a recommendation of the Disability Commission.

Bill Patron: Barbara A. Favola

25104745D (1/27/2025)

County Position: Support

Notes: See also HB 2746 (Tran).

Date of Action	Action Notes
12/16/2024	Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

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1/17/2025	Senate: Rereferred from Rehabilitation and Social Services to Courts of Justice (14-Y 0-N)
1/29/2025	Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (10-Y 2-N 3-A)
2/3/2025	Senate: Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to
2/4/2025	Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N 1-A)
2/7/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/18/2025	House: Left in Courts of Justice

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

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2/11/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (8-Y 0-N)
2/13/2025	House: Reported from Health and Human Services and referred to Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)
2/18/2025	House: Left in Appropriations

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

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

Bill Patron: Barbara A. Favola

25101929D (12/31/2024)

County Position: Support

Notes: See also HB 2120 (Maldonado).

Date of Action	Action Notes
12/31/2024	Senate: Referred to Committee for 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: Reconsideration of Engrossment agreed to (40-Y 0-N)
	Senate: Reconsideration of Courts of Justice Substitute agreed to (40-Y 0-N)
	Senate: Committee substitute rejected
	Senate: Senator Favola, Barbara A. Substitute agreed to
	Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
2/4/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/18/2025	House: Left in Courts of Justice

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.

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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 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)

2/13/2025

House: Reported from Health and Human Services with amendment(s) and referred to Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)

2/18/2025

House: Left in Appropriations

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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 876 - Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public bodies to post agenda on website prior to meetings.

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

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)

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House: Left in General Laws

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. This bill incorporates SB 1256.

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
2/18/2025	House: Left in Rules

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

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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.

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)
2/13/2025	House: Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (14-Y 8-N)
2/18/2025	House: Labor and Commerce Substitute agreed to House: Passed House with substitute (62-Y 34-N 0-A) House: Reconsideration of House passage agreed to by House House: Passed House with substitute (63-Y 34-N)
2/19/2025	Senate: House substitute rejected by Senate (0-Y 40-N)
2/20/2025	House: House insisted on substitute House: House requested conference committee Senate: Senate acceded to request (38-Y 0-N) Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate Senate: Senators: Perry, Deeds, Obenshain House: Conferees appointed by House House: Delegates: Shin, Ward, Kilgore
2/22/2025	Senate: No further action taken Senate: Failed to Pass from conference

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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

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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

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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 - Voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.

Elections; voter identification; identification containing a photograph required. Requires presentation of a

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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: 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

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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

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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)
2/6/2025	House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
2/5/2025	House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal
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)
2/18/2025	House: Left in Appropriations

SB 1114 - Solar facilities; special exceptions for solar photovoltaic projects.

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).

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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 1143 - 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: 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)
2/18/2025	House: Left in Education

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

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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; establishes a public defender office in each judicial circuit.

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 the offices of Commonwealth's Attorneys that prosecute misdemeanors. 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

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

Photo speed monitoring devices; private vendors; calibration; civil penalty. Reduces from 12 months to six months the validity of a calibration or testing of a photo speed monitoring device and requires any state or local law-enforcement agency that places and operates such a device to conduct an additional daily test of the accuracy of the device. The bill also requires any such law-enforcement agency to include in its annual report of certain information to the Department of State Police the operating costs of the use of such device. The bill requires any private vendor that has entered into an agreement with a law-enforcement agency to provide a photo speed monitoring device and is also compensated for the calibration of such device to calibrate such device in the same manner and to the same specifications as all other devices determining speed, to the extent that such devices utilize the same method of speed detection as such photo speed monitoring device, used by such law-enforcement agency. The bill also (i) requires such a private vendor to provide, within 10 days of a request by a person receiving a summons by mail for a vehicle speed violation recorded by a photo speed monitoring device provided by such private vendor, for proof of calibration for such photo speed monitoring device; (ii) requires such a summons to provide notice of such right to request such proof of calibration; and (iii) imposes a civil penalty on any private vendor who fails to provides such proof of calibration within such time.

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: Referred to Committee on Transportation House: Assigned Trans sub: Innovations (Ad Hoc)
2/12/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Courts of Justice(Voice Vote)
2/13/2025	House: Referred from Transportation and referred to Courts of Justice (Voice Vote)
2/18/2025	House: Left in Courts of Justice

SB 1214 - 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.

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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, 2027.

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 substitute (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)
2/18/2025	House: Left in Appropriations

SB 1236 - 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

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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 may include use of 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.

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Bill Patron: Mark D. Obenshain

25102483D (1/8/2025)

County Position: Amend

Notes: Amend to include all localities.

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 1305 - Local taxes; change to zoning ordinances, etc.

Local taxes; zoning; assessments; ordinances. Provides that for purposes of real estate subject to a special tax assessment for land preservation by local ordinance, a change to the zoning ordinance shall only be effective following the later of (i) the approval of the relevant modification in the zoning classification of real estate; (ii) the exhaustion of the challenge or appeal period; (iii) if pending, the final determination of any challenge or appeal made within such period; or (iv) the sale of the subject property. The bill also provides that for purposes of subdivided or rezoned lots, the assessment or reassessment required by law shall only be effective following the later of (a) the approval of a modification in the zoning classification of the subject real estate, an exception to zoning or classification of the subject real estate, or a reclassification of the subject real estate; (b) the exhaustion of the challenge or appeal period for such approvals; (c) if pending, the final determination of any such challenge or appeal made within such period; or (d) the sale of the subject property. Finally, the bill provides that changes to the zoning ordinance refers to such ordinances enacted after December 1, 2023.

Bill Patron: Jeremy S. McPike

25105511D (1/22/2025)

County Position: Oppose Monitor

Notes: Bill was amended to removed portions of the bill that would have stayed all rezoning approvals until litigation was completed.

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: Local Government Substitute agreed to
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
2/14/2025	House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 2-N)
2/18/2025	House: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

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

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 (CSR) 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 CSR 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: See also 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
2/17/2025	House: Tabled in Rules (18-Y 0-N)

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)

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SB 1385 - Emergency management and state health regions, etc.; study of makeup and composition.

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
2/17/2025	House: Tabled in Rules (18-Y 0-N)

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

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

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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)
