



**FAIRFAX COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**

2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Fairfax County Legislative Summary 2020 General Assembly

Board of Supervisors Report Key

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Fairfax County Initiatives

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at Fairfax County's Request***

Bills	General Assembly Actions	Date of BOS Position
<u>SB 651</u> - Boysko (33) Fairfax County; policemen's pension and retirement board.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations 1/28/2020 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (16-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Initiate (20104013D) Summary: Increases from seven to eight the number of members on the policemen's pension and retirement board created in a county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) and increases from two to three the number of members of such board who shall be members of such retirement system and employed by the county police department as sworn police officers and who have been elected by the members of the retirement system who are employed by the police department as sworn police officers.		
<u>SB 652</u> - Boysko (33) Fairfax County; policemen's retirement system.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations 1/28/2020 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (16-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Initiate (20104020D) Summary: Authorizes any person who has been a member of another county retirement system and who withdraws therefrom and becomes a member of the policemen's retirement system established by a county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) to purchase membership service credit for service rendered while a member of such other county retirement system by paying into the policemen's retirement system all contributions that would have been due from the person had the person been a member of the policemen's retirement system for each of the years for which membership service credit is sought. The bill contains technical amendments.		
<u>SB 868</u> - Ebbin (30) Public accommodations, etc.: causes of action, sexual orientation and gender identity.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology 1/29/2020 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute (12-Y 0-N 2-A)	1/28/2020
Initiate (20104737D) Summary: Prohibited discrimination; public accommodations, employment, credit, and housing: causes of action; sexual orientation and gender identity. Creates explicit causes of action for unlawful discrimination in public accommodations and employment in the Virginia Human Rights Act. Currently, under the Act there is no cause of action for discrimination in public accommodations, and the only causes of action for discrimination in employment are for (i) unlawful discharge on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, including lactation, by employers employing more than five but fewer than 15 persons and (ii) unlawful discharge on the basis of age by employers employing more than five but fewer than 20 persons. The bill allows the causes of action to be pursued privately by the aggrieved person or, in certain circumstances, by the Attorney General. The bill prohibits discrimination in public and private employment and credit on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The bill also codifies for state and local government employment the current prohibitions on discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran. Additionally, the bill prohibits discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a veteran and adds discrimination on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, marital status, or status as a veteran as an unlawful housing practice. The bill makes technical amendments.		

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(Oppose or Amend)

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HB 151 - Samirah (86) Accessory dwelling units; development and use.	12/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 1-N)	1/28/2020
Oppose (20104473D) Summary: Development and use of accessory dwelling units. Provides that all localities shall allow for the development and use of one accessory dwelling unit (ADU) per single-family dwelling (SFD), notwithstanding any contrary provision of a zoning ordinance. The bill defines "accessory dwelling unit" or "ADU" as an independent dwelling unit on a single-family lot with its own living, bathroom, and kitchen space that may be within or attached to SFDs or in detached structures on lots containing SFDs. ADUs may include basements, attics, flats, guest houses, cottages, and converted structures such as garages and sheds. The bill requires localities to regulate the size and design of ADUs through an approval process, as well as regulate fees, parking, and other requirements, provided that the regulations (i) are not so arbitrary, excessive, or burdensome, individually or cumulatively, as to unreasonably restrict the ability of property owners to utilize or create ADUs and (ii) do not require the property owner to occupy the ADU or SFD as his primary residence.		
HB 152 - Samirah (86) Single-family residential use; middle housing allowed on lots zoned for units.	12/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Oppose (20104474D) Summary: Middle housing allowed on lots zoned for single-family use. Requires all localities to allow development or redevelopment of "middle housing" residential units upon each lot zoned for single-family residential use. Middle housing is defined as two-family residential units, including duplexes, townhouses, cottages, and any similar structure. Such structures shall not require a special use permit or be subjected to any other local requirements beyond those imposed upon other authorized residential uses. Localities may regulate the siting, design, and environmental standards of middle housing residential units, including setback requirements, provided that the regulations do not, individually or cumulatively, discourage the development of all two-family housing types permitted through unreasonable costs or delay.		
HB 302 - McNamara (8) Litter tax; repeals annual tax.	12/31/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/15/2020 House: Referred from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote 1/15/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	1/28/2020
Oppose (20101216D) Summary: Litter tax. Repeals the annual litter tax. The bill does not affect any litter tax levied prior to July 1, 2020.		
HB 364 - Cole (88) Statewide prioritization process; project selection.	1/2/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation	1/28/2020

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Oppose (20103873D) - See also HB 620 (Cole, J.). Summary: Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board, when evaluating projects under the statewide prioritization process known as SMART SCALE, to evaluate (i) congestion mitigation on the basis of total traffic volumes, not just traffic volumes during weekdays, and (ii) accessibility on the basis of the area of influence of a project for a radius of 55 miles.		
HB 508 - Willett (73) Animal care; cruelty, dangerous dogs.	1/4/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/29/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket (8-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Oppose (20103962D) Summary: Animal care; cruelty; dangerous dogs. Extensively reorganizes, clarifies, and makes substantive changes to provisions related to dangerous dogs. Substantive changes include (i) requiring a law-enforcement officer or animal control officer who has reason to believe that a dog within his jurisdiction is a dangerous dog to apply for a district court summons, a requirement that is discretionary under current law; (ii) a prohibition on disposing of a dog prior to a dangerous dog adjudication; (iii) additional requirements for owners during and after a dangerous dog adjudication, including notice upon transfer, signage, fencing, muzzling, and registration; (iv) court discretion on prohibiting ownership of or residence with a dog following a dangerous dog adjudication; and (v) additional recordkeeping for officers in certain situations.		
HB 619 - Cole (28) Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; allocation to Fredericksburg Regional Transit.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation	1/28/2020
Oppose (20101564D) Summary: Requires that a minimum of \$1 million annually be allocated to Fredericksburg Regional Transit from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. The funding is contingent on localities served by Fredericksburg Regional Transit continuing to support Fredericksburg Regional Transit by at least the amount of funding provided in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.		
HB 620 - Cole (28) Statewide prioritization process; project selection.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB364-Cole, M.L.) by voice vote	1/28/2020
Oppose (20103914D) - See also HB 364 (Cole, M.). Summary: Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board, when evaluating projects under the statewide prioritization process known as SMART SCALE, to evaluate (i) congestion mitigation on the basis of total traffic volumes, not just traffic volumes during weekdays, and (ii) accessibility on the basis of the area of influence of a project for a radius of 55 miles.		
HB 636 - LaRock (33) Town residents; provision of county services.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	1/28/2020
Oppose (20100847D)		

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Summary: Provision of county services to town residents. Requires a county to provide the same and equal services to residents of incorporated towns within the county as are provided to other residents of the county. However, if the local governing body of a town adopts a resolution that provides that the town shall provide a specific service and sends a copy of the resolution to the local governing body of the county, a county shall not be required to provide that service to town residents.		
HB 657 - Heretick (79) Comprehensive plan; solar facilities review.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/15/2020 House: Referred from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote 1/15/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce	1/28/2020
Oppose (20102662D) - See also SB 893 (Marsden). Summary: Exempts a solar facility that is 150 megawatts or less from the requirement that it be reviewed for substantial accord with a locality's comprehensive plan.		
HB 662 - Mullin (93) Local grievance procedure; incorporates certain provisions.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	1/28/2020
Oppose (20101301D) Summary: Local grievance procedure. Incorporates into the local grievance procedure certain provisions in the state grievance procedure related to appeal of final decisions to the circuit court.		
HB 677 - LaRock (33) Interstate 66; reverse tolling, toll revenue on Interstate 66 and Interstate 395.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (10-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Oppose (20102275D) Summary: Reverse tolling on Interstate 66; toll revenue on Interstate 66 and Interstate 395. Requires the Department of Transportation, upon completion of the Interstate 66 widening project, to activate reverse tolling on Interstate 66. The bill requires all such tolls and all toll revenue collected on Interstate 66 inside the beltway and the high-occupancy toll lanes on Interstate 395 to be directed to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.		
HB 679 - LaRock (33) Real and personal property tax exemptions; repeals exemptions.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 1/27/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (10-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Oppose (20102616D) Summary: Real and personal property tax exemptions. Repeals the property tax exemptions for all nonprofit entities that were granted by the General Assembly by designation, effective July 1, 2025. Any locality may grant property tax exemptions to any such organizations to become effective on or after that date.		

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<u>HB 869</u> - Bourne (71) Public defender; supplementing compensation.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	1/28/2020
Oppose (20100539D) - Funding court personnel is a critical state responsibility. Summary: Supplementing compensation of public defender. Requires the governing body of any county or city that elects to supplement the compensation of the attorney for the Commonwealth, or any of their deputies or employees, above the salary of any such officer, deputy, or employee, to supplement the compensation of the public defender, or any of his deputies or employees, in the same amount as the supplement to the compensation of the attorney for the Commonwealth, or any of his deputies or employees.		
<u>HB 948</u> - Webert (18) License taxes; prohibition on rate increases, prohibition on new taxes.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 1/20/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (8-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Oppose (20104260D) Summary: License taxes; prohibition on rate increases; prohibition on new taxes. Provides that any locality that levies license taxes shall be prohibited from increasing the rate of those taxes above the rate imposed as of January 1, 2020. The bill also prohibits any locality that does not levy license taxes from levying such a tax in the future.		
<u>HB 1147</u> - Keam (35) Epinephrine; required in certain public places.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 1/22/2020 House: Referred from Courts of Justice by voice vote 1/22/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 1/29/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment (5-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Oppose (20103677D) Summary: Epinephrine required in certain public places. Requires public places to make epinephrine available for administration. The bill allows employees of such public places who are authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine to possess and administer epinephrine to a person present in such public place believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction. The bill also provides that an employee of such public place who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who administers or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a person present in the public place believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.		
<u>HB 1170</u> - Poindexter (9) Regional electric utility programs; participation by Commonwealth.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	1/28/2020
Oppose (20103356D)		

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<p>Summary: Regional electric utility or transportation sector emissions programs; participation by Commonwealth. Prohibits the Governor or any state agency or political subdivision from adopting any regulation, rule, or guidance document that establishes or authorizes the Commonwealth to join or participate in a regional program addressing emissions from the electric utility sector or transportation sector unless the program requires that all of the proceeds from the sale of emissions allowances be returned to customers in the Commonwealth.</p>		
<p><u>HB 1174</u> - Lopez (49) Public schools; possession of undesignated stock albuterol inhalers, administration.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Education 1/27/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 0-N) 1/29/2020 House: Reported from Education with substitute (22-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Oppose (20103635D) Summary: Public schools; possession of undesignated stock albuterol inhalers; administration by certain individuals. Requires each local school board to adopt and implement policies for the possession and administration of undesignated stock albuterol inhalers in every school in the local school division, to be administered by any school nurse, employee of the school board, employee of a local governing body, or employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of albuterol inhalers for any student believed in good faith to be in need of such medication. The bill limits the liability of (i) any such individual who provides, administers, or assists in the administration of an albuterol inhaler for a student believed in good faith to be in need of such medication and (ii) the prescriber of such medication.</p>		
<p><u>HB 1204</u> - Tran (42) Fall cankerworm; spraying prohibited except through opt-in program.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Oppose (20103495D) Summary: Prohibits localities from spraying pesticides intended to suppress an infestation of the fall cankerworm on any property unless the owner of the property requests such spraying through an opt-in program operated by the locality.</p>		
<p><u>HB 1214</u> - Simonds (94) Family day homes; licensure threshold.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Education 1/15/2020 House: Referred from Education by voice vote 1/15/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Amend (20102193D) - Amend to allow Fairfax County to maintain its current local permitting program. See also SB 117 (Favola). Summary: Reduces from five to three the number of children for whom a family day home must obtain a license to provide child care services.</p>		

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HB 1293 - Helmer (40) Shirley Gate Road; extension in Fairfax County, funding.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 4-N) 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations 1/28/2020 House: Stricken from docket by Transportation (22-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Oppose (20101490D) Summary: Extension of Shirley Gate Road; funding. Prohibits the use of state funds for the extension of Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax County until the intersection at Popes Head Road and Fairfax County Parkway has been redesigned and the traffic light removed.		
HB 1308 - Walker (23) Stormwater management; grandfathered land-disturbing activities.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	1/28/2020
Oppose (20104024D) - Board has historically opposed. Summary: Authorizes any land-disturbing activity that was eligible to take place pursuant to technical criteria that were adopted by the State Water Control Board prior to July 1, 2014, to be governed by such criteria until July 1, 2024. Current regulations grandfathered such activities until July 1, 2019.		
HB 1351 - Watts (39) Temporary detention; expands category of individuals who may evaluate a person.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	1/28/2020
Oppose (20103049D) Summary: Temporary detention; evaluation; who may perform. Expands the category of individuals who may evaluate a person who is the subject of an emergency custody order to determine whether the person meets the criteria for temporary detention to include any person described in the definition of "mental health professional" in § 54.1-2400.1 who (i) is skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, (ii) has completed a certification program approved by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and (iii) complies with regulations of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services related to performance of such evaluations.		
HB 1389 - LaRock (33) Transportation funds; use of funds for projects.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket (8-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Oppose (20104309D) Summary: Use of transportation funds in the Commonwealth. Requires affirmative authorization by the General Assembly in an appropriation act for any funds in the Commonwealth, including local and regional funds and toll revenues, to be used for a transportation project physically located outside of the Commonwealth.		

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HB 1391 - Leftwich (78) Deeds of trust; fiduciary duties.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 1/29/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 1-N)	1/28/2020
Oppose (20102582D) - See also SB 253 (Chafin). <u>Staff Recommendation: Support. Bill has been amended to include language that would protect the County's affordable dwelling unit program.</u> Summary: Specifies that a trustee under a deed of trust has only the duties, rights, and obligations imposed and conferred on it by the deed of trust or by statute. This bill is in response to Crosby v. ALG Trustee, LLC, 296 Va. 561 (2018).		
HB 1699 - Aird (63) Temporary detention; DBHDS to study who may evaluate.	1/17/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Rules	1/28/2020
Amend (20106028D) - Amend to include input from local CSB practitioners and analysis of processes used in other states. See also SB 768 (Barker). Summary: DBHDS; work group to study expanding the category of individuals who may conduct evaluations for temporary detention; report.		
HJ 57 - Subramanyam (87) Route 50; Department of Transportation to study traffic congestion.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Rules	1/21/2020
Amend (20103600D) - Amend to provide local input and include transit in study. Summary: Study; Department of Transportation; U.S. Route 50; report. Requests that the Department of Transportation study traffic congestion on that portion of U.S. Route 50 between the intersections of Interstate 66 in Fairfax County and U.S. Route 15 in Loudoun County and the feasibility of implementing improvements to such portion of the highway.		
SB 151 - Stuart (28) School personnel; staffing ratios, school nurses.	12/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health	1/28/2020
Oppose (20101419D) - Potential fiscal impact to Fairfax County is \$16.3 million to achieve the goal of one full-time equivalent nurse in every school, and \$22.6 million to achieve the goal of one full-time equivalent nurse per 550 students, based on the current staffing model. Summary: School personnel; staffing ratios; school nurses. Excludes school nurse positions from requirements for student support positions and instead requires each local school board to employ at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position in each elementary school, middle school, and high school in the local school division or at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position per 550 students in grades kindergarten through 12.		
SB 253 - Chafin (38) Deeds of trust; fiduciary duties.	1/2/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/29/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary with substitute (8-Y 5-N 1-A)	1/28/2020

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<p>Oppose (20102906D) - See also HB 1391 (Leftwich). <u>Staff Recommendation: Support. Bill has been amended to include language that would protect the County's affordable dwelling unit program.</u></p> <p>Summary: Specifies that a trustee under a deed of trust has only the duties, rights, and obligations imposed and conferred on it by the deed of trust or by statute. This bill is in response to Crosby v. ALG Trustee, LLC, 296 Va. 561 (2018).</p>		
<p><u>SB 485</u> - DeSteph (8) Eminent domain; remnants and remainders.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/29/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary with substitute (15-Y 0-N) 1/29/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Oppose (20104245D)</p> <p>Summary: Repeals the provision of the Code of Virginia declaring that the acquisition of residual parcels when acquiring land for highway rights-of-way is in the public interest and is a public use. The bill provides a property owner with the ability to decide whether acquisition would create an uneconomic remnant or whether the damage to the remainder of a piece of acquired property would equal or exceed the fair market value of the remaining land.</p>		
<p><u>SB 589</u> - Hanger, Jr. (24) Zoning administrators; notice of decisions and determinations.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/27/2020 Senate: Reported from Local Government with substitute (15-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Oppose (20100255D) <u>Staff Recommendation: Monitor. Bill has been amended to narrow its application and address the County's concerns.</u></p> <p>Summary: Requires zoning administrators to provide notice of all decisions and determinations to the agents or occupants of property abutting or across the road from the affected property.</p>		
<p><u>SB 638</u> - Surovell (36) Affordable housing; location near Metrorail station.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/27/2020 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Local Government with letter (15-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Oppose (20101041D)</p> <p>Summary: Affordable housing near Metrorail station. Provides that in any locality with an existing or planned Metrorail station, such locality shall require that at least 10 percent of new residential dwelling units in any building that is at least six stories in height be affordable dwelling units, defined in the bill, if the proposed project is within one-half mile of an existing or planned Metrorail station.</p>		
<p><u>SB 768</u> - Barker (39) Temporary detention; DBHDS to study who may evaluate.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Amend (20103578D) - Amend to include input from local CSB practitioners and analysis of processes used in other states. See also HB 1699 (Aird).</p> <p>Summary: DBHDS; work group to study expanding the category of individuals who may conduct evaluations</p>		

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<p>for temporary detention; report. Directs the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish a work group to (i) review the current process for conducting evaluations of persons who are subject to emergency custody orders to determine whether they meet the criteria for temporary detention, including any challenges or barriers to timely completion of such evaluations and factors giving rise to delays in completion of such evaluations, and (ii) develop a comprehensive plan to expand the categories of individuals who may conduct evaluations of persons who are subject to emergency custody orders to determine whether they meet the criteria for temporary detention in order to expedite the evaluation process. The work group shall report its findings and conclusions and the comprehensive plan to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions, Senate Committee on Education and Health, and Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century by December 1, 2020.</p>		
<p>SB 893 - Marsden (37) Comprehensive plan; solar facilities review.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Oppose (20102707D) - See also HB 657 (Heretick). Summary: Exempts a solar facility that is 150 megawatts or less from the requirement that it be reviewed for substantial accord with a locality's comprehensive plan.</p>		
<p>SB 977 - Suetterlein (19) Local governing body meetings; public comment.</p>	<p>1/15/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/20/2020 Senate: Reported from Local Government (15-Y 0-N) 1/23/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Oppose (20105104D) Summary: Requires a governing body to provide members of the general public with the opportunity for public comment during at least half of the regular meetings held each fiscal year.</p>		

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<u>HB 1</u> - Herring (46) Absentee voting; no excuse required.	11/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections (HPE) 1/24/2020 House: Incorporates HB 25 (Lindsey) 1/24/2020 House: Incorporates HB 208 (Murphy) 1/24/2020 House: Incorporates HB 209 (Murphy) 1/21/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (4-Y 2-N) 1/24/2020 House: Reported from HPE with substitute (14-Y 8-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20101095D) - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure bill can be successfully implemented. See also HB 25 (Lindsey) and HB 209 (Murphy).</p> <p>Summary: Permits any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he is qualified to vote. The bill removes the current list of statutory reasons under which a person may be entitled to vote by absentee ballot and removes references to those reasons from other sections of the Code.</p>		
<u>HB 2</u> - Plum (36) Firearm transfers; criminal history record information checks, penalty.	11/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety 1/24/2020 House: Incorporates HB 355 (Kory) 1/24/2020 House: Reported from Public Safety with substitute (13-Y 9-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20101194D)</p> <p>Summary: Firearm transfers; criminal history record information checks; penalty. Requires a background check for any firearm transfer and directs the Department of State Police (the Department) to establish a process for transferors to obtain such a check from licensed firearms dealers. A transferor who sells a firearm to another person without obtaining the required background check is guilty of a Class 6 felony. The bill also provides that a transferee who receives a firearm from another person without obtaining the required background check is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill exempts transfers (i) between immediate family members; (ii) that occur by operation of law; (iii) by the executor or administrator of an estate or by the trustee of a testamentary trust; (iv) at firearms shows in accordance with law; (v) that are part of a buy-back or give-back program; (vi) of antique firearms; (vii) that occur at a shooting range, shooting gallery, or any other area designed for the purpose of target shooting, for use during target practice, a firearms safety or training course or class, a shooting competition, or any similar lawful activity; or (viii) that are temporary transfers that (a) occur within the continuous presence of the owner of the firearm or (b) are necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm. The bill removes the provision that makes background checks of prospective purchasers or transferees at firearms shows voluntary. The bill also provides that the Department shall have three business days to complete a criminal history record information check before a firearm may be transferred. The bill establishes an appropriation for the fiscal impact of the bill and authorizes the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget to allocate such appropriation among the agencies and programs impacted by the bill.</p>		
<u>HB 3</u> - McQuinn (70) Va. Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices, sexual orientation and gender, etc.	11/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 1663-Sickles) by voice vote 1/28/2020 House: Incorporated by General Laws (HB 1663-Sickles) by voice vote	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20100744D) - Board has historically supported.</p> <p>Summary: Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices; sexual orientation and gender identity. Adds discrimination on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as an unlawful housing practice. The bill defines "sexual orientation" and "gender identity."</p>		

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HB 6 - Bourne (71) Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices.	11/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws	1/28/2020
Support (20100177D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Adds discrimination on the basis of a person's source of income to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices. The bill defines "source of income" as any source that lawfully provides funds to or on behalf of a renter or buyer of housing, including any assistance, benefit, or subsidy program, whether such program is administered by a governmental or nongovernmental entity.		
HB 16 - Krizek (44) Safety belt system; all occupants of motor vehicles to utilize.	11/19/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/27/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 1414-Filler-Corn) by voice vote	1/28/2020
Support (20100628D) Summary: Safety belt system use in motor vehicles. Requires all occupants of motor vehicles to utilize a safety belt system. Current law requires the use of safety belts only by (i) occupants under the age of 18, (ii) drivers, and (iii) passengers 18 years of age or older occupying the front seat. The bill changes a violation of safety belt system requirements by a person occupying a front seat from a secondary offense to a primary offense.		
HB 17 - Foy (2) Driver's license; suspension for nonpayment of fines or costs.	11/19/2019 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 1/29/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 1196-Lopez) by voice vote	1/28/2020
Support (20101115D) - Board has historically supported concept of alternatives to driver's license suspension to address non-payment of court fines and costs. Summary: Suspension of driver's license for nonpayment of fines or costs. Repeals the requirement that the driver's license of a person convicted of any violation of the law who fails or refuses to provide for immediate payment of fines or costs be suspended. The bill also removes a provision allowing the court to require a defendant to present a summary prepared by the Department of Motor Vehicles of the other courts in which the defendant also owes fines and costs. The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to return or reinstate any person's driver's license that was suspended prior to July 1, 2020, solely for nonpayment of fines or costs. Such person does not have to pay a reinstatement fee.		
HB 20 - Lindsey (90) Va. Alternative Energy & Coastal Protection Act; DEQ to implement final carbon trading regulation.	11/19/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/22/2020 House: Referred from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote 1/22/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce	1/28/2020

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<p>Support (20100461D)</p> <p>Summary: Virginia Alternative Energy and Coastal Protection Act. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to implement the final carbon trading regulation as approved by the State Air Pollution Control Board in order to establish a carbon dioxide cap and trade program that limits and reduces the total carbon dioxide emissions released by electric generation facilities and that complies with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative model rule. The measure authorizes the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to establish, implement, and manage an auction program to sell allowances into a market-based trading program. The measure requires revenues from the sale of carbon allowances, to the extent permitted by Article X, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, to be deposited in an interest-bearing account and to be distributed without further appropriation (i) to assist counties, cities, towns, residents, and businesses affected by recurrent flooding, sea-level rise, and flooding from severe weather events; (ii) to support energy efficiency programs; (iii) to support renewable energy programs; (iv) to provide economic development, education, and workforce training programs for families and businesses in Southwest Virginia for the purpose of revitalizing communities negatively affected by the decline of fossil fuel production; (v) to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund to fund the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program and (vi) for administrative expenses. The measure states that development of new utility-owned and utility-operated generating facilities utilizing energy derived from sunlight, or from onshore or offshore wind, to achieve the reduction in carbon dioxide emissions is in the public interest and directs Dominion Virginia Power and Appalachian Power to achieve a minimum of 50 percent of the reduction in carbon dioxide emissions through the development of such utility-owned and utility-operated generating facilities utilizing energy derived from sunlight, or from onshore or offshore wind. The measure provides that any retail customer that purchases electric energy from a supplier other than the incumbent electric utility serving the exclusive service territory in which such retail customer is located shall pay a non-bypassable surcharge. The measure also requires the Department to establish an allowance set-aside for any electric generation facility subject to a cap and trade program that operates according to a long-term contract as of January 1, 2020, that prohibits the recovery of allowance costs.</p>		
<p><u>HB 22</u> - Lindsey (90) Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund; grant program.</p>	<p>11/19/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20100479D) - See also HB 382 (Convirs-Fowler).</p> <p>Summary: Changes the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund (the Fund) from a lending program to a grant program. The bill directs the Fund to grant money to localities to enable them to offer cost-sharing programs to help residents and businesses that are subject to recurrent flooding.</p>		
<p><u>HB 57</u> - Fowler, Jr. (55) Elections; date of June primary election.</p>	<p>12/2/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/22/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 1-N) 1/24/2020 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (19-Y 2-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20101716D) - Board has historically supported. See also SB 316 (Kiggans).</p> <p>Summary: Changes the date of the primary election held in June from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday in June. The bill also changes candidate filing deadlines to reflect the change of date.</p>		

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<u>HB 93</u> - Kory (38) Flavored tobacco products; sale or distribution prohibited, civil penalty.	12/11/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	1/28/2020
Support (20100213D) - Support efforts to reduce smoking and vaping while ensuring cultural traditions can legally continue. Summary: Sale or distribution of flavored tobacco products prohibited; civil penalty. Prohibits the sale or distribution of flavored tobacco products, defined in the bill, and creates a civil penalty of \$1,000 for a first offense and \$5,000 for a second or subsequent offense.		
<u>HB 173</u> - Krizek (44) Waterfowl blinds; blinds in locality where certain hunting prohibited.	12/26/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (HAG) 1/20/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 3-N) 1/22/2020 House: Reported from HAG with substitute (13-Y 9-N) 1/28/2020 House: Read third time and passed House (60-Y 36-N 1-A)	1/28/2020 [1/17/2020]
Support (20100497D) Summary: Waterfowl blinds in locality where certain hunting prohibited. Directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries not to license any stationary waterfowl blind in any area in which a local governing body prohibits by ordinance the hunting of birds with a firearm.		
<u>HB 217</u> - Convirs-Fowler (21) Va. Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices, sexual orientation and gender, etc.	12/27/2019 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 1663-Sickles) by voice vote 1/28/2020 House: Incorporated by General Laws (HB 1663-Sickles) by voice vote	1/28/2020
Support (20101469D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices; sexual orientation and gender identity. Adds discrimination on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as an unlawful housing practice. The bill defines "sexual orientation" and "gender identity."		
<u>HB 221</u> - Mugler (91) Tree conservation ordinance; Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act locality, designated trees.	12/27/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	1/28/2020
Support (20102313D) - See also SB 184 (Locke). Summary: Tree conservation ordinance; Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act locality; designated trees. Adds "Chesapeake Bay watershed tree," as defined in the bill, to the types of tree that a locality with a tree conservation ordinance is authorized to designate individually for preservation. Current law allows individual designation of heritage, memorial, specimen, and street trees. The bill contains technical amendments.		

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<u>HB 275</u> - Sullivan, Jr. (48) Judges; increases maximum number in judicial district.	12/30/2019 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 1/15/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 1-N) 1/22/2020 House: Reported from Courts of Justice (20-Y 2-N) 1/28/2020 House: Read third time and passed House (87-Y 11-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20103853D) - Board has historically supported. See also SB 209 (Petersen). Summary: Maximum number of judges in each judicial district. Increases from 11 to 12 the maximum number of authorized general district court judgeships in the nineteenth judicial district. The Committee on District Courts recommended the additional judgeship in 2018.		
<u>HB 311</u> - Gooditis (10) Unmanned aerial systems; local regulation.	12/31/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation 1/22/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 742-Bulova) by voice vote	1/28/2020
Support (20101775D) - Support concept of providing authority for political subdivisions to adopt restrictions regarding takeoff and landing of unmanned aerial systems on their property. Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure language of bill accomplishes this goal. See also HB 742 (Bulova). Summary: Local regulation of unmanned aerial systems. Authorizes a political subdivision to adopt time, place, or manner restrictions regarding the takeoff or landing of unmanned aerial systems on property owned by the political subdivision.		
<u>HB 357</u> - Lopez (49) Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices.	1/1/2020 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws	1/28/2020
Support (20101644D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Adds discrimination on the basis of a person's source of income to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices. The bill defines "source of income" as any source that lawfully provides funds to or on behalf of a renter or buyer of housing, including any assistance, benefit, or subsidy program, whether such program is administered by a governmental or nongovernmental entity.		
<u>HB 358</u> - Lopez (49) Project labor agreements; public procurement.	1/1/2020 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (4-Y 3-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20101674D) Summary: 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.		

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<u>HB 378</u> - Rasoul (11) Comprehensive harm reduction programs; public health emergency, repeal sunset provision.	1/2/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (HHWI) 1/21/2020 House: Reported from HHWI (22-Y 0-N) 1/27/2020 House: Read third time and passed House (95-Y 3-N) 1/28/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health	1/28/2020
Support (20102454D) - See also SB 864 (Pillion). Summary: Comprehensive harm reduction programs; public health emergency; repeal sunset. Repeals the sunset on the program established in 2017 that allows the Commissioner of Health to establish and operate local or regional comprehensive harm reduction programs during a declared public health emergency that include a provision for the distribution of sterile hypodermic needles and syringes and the disposal of used hypodermic needles and syringes.		
<u>HB 382</u> - Convirs-Fowler (21) Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund; grant program.	1/2/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/27/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket (8-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20101699D) - See also HB 22 (Lindsey). Summary: Changes the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund (the Fund) from a lending program to a grant program. The bill directs the Fund to grant money to localities to enable them to offer cost-sharing programs to help residents and businesses that are subject to recurrent flooding.		
<u>HB 421</u> - Price (95) Firearms, ammunition, etc.; control by localities by governing possession, etc., within locality.	1/3/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety 1/24/2020 House: Reported from Public Safety (13-Y 9-N) 1/30/2020 House: Read third time and passed House (50-Y 48-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20100939D) Summary: Control of firearms by localities. Grants localities authority to adopt or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or motion governing the possession, carrying, storage, or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof in the locality. Various provisions limiting such authority are repealed. Provisions limiting the authority of localities and state governmental entities to bring lawsuits against certain firearms manufacturers and others are also repealed.		
<u>HB 438</u> - Heretick (79) Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder, law-enforcement officers and firefighters.	1/3/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (6-Y 2-N) 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations	1/28/2020
Support (20102221D) Summary: Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder; law-enforcement officers and firefighters. Provides that post-traumatic stress disorder incurred by a law-enforcement officer or firefighter is compensable		

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<p>under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act if a mental health professional examines a law-enforcement officer or firefighter and diagnoses the individual as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of the individual's undergoing a qualifying event, which includes an event occurring in the line of duty on or after July 1, 2020, in which a law-enforcement officer or firefighter views a deceased minor, witnesses the death of a person or an incident involving the death of a person, witnesses an injury to a person who subsequently dies, has physical contact with and treats an injured person who subsequently dies, transports an injured person who subsequently dies, or witnesses a traumatic physical injury that results in the loss of a vital body part or a vital body function that results in permanent disfigurement of the victim. Other conditions for compensability include (i) if the post-traumatic stress disorder resulted from the law-enforcement officer or firefighter acting in the line of duty and, in the case of a firefighter, such firefighter complied with certain federal Occupational Safety and Health Act standards; (ii) if the law-enforcement officer's or firefighter's undergoing a qualifying event was a substantial factor in causing his post-traumatic stress disorder; (iii) if such qualifying event, and not another event or source of stress, was the primary cause of the post-traumatic stress disorder; and (iv) if the post-traumatic stress disorder did not result from any disciplinary action, work evaluation, job transfer, layoff, demotion, promotion, termination, retirement, or similar action of the officer or firefighter. The measure establishes procedural requirements on employers that contest a claim for such benefits. The measure also establishes requirements for resilience and self-care technique training.</p>		
<p><u>HB 534</u> - Carr (69) Disposable plastic bag; local tax.</p>	<p>1/5/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 1/29/2020 House: Referred from Finance by voice vote 1/29/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20101570D) - Support effort to reduce waste from plastic bags, but revenue generated should be directed to localities as they are responsible for solid waste management.</p> <p>Summary: Local disposable plastic bag tax. Authorizes any locality to impose a tax of five cents per bag on disposable plastic bags provided to consumers by certain retailers, with certain bags being exempt from the tax. Revenues from the local tax would be collected by the Tax Commissioner and distributed monthly to the locality imposing the tax to be used by such locality for the mitigation of pollution and litter. The bill requires each locality imposing the tax by ordinance to provide a certified copy of the ordinance to the Tax Commissioner at least six months prior to the date the tax is to become effective. The bill also allows every retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of the five-cent tax.</p>		
<p><u>HB 566</u> - Guzman (31) Food stamps and TANF; eligibility, drug-related felonies.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (6-Y 0-N) 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations 1/28/2020 House: Incorporates HB 786 (Bagby) 1/28/2020 House: Incorporates HB 1130 (Lopez) 1/28/2020 House: Incorporates HB 391 (Scott) 1/28/2020 House: Incorporates HB 814 (Ward) 1/28/2020 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute (18-Y 3-N) 1/28/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>

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<p>Support (20105131D) - Board has historically supported. See also SB 124 (Locke). Summary: Eligibility for food stamps and TANF; drug-related felonies. Provides that a person who is otherwise eligible to receive food stamp benefits shall not be denied such assistance solely because he has been convicted of a drug-related felony. Under current law, such individuals may not be denied food stamp benefits based on a felony conviction of possession of a controlled substance in violation of § 18.2-250, provided that such person is complying with, or has already complied with, all obligations imposed by the criminal court, is actively engaged in or has completed a substance abuse treatment program, participates in periodic drug screenings, and meets any other obligations as determined by the Department of Social Services. The bill also provides that a person who is otherwise eligible to receive TANF benefits shall not be denied such assistance solely because he has been convicted of a felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in violation of § 18.2-250.</p>		
<p>HB 572 - Keam (35) Distributed renewable energy; promotes the establishment thereof.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/15/2020 House: Referred from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote 1/15/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20101906D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Distributed renewable energy. Promotes the establishment of distributed renewable solar and other renewable energy. The measure (i) removes the one percent cap on the total amount of renewable energy that can be net metered in a utility's service territory, (ii) authorizes third-party power purchase agreements for all customer classes throughout the Commonwealth, (iii) allows local governments and certain other public bodies to install solar or wind facilities of up to five megawatts on government-owned property and use the electricity for government-owned buildings, (iv) allows all net metering customers to attribute output from a single solar array to multiple meters, (v) allows the owner of a multi-family residential building or the common areas of a condominium to install a renewable energy generation facility and sell the electricity to tenants or condominium unit owners, (vi) removes the restriction on customers installing a net-metered generation facility larger than that required to meet their previous 12 months' demand, (vii) raises the cap for net-metered nonresidential generation facilities from one megawatt to three megawatts, and (viii) removes the ability of utilities to assess standby charges. The measure also amends the Commonwealth Energy Policy to include provisions supporting distributed generation of renewable energy.</p>		
<p>HB 590 - Guzman (31) Eligible housing areas; tax credit for participating landlords, expands definition.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance (HFIN) 1/15/2020 House: Incorporates HB 1014 (Herring) 1/15/2020 House: Reported from HFIN with substitute (14-Y 7-N) 1/21/2020 House: Read third time and passed House (63-Y 36-N) 1/22/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20105800D-H1) Summary: Tax credit for participating landlords; eligible housing areas. Expands the definition of "eligible housing area" for the housing choice voucher tax credit to include Virginia census tracts in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Statistical Area in which less than 10 percent of the population lives below the poverty level. Landlords who rent qualified housing units within such areas are eligible for an income tax credit. Current law only applies to such areas within the Richmond and Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News Metropolitan Statistical Areas.</p>		

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HB 608 - Miyares (82) Health Enterprise Zone Program and Fund; established, report.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N) 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20101235D)</p> <p>Summary: Health Enterprise Zone Program and Fund. Establishes the Health Enterprise Zone Program and Fund to target state resources to (i) reduce racial, ethnic, and geographic health disparities; (ii) improve access to health care in underserved communities; (iii) reduce hospital admission and readmission rates; and (iv) reduce health care costs in the Commonwealth. The bill establishes eligibility criteria for localities seeking designation as health enterprise zones and provides for the payment of funds from the Health Enterprise Zone Fund to designated localities for (i) implementation of strategies and interventions proposed in the application for designation as a health enterprise zone and (ii) provision of education loan repayment assistance or financial assistance to defray the cost of capital improvements or equipment purchase by health care providers in the health enterprise zone, as described in the application for designation as a health enterprise zone. The bill requires the State Department of Health to report annually by December 1 to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Finance and Education and Health on the status of the Program. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2025.</p>		
HB 621 - Willett (73) Speed monitoring systems; local ordinances.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce 1/16/2020 House: Referred from Labor and Commerce by voice vote 1/16/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/27/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (5-Y 2-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20104317D)</p> <p>Summary: Provides that a locality may, by ordinance, establish a speed enforcement program utilizing an automated speed monitoring system that creates recorded images of vehicles traveling at least 10 miles per hour in excess of the maximum applicable speed limit. The penalty imposed for violating applicable speed limits where such violation is established by recorded images produced by a speed monitoring system cannot exceed \$50. The bill provides that a locality may install and operate a speed monitoring system only at residence districts, school crossing zones, and highway work zones. The procedures for operating a speed monitoring system and issuing summonses to violators and the rights of such violators, including the right to appeal to circuit court, parallel those currently in place for red light violations recorded by photo-monitoring systems at traffic lights.</p>		
HB 696 - Roem (13) Local human rights ordinances; sexual orientation and gender identity.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20104504D) - Board has historically supported.</p> <p>Summary: Provides that localities may prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, credit, and education on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.</p>		

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<u>HB 713</u> - Hope (47) Mandatory outpatient treatment orders; judicial review conferences.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	1/28/2020
Support (20104681D) Summary: Extends from 90 days to 180 days the maximum time period a court may order mandatory outpatient treatment for adults and juveniles. The bill provides that any order for mandatory outpatient treatment may include provisions for periodic reviews to monitor the person's (i) access to and satisfaction with services and supports provided under the treatment plan and (ii) compliance with the mandatory outpatient order. The district court judge or special justice may require attendance at such conferences by the person, the community services board staff member responsible for monitoring the person's compliance with the order, and such other persons as deemed appropriate. If agreed upon by the person and monitoring community services board, the judge or special justice may (a) allow such review conferences to be conducted through an electronic video and audio or telephonic communication system and (b) make adjustments to the treatment plan.		
<u>HB 726</u> - Reid (32) Comprehensive plan; extends time for approval by locality.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	1/28/2020
Support (20104803D) - See also SB 746 (Bell). Summary: Comprehensive plan. Extends the time by which a governing body is required to approve or disapprove a locality-initiated comprehensive plan amendment from 90 to 180 days.		
<u>HB 742</u> - Bulova (37) Unmanned aerial systems; local regulation.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation 1/22/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N) 1/27/2020 House: Incorporates HB 311 (Gooditis) 1/27/2020 House: Incorporates HB 1227 (LaRock) 1/27/2020 House: Reported from Communications, Technology and Innovation with substitute (22-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20102308D) - Support concept of providing authority for political subdivisions to adopt restrictions regarding takeoff and landing of unmanned aerial systems on their property. Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure language of bill accomplishes this goal. See also HB 311 (Gooditis). <u>Staff Recommendation: Support.</u> Summary: Local regulation of unmanned aerial systems. Authorizes a political subdivision to adopt time, place, or manner restrictions regarding the takeoff or landing of unmanned aerial systems on property owned by the political subdivision.		
<u>HB 774</u> - LaRock (33) Commonwealth Transportation Board; increases revenue-sharing funds.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 1/29/2020 House: Referred from Finance by voice vote 1/29/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation	1/28/2020

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<p>Support (20103803D) Summary: Commonwealth Transportation Board; revenue-sharing funds. Increases the maximum matching allocation that the Commonwealth Transportation Board may make to a locality from \$5 million to \$10 million and increases the portion of such funds that such locality may use for the maintenance of highway systems from \$2.5 million to \$5 million.</p>		
<p>HB 778 - Jones (89) Family assessments; increases timeline for completion.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 1/16/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 0-N) 1/21/2020 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions (22-Y 0-N) 1/27/2020 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N) 1/28/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20100614D) Summary: Family assessments; timeline. Increases from 45 days to 60 days the allowable time for completing a family assessment by a local department of social services and removes the local department's opportunity to request a 15-day extension.</p>		
<p>HB 785 - Watts (39) Local taxing authority; equalizes city and county taxing authorities.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20104813D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Local taxing authority. Equalizes city taxing authority and county taxing authority by granting a county the same authority to impose taxes on cigarettes, admissions, transient room rentals, meals, and travel campgrounds without limitation on the rate that may be imposed.</p>		
<p>HB 812 - Ward (92) Handguns; limitation on purchases, penalty.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety 1/24/2020 House: Incorporates HB 1502 (Ward) 1/24/2020 House: Reported from Public Safety with substitute (13-Y 9-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20103354D) - See also SB 69 (Locke). Summary: Purchase of handguns; limitation on handgun purchases; penalty. Prohibits any person who is not a licensed firearms dealer from purchasing more than one handgun in a 30-day period and makes such an offense a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill exempts from this provision (i) persons who have been issued a certificate by the Department of State Police under certain circumstances and with an enhanced background check, (ii) law-enforcement agencies and officers, (iii) state and local correctional facilities, (iv) licensed private security companies, (v) persons whose handgun has been stolen or irretrievably lost or who are trading in a handgun, and (vi) purchases of antique firearms.</p>		

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<u>HB 891</u> - Sickles (43) Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; establishes sale of insurance, etc., for platforms.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation 1/27/2020 House: Referred from Communications, Technology and Innovation by voice vote 1/27/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20105150D) - Support efforts to provide taxation parity with existing rental vehicles services. See also SB 749 (Cosgrove).</p> <p>Summary: Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; regulation; insurance; taxation. Establishes taxation, insurance coverage, sale of insurance, disclosure, safety recall, airport operation, and recordkeeping requirements for peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms, as defined in the bill.</p>		
<u>HB 892</u> - Sickles (43) Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; definition, taxation.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20102554D) - Support efforts to provide taxation parity with existing vehicle rental services. See also SB 750 (Cosgrove).</p> <p>Summary: Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; taxation. Provides that peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms, as defined in the bill, are renters for the purposes of taxation.</p>		
<u>HB 912</u> - Simon (53) Distributed renewable energy; promotes establishment of solar and other renewable energy.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/15/2020 House: Referred from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote 1/15/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20103986D) - Board has historically supported.</p> <p>Summary: Distributed renewable energy. Promotes the establishment of distributed renewable solar and other renewable energy. The measure (i) removes the one percent cap on the total amount of renewable energy that can be net metered in a utility's service territory, (ii) authorizes third-party power purchase agreements for all customer classes throughout the Commonwealth, (iii) allows local governments and certain other public bodies to install solar or wind facilities of up to five megawatts on government-owned property and use the electricity for government-owned buildings, (iv) allows all net metering customers to attribute output from a single solar array to multiple meters, (v) allows the owner of a multifamily residential building or the common areas of a condominium to install a renewable energy generation facility and sell the electricity to tenants or condominium unit owners, (vi) removes the restriction on customers installing a net-metered generation facility larger than that required to meet their previous 12 months' demand, (vii) raises the cap for net-metered nonresidential generation facilities from one megawatt to two megawatts, and (viii) removes the ability of utilities to assess standby charges. The measure also amends the Commonwealth Energy Policy to include provisions supporting distributed generation of renewable energy.</p>		

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<u>HB 977</u> - Krizek (44) County food and beverage tax; allowable tax rate, removal of referendum requirement.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	1/28/2020
Support (20105088D) Summary: County food and beverage tax; allowable tax rate; removal of referendum requirement. Removes the four percent limit on the tax rate that counties may impose on food and beverages. The bill also removes the requirement that a county hold a referendum before imposing such a tax.		
<u>HB 1078</u> - Hope (47) Virginia Public Procurement Act; process for competitive negotiation, etc.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment (5-Y 3-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20104594D) Summary: Virginia Public Procurement Act; process for competitive negotiation; including employment of persons with a disability as a factor in evaluating proposals. Provides that a public body may include a proposer's employment of persons with disabilities to perform the specifications of the contract as a factor in evaluating a proposal.		
<u>HB 1083</u> - Hayes, Jr. (77) Minors; allowing access to firearms, Class 6 felony.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety 1/24/2020 House: Incorporates HB463 (Hayes) 1/24/2020 House: Incorporates HB72 (Kory) 1/24/2020 House: Reported from Public Safety with substitute (13-Y 9-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20102956D) - See also SB 581 (Howell). Summary: Allowing access to firearms by minors; penalty. Provides that any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any person under the age of 18 is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Current law provides that any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any child under the age of 14 is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.		
<u>HB 1119</u> - Hope (47) Flavored tobacco products; sale prohibited, civil penalty.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 1/22/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Finance by voice vote 1/27/2020 House: Referred from Courts of Justice by voice vote 1/27/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	1/28/2020
Support (20104960D) - Support efforts to reduce smoking and vaping while ensuring cultural traditions can legally continue. Summary: Flavored tobacco products; sale prohibited; civil penalty. Prohibits the sale, distribution, offering for sale or distribution, or causing the sale or distribution of flavored tobacco products, as that term is defined		

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in the bill, and imposes a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for the first violation, \$1000 for a second violation, \$1,500 for a third violation, and \$2,000 for the fourth or subsequent violation. The bill also provides that, in addition to the civil penalties, a third violation is punishable by suspension of a permit as a stamping agent for a period of 15 days, and a fourth or subsequent violation is punishable by revocation of a permit as a stamping agent and a prohibition on reapplication for a permit to act as a stamping agent for a period of three years.		
HB 1120 - Hope (47) Tobacco products; tax on all tobacco products, penalties.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20104565D) - Support concept of increased cigarette/e-cigarette tax as a deterrent to smoking, but equal taxing authority without a cigarette tax cap remains a top County priority. See also SB 852 (Ebbin). <u>Staff Recommendation: Support.</u> Summary: Taxes on tobacco products; penalties. Provides that tobacco products, defined in the bill, would be subject to tax at rates of \$1.80 per pack of cigarettes or 39 percent of the wholesale price for all other tobacco products. Current law imposes taxes of \$0.30 per pack of cigarettes, 10 percent of the wholesale price of certain tobacco products, and various weight-based rates that apply to moist snuff and loose leaf tobacco. The bill broadens the definition of "tobacco product" to include electronic smoking devices, which are not taxed under current law.</p>		
HB 1151 - Lopez (49) Single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene products; local prohibition, local tax.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20101671D) - Support effort to reduce waste from plastic bags, but revenue generated should be directed to localities as they are responsible for solid waste management. Summary: Single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene products; local prohibition; local tax. Authorizes a locality to prohibit by ordinance the purchase, sale, or provision, whether free or for a cost, of certain single-use products that are not recyclable or compostable and for which there is a suitable and cost-effective compostable or recyclable alternative product available, with certain exceptions. The bill also authorizes any locality to impose a five-cent per item tax on single-use plastics and polystyrene products provided to customers by certain retailers, with certain products being exempt from the tax. The bill directs revenue from the local tax to be used by the locality imposing the tax for cleanup or education programs designed to reduce waste. The bill allows every restaurant or retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of the five-cent tax if the tax is paid in a timely manner.</p>		
HB 1184 - Lopez (49) Distributed energy generation; promotes establishment of distributed solar energy.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/22/2020 House: Referred from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote 1/22/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce	1/28/2020
Support (20104922D) - Board has historically supported.		

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<p>Summary: Distributed energy generation. Promotes the establishment of distributed solar and other renewable energy. The measure (i) increases the cap on the total amount of renewable energy that can be net metered in a utility's service territory from one percent to 10 percent, (ii) authorizes third-party power purchase agreements for all customer classes throughout the Commonwealth, (iii) allows local governments and certain other public bodies to install solar facilities of up to five megawatts on government-owned property and use the electricity for government-owned buildings, (iv) allows all net metering customers to attribute output from a single solar array to multiple meters, (v) allows the owner of a multifamily residential building or the common areas of a condominium to install a solar energy generation facility and sell the electricity to tenants or condominium unit owners, (vi) removes the restriction on customers installing a net-metered generation facility larger than that required to meet their previous 12 months' demand, (vii) raises the cap for net-metered nonresidential generation facilities from one megawatt to three megawatts, and (viii) removes the ability of utilities to assess standby charges. The measure also amends the Commonwealth Energy Policy to include provisions supporting distributed generation of solar energy and states that the distributed generation of solar electricity is in the public interest, and the State Corporation Commission shall so find if required to make a finding regarding whether such construction or purchase is in the public interest.</p>		
<p>HB 1196 - Lopez (49) Driver's license; suspension for nonpayment of fines or costs.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/21/2020 House: Referred from Transportation by voice vote 1/21/2020 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 1/29/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 1-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20103348D) - Board has historically supported concept of alternatives to driver's license suspension to address non-payment of court fines and costs.</p> <p>Summary: Suspension of driver's license for nonpayment of fines or costs. Removes the requirement that a court suspend the driver's license of a person convicted of any violation of the law who fails or refuses to provide for immediate payment of fines or costs. The bill provides that the fine for any moving violation while operating a motor vehicle in a designated highway safety corridor shall be no more than \$500 for any violation that is a traffic infraction and not less than \$200 for any violation that is a criminal offense. The bill also repeals the Nonresident Violator Compact of 1977. The bill contains an emergency clause.</p>		
<p>HB 1201 - Tran (42) Virginia Public Procurement Act; determination of non- responsibility, local option.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20105099D)</p> <p>Summary: Virginia Public Procurement Act; determination of non-responsibility; local option to include criteria in invitation to bid. Allows any locality to include in the invitation to bid criteria that may be used in determining whether a bidder possesses the moral and business integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance that is required of a responsible bidder. Such criteria may include a history or good faith assurances of (i) completion by the bidder and any potential subcontractors of specified safety training programs established the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration; (ii) participation by the bidder and any potential subcontractors in apprenticeship training programs approved by state agencies or the U.S. Department of Labor; or (iii) maintenance by the bidder and any potential subcontractors of records of compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws.</p>		

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<u>HB 1202</u> - Tran (42) Project labor agreements; public procurement by local governments.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 358-Lopez) by voice vote	1/28/2020
Support (20104446D) Summary: Authorizes any 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.		
<u>HB 1203</u> - Tran (42) Prevailing wage; public works contracts with localities, penalty.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (4-Y 3-N) 1/30/2020 House: Failed to report (defeated) in Labor and Commerce (9-Y 9-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20104359D) - Support as a local option. Summary: Prevailing wage; public works contracts with localities; penalty. Requires contractors and subcontractors under any public contract with a locality for public works to pay wages, salaries, benefits, and other remuneration to any mechanic, laborer, or worker employed, retained, or otherwise hired to perform services in connection with the public contract at the prevailing wage rate. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry is required to determine the prevailing wage rate for such public contracts on the basis of applicable prevailing wage rate determinations made by the U.S. Secretary of Labor under the provisions of the federal Davis-Bacon Act. A contractor or subcontractor who knowingly or willfully employs any mechanic, laborer, or worker to perform work contracted to be done under the public contract at a rate that is less than the prevailing wage rate is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. In addition, such a contractor or subcontractor shall be liable to such individuals for the payment of all wages due plus interest and shall be disqualified from bidding on public contracts until full restitution has been paid to the individuals.		
<u>HB 1211</u> - Tran (42) Motor Vehicles, Department of; issuance of certain documents, citizenship requirement.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 4-N) 1/28/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations 1/30/2020 House: Reported from Transportation with substitute (13-Y 9-N) 1/30/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations	1/28/2020
Support (20103891D) Summary: Department of Motor Vehicles; issuance of certain documents; citizenship requirement. Removes the citizenship and legal presence requirements for obtaining a driver's license or special identification card. The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to cancel any (i) REAL ID-compliant driver's license or special identification card and (ii) commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit if the Department is notified by a federal agency that the individual to whom such document was issued is not in compliance with the citizenship and lawful residency requirements for such license, card, or permit. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2021, and contains technical amendments.		

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HB 1216 - Tran (42) State of good repair funds; bridges subject to repeated flooding.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/30/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (10-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20100138D) Summary: Makes bridges that are subject to repeated flooding eligible for state of good repair funding. Under current law, structurally deficient bridges and highways with deficient pavement conditions are eligible for state of good repair funds.		
HB 1217 - Tran (42) Transportation, Department of; at-risk infrastructure, report.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (7-Y 4-N) 1/28/2020 House: Reported from Transportation with amendments (15-Y 7-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20104450D) Summary: Department of Transportation; at-risk infrastructure; report. Directs the Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency, to (i) identify public transportation infrastructure at risk of flooding or deterioration due to flooding in Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads, and Lynchburg; (ii) develop recommendations for managing such assets; and (iii) report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation the 2021 General Assembly.		
HB 1227 - LaRock (33) Unmanned aerial systems; local regulation.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation 1/22/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 742-Bulova) by voice vote	1/28/2020
Support (20105013D) - Support concept of providing authority for political subdivisions to adopt restrictions regarding takeoff and landing of unmanned aerial systems on their property. Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure language of bill accomplishes this goal. Summary: Local regulation of unmanned aerial systems. Authorizes a political subdivision to adopt time, place, or manner regulations regarding the takeoff or landing of unmanned aerial systems on property owned by the political subdivision, provided such regulations are narrowly tailored to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Takeoff and landing regulations adopted by a political subdivision shall not apply to persons authorized by federal regulations to operate an unmanned aircraft system provided such system is operated in an otherwise lawful manner and consistent with federal regulations. A political subdivision shall annually report to the Department of Aviation any regulations adopted pursuant to this section.		
HB 1464 - Gooditis (10) Restrict nutrient credit usage; local authority.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/27/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2021 by voice vote 1/29/2020 House: Continued to 2021 in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote	1/28/2020

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Support (20105223D) Summary: Local authority to restrict nutrient credit usage. Authorizes the governing body of any locality, by ordinance, to restrict the total nutrient credits that are generated in the locality and used in an adjacent eight-digit hydrologic unit code or fourth order subbasin to comply with stormwater nonpoint nutrient runoff water quality criteria.		
HB 1480 - Gooditis (10) Pet shops; local regulation on sale of animals.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/29/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2021 by voice vote	1/28/2020
Support (20102872D) Summary: Local regulation of pet shops. Authorizes a locality to regulate or restrict by ordinance the acquisition, marketing, and sale of animals in a pet shop. Such ordinance may distinguish between certain types of pet shops and include provisions for special licensing, inspections, reporting, or restrictions on the sale of certain types of animals. The bill also includes various existing statewide provisions related to pet shops in the list of sections for which a locality may adopt parallel or more stringent ordinances.		
HB 1518 - McQuinn (70) Primary and secondary highways; compensation of counties for certain construction.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/30/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (10-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20103783D) Summary: Compensation of counties for certain construction and improvement of primary and secondary highways. Allows the Department of Transportation to pay a locality up-front for eligible expenses related to certain transportation projects administered by the locality, instead of being reimbursed after completion of the project. The bill also removes language related to an obsolete funding formula.		
HB 1534 - Samirah (86) Town taxes; collection by county.	1/10/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	1/28/2020
Support (20105339D) - See also SB 649 (Boysko). Summary: Collection of town taxes by county. Authorizes the board of supervisors of any county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government to enter into agreements with towns located partially or wholly within such county for the collection and enforcement of real or personal property taxes by the county official responsible for assessment or collection of taxes. The authority granted to such counties is similar to authority granted to Loudoun County under existing law.		
HB 1552 - Levine (45) Tethering animals; adequate shelter and space.	1/11/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/29/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 3-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20105457D) - The County supports the expanded authority for the care of companion animals but does not support the tethering provisions. See also SB 272 (Bell).		

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Summary: Provides that outdoor tethering of an animal does not meet the requirement that an animal be given adequate shelter if it occurs (i) between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., except when the animal is engaged in conduct related to an agricultural activity; (ii) when no owner is on the property; (iii) when the temperature is 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, or 85 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; (iv) during a heat advisory; or (v) during a severe weather warning. The bill increases certain minimum tether length requirements to meet the requirement that an animal be given adequate space by requiring that a tether be at least 15 feet in length or four times the length of the animal, whichever is greater. Current law requires the tether to be at least 10 feet in length or three times the length of the animal, whichever is greater. The bill also authorizes the governing body of any locality to adopt, and make more stringent, ordinances that parallel certain state provisions related to care of companion animals.

HB 1644 - Plum (36)
Vehicles stopped at crosswalks; prohibition on passing.

1/16/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

1/28/2020

Support (20101622D) - Board has historically supported.

Summary: Prohibits the driver of a vehicle from overtaking and passing a vehicle stopped at a marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the highway.

HB 1673 - Ware (65)
Plastic bag tax; use of revenues.

1/17/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

1/28/2020

Support (20104420D) - Support effort to reduce waste from plastic bags, but revenue generated should be directed to localities as they are responsible for solid waste management.

Summary: Allows localities to impose a five-cent (\$0.05) per bag tax on plastic bags provided to customers by retailers in grocery stores, convenience stores, or drugstores in the Commonwealth. The bill also (i) requires every retailer to provide recycling receptacles at its place of business for such disposable plastic bags and (ii) allows every retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent (\$0.01) of every five cents (\$0.05) collected. The tax is to be administered in the same manner as the retail sales and use tax, and all revenues from the tax shall be deposited in equal sums into the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund and the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund.

HB 1705 - Kory (38)
Pedestrians; drivers to stop when yielding the right-of-way.

1/17/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

1/28/2020

Support (20105498D) - Board has historically supported.

Summary: Yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians; stopping. Clarifies the duties of vehicle drivers to stop when yielding to pedestrians at (i) clearly marked crosswalks, whether at midblock or at the end of any block; (ii) any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block; or (iii) any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway where the maximum speed limit is not more than 35 miles per hour. The bill contains technical amendments.

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HJ 1 - Foy (2) United States Constitution; ratifies and affirms Equal Rights Amendment.	11/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/14/2020 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (13-Y 9-N) 1/15/2020 House: VOTE: Adoption (59-Y 41-N) 1/15/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/21/2020 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (10-Y 5-N) 1/27/2020 Senate: Agreed to by Senate (27-Y 12-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20105798D-H1) - Board has historically supported. See also SJ 1 (McClellan). Summary: Constitution of the United States; Equal Rights Amendment. Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that was proposed by Congress in 1972. The joint resolution advocates the position that the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment remains viable and may be ratified notwithstanding the expiration of the 10-year ratification period set out in the resolving clause, as amended, in the proposal adopted by Congress.</p>		
HJ 31 - Lopez (49) Commonwealth-wide housing needs; Department of Housing and Community Development to study.	1/1/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Rules	1/28/2020
<p>Support with Amendment (20101786D) - Support with amendment to include the Virginia Housing Development Authority in the study. Summary: Study; Department of Housing and Community Development; Commonwealth-wide housing needs. Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to (i) determine the quantity and quality of affordable housing across the Commonwealth, (ii) conduct a review of current programs and policies to determine the effectiveness of current housing policy efforts, (iii) develop an informed projection of future housing needs in the Commonwealth and determine the order of priority of those needs, and (iv) make recommendations for the improvement of housing policy in the Commonwealth.</p>		
HJ 63 - Rush (7) Blockchain technology; joint subcommittee to study emergence & integration in the economy.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Rules	1/28/2020
<p>Support with Amendment (20102833D) - Support with amendment to include analysis of opportunities to deploy blockchain technology at the local level, and local government representation on the joint subcommittee. Summary: Study; joint subcommittee to study the emergence and integration of blockchain technology in the economy of the Commonwealth; report. Establishes a 19-member, two-year joint subcommittee to identify research and economic development opportunities to inform a statewide, comprehensive, and coordinated strategy relating to blockchain technology.</p>		

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HJ 82 - Ayala (51) Blockchain technology; VEDPA to study the emergence, etc., in economy.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Rules	1/28/2020
<p>Support with Amendment (20104566D) - Support with amendment to include collaboration with local government representatives to analyze opportunities to deploy blockchain technology at the local level.</p> <p>Summary: Study; Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to study the emergence and integration of blockchain technology in the economy of the Commonwealth; report. Requests the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to identify blockchain technology research and economic development opportunities with the goal of creating a statewide, comprehensive, and coordinated strategy relating to blockchain technology. In conducting its study, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority shall analyze and consider (i) economic development opportunities in the Commonwealth available through the utilization of blockchain technology; (ii) different types of blockchain technology and the feasibility of economic development for each type; (iii) the creation of a statewide, comprehensive, and coordinated strategy to encourage commercial activity in the blockchain technology sector; (iv) opportunities for deployment of blockchain technology in state government; and (v) strategies to incentivize the development of blockchain companies in the Commonwealth. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority shall submit its report to the Governor and the 2021 and 2022 Regular Sessions of the General Assembly.</p>		
HJ 105 - Subramanyam (87) Blockchain technology; joint subcommittee to study emergence & integration in the economy.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Rules 1/29/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Support with Amendment (20103700D) - Support with amendment to include analysis of opportunities to deploy blockchain technology at the local level, and local government representation on the joint subcommittee.</p> <p>Summary: Study; joint subcommittee to study the emergence and integration of blockchain technology in the economy of the Commonwealth; report. Establishes a 19-member, two-year joint subcommittee to identify research and economic development opportunities to inform a statewide, comprehensive, and coordinated strategy relating to blockchain technology.</p>		

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<u>SB 1</u> - Stanley, Jr. (20) Driver's license; suspension for nonpayment of fines or costs.	11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/15/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 10 (Ebbin) 1/15/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 514 (Edwards) 1/15/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 814 (Morrisey) 1/15/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary with substitute (14-Y 0-N) 1/15/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations 1/29/2020 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendment (13-Y 2-N 1-A)	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20105850D-S1) - Board has historically supported concept of alternatives to driver's license suspension to address non-payment of court fines and costs.</p> <p>Summary: Suspension of driver's license for nonpayment of fines or costs. Repeals the requirement that the driver's license of a person convicted of any violation of the law who fails or refuses to provide for immediate payment of fines or costs be suspended. The bill also removes a provision allowing the court to require a defendant to present a summary prepared by the Department of Motor Vehicles of the other courts in which the defendant also owes fines and costs. The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to return or reinstate any person's driver's license that was suspended prior to July 1, 2020, solely for nonpayment of fines or costs. Such person does not have to pay a reinstatement fee.</p>		
<u>SB 8</u> - Saslaw (35) Prevailing wage; public works contracts, penalty.	11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20100503D)</p> <p>Summary: Prevailing wage; public works contracts; penalty. Requires contractors and subcontractors under any public contract with a state agency for public works to pay wages, salaries, benefits, and other remuneration to any mechanic, laborer, or worker employed, retained, or otherwise hired to perform services in connection with the public contract for public works at the prevailing wage rate. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry is required to determine the prevailing wage rate for such public contracts on the basis of applicable prevailing wage rate determinations made by the U.S. Secretary of Labor under the provisions of the federal Davis-Bacon Act. A contractor or subcontractor who knowingly or willfully employs any mechanic, laborer, or worker to perform work contracted to be done under the public contract at a rate that is less than the prevailing wage rate is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. In addition, such a contractor or subcontractor shall be liable to such individuals for the payment of all wages due plus interest and shall be disqualified from bidding on public contracts with any public body until full restitution has been paid to the individuals.</p>		
<u>SB 11</u> - Ebbin (30) Disposable paper and plastic bags; local taxation per bag when provided to consumers.	11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20100728D) - Support effort to reduce waste from plastic bags, but revenue generated should be directed to localities as they are responsible for solid waste management.</p> <p>Summary: Local disposable paper and plastic bag tax. Authorizes any locality to impose a tax of five cents per bag on disposable paper bags or disposable plastic bags provided to consumers by certain retailers, with certain bags being exempt from the tax. The bill allows every retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of the five-cent tax.</p>		

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SB 26 - Petersen (34) Plastic bags; tax in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.	11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance 1/30/2020 Senate: Incorporated by Finance and Appropriations (SB 11-Ebbin) (16-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20100599D) - Support effort to reduce waste from plastic bags, but revenue generated should be directed to localities as they are responsible for solid waste management.</p> <p>Summary: Plastic bag tax in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Imposes a five-cent per bag tax on plastic bags provided to customers by certain retailers in localities located wholly within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and directs revenues to be used to support the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan. The bill also allows every retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of every five cents collected.</p>		
SB 35 - Surovell (36) Firearms, etc.; permitted events.	11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 615 (Deeds) 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 450 (Edwards) 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 505 (Edwards) 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 506 (Edwards) 1/13/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary with substitute (9-Y 5-N) 1/16/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20105646D-S1) - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure bill can be successfully implemented.</p> <p>Summary: Control of firearms by localities; permitted events. Authorizes any locality by ordinance to prohibit the possession or carrying of firearms, ammunition, or components or any combination thereof in (i) any building, or part thereof, owned or used by such locality for governmental purposes; (ii) in any public park owned by the locality; or (iii) in any public street, road, alley, sidewalk or public right-of-way or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public and is being used by or is adjacent to a permitted event or an event that would otherwise require a permit. Provisions limiting the authority of localities and state governmental entities to bring lawsuits against certain firearms manufacturers and others are also repealed. The bill also provides any firearm received by the locality pursuant to gun buy-back program shall be destroyed by the locality unless the person surrendering such firearm requests in writing that such surrendered firearm be sold. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill incorporates SB 450, SB 505, SB 506, and SB 615.</p>		
SB 40 - DeSteph (8) Line of Duty Act; eligible dependents.	11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations 1/28/2020 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (15-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20100676D)</p> <p>Summary: Provides that children born or adopted after the death or disability of an employee covered by the Line of Duty Act are eligible for health insurance coverage if such coverage does not result in a premium increase. Under current law, such children are not eligible regardless of the effect on premiums.</p>		

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<u>SB 66</u> - McClellan (9) Va. Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices, sexual orientation and gender, etc.	11/22/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology 1/29/2020 Senate: Incorporated by General Laws and Technology (SB 868-Ebbin) (14-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20101054D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices; sexual orientation and gender identity. Adds discrimination on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as an unlawful housing practice. The bill defines "sexual orientation" and "gender identity."		
<u>SB 69</u> - Locke (2) Handguns; limitation on purchases, penalty.	11/22/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 22 (Saslaw) 1/13/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary with substitute (9-Y 5-N) 1/16/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20105654D-S1) - See also HB 812 (Ward). Summary: Purchase of handguns; limitation on handgun purchases; penalty. Prohibits any person who is not a licensed firearms dealer from purchasing more than one handgun in a 30-day period and establishes such an offense as a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill exempts from this provision (i) persons who have been issued a certificate by the Department of State Police under certain circumstances and with an enhanced background check, (ii) law-enforcement agencies and officers, (iii) state and local correctional facilities, (iv) licensed private security companies, (v) persons who hold a valid Virginia concealed handgun permit, (vi) persons whose handgun has been stolen or irretrievably lost or who are trading in a handgun, (vii) purchases of handguns in a private sale, and (viii) purchases of antique firearms. This bill incorporates SB 22.		
<u>SB 70</u> - Lucas (18) Firearm transfers; criminal history record information check, penalty.	11/22/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 12 (Saslaw) 1/13/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary with substitute (9-Y 5-N) 1/16/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (24-Y 16-N) 1/16/2020 Senate: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) 1/16/2020 Senate: Passed Senate (23-Y 17-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20105589D-S1) - Support the comprehensive approach to requiring universal background checks as envisioned in HB 2. Summary: Firearm sales; criminal history record information checks; penalty. Requires a background check for any firearm sale and directs the Department of State Police (the Department) to establish a process for transferors to obtain such a check from licensed firearms dealers. A person who sells a firearm to another person without obtaining the required background check is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also provides that a purchaser who receives a firearm from another person without obtaining the required background check is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill removes the provision that makes background checks of prospective purchasers or transferees at firearms shows voluntary. The bill also provides that the Department shall have three business days to complete a criminal history record information check before a firearm may be transferred. This bill incorporates SB 12.		

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SB 111 - Howell (32) Absentee voting; no excuse required.	12/12/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/14/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 45 (Spruill) 1/14/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 137 (Stuart) 1/15/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 696 (Mason) 1/15/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 879 (Locke) 1/14/2020 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (11-Y 4-N) 1/20/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (31-Y 9-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20105793D-S1) - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure bill can be successfully implemented. Summary: Permits any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he is qualified to vote. The bill removes the current list of statutory reasons under which a person may be entitled to vote by absentee ballot and removes references to those reasons from other sections of the Code.		
SB 124 - Locke (2) Food stamps and TANF; eligibility, drug-related felonies.	12/16/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services 1/10/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB155 (Favola) 1/10/2020 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with substitute (9-Y 6-N) 1/10/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations 1/22/2020 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 2-N) 1/27/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (22-Y 17-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20105548D-S1) - Board has historically supported. See also HB 566 (Guzman). Summary: Eligibility for food stamps; drug-related felonies. Provides that a person who is otherwise eligible to receive food stamp benefits shall not be denied such assistance solely because he has been convicted of a drug-related felony. Under current law, a person otherwise eligible to receive food stamp benefits shall not be denied food stamp benefits based on a felony conviction of possession of a controlled substance in violation of § 18.2-250, provided that such person is complying with, or has already complied with, all obligations imposed by the criminal court, is actively engaged in or has completed a substance abuse treatment program, participates in periodic drug screenings, and fulfills any other obligations as determined by the Department of Social Services.		
SB 149 - Howell (32) Courthouse and courtroom security; assessment.	12/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/13/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations 1/30/2020 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 2-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20101599D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Increases from \$10 to \$20 the maximum amount a local governing body may assess against a convicted defendant as part of the costs in a criminal or traffic case in district or circuit court to fund courthouse and courtroom security.		

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SB 159 - Boysko (33) Public employment; prohibits discrimination on basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.	12/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology 1/29/2020 Senate: Incorporated by General Laws and Technology (SB 868-Ebbin) (14-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20102892D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Nondiscrimination in public employment. Prohibits discrimination in public employment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in the bill. The bill also codifies for state and local government employment the current prohibitions on discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran.		
SB 180 - Favola (31) Prevailing wage; public works contracts, penalty.	12/21/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	1/28/2020
Support (20101737D) Summary: Prevailing wage; public works contracts; penalty. Requires contractors and subcontractors under any public contract with a state agency for public works to pay wages, salaries, benefits, and other remuneration to any mechanic, laborer, or worker employed, retained, or otherwise hired to perform services in connection with the public contract for public works at the prevailing wage rate. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry is required to determine the prevailing wage rate for such public contracts on the basis of applicable prevailing wage rate determinations made by the U.S. Secretary of Labor under the provisions of the federal Davis-Bacon Act. A contractor or subcontractor who knowingly or willfully employs any mechanic, laborer, or worker to perform work contracted to be done under the public contract at a rate that is less than the prevailing wage rate is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. In addition, such a contractor or subcontractor shall be liable to such individuals for the payment of all wages due plus interest and shall be disqualified from bidding on public contracts with any public body until full restitution has been paid to the individuals.		
SB 182 - Saslaw (35) Project labor agreements; public procurement.	12/24/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology 1/22/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Commerce and Labor	1/28/2020
Support (20102362D) Summary: Repeals the provision enacted in 2012 that requires state agencies to ensure that neither the state agency nor any construction manager acting on its behalf (i) requires or prohibits bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors to enter into or adhere to project labor agreements with labor organizations or (ii) discriminates against bidders, offerors, contractors, subcontractors, or operators for becoming or refusing to sign or adhere to project labor agreements on the same or other related public works projects.		
SB 184 - Locke (2) Tree conservation ordinance; Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act locality, designated trees.	12/26/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources 1/28/2020 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (7-Y 7-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20102410D) - See also HB 221 (Mugler). <u>Staff Recommendation: Monitor. Bill has been amended and no longer applies to the County.</u>		

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<p>Summary: Tree conservation ordinance; Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act locality; designated trees. Adds "Chesapeake Bay watershed tree," as defined in the bill, to the types of tree that a locality with a tree conservation ordinance is authorized to designate individually for preservation. Current law allows individual designation of heritage, memorial, specimen, and street trees. The bill contains technical amendments.</p>		
<p><u>SB 193</u> - Favola (31) Single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene products; local prohibition, local tax.</p>	<p>12/29/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/20/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations 1/30/2020 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20101425D) - Support effort to reduce waste from plastic bags, but revenue generated should be directed to localities as they are responsible for solid waste management. Summary: Single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene products; local prohibition; local tax. Authorizes a locality to prohibit by ordinance the purchase, sale, or provision, whether free or for a cost, of certain single-use products that are not recyclable or compostable and for which there is a suitable and cost-effective compostable or recyclable alternative product available, with certain exceptions. The bill also authorizes any locality to impose a five-cent per item tax on single-use plastics and polystyrene products provided to customers by certain retailers, with certain products being exempt from the tax. The bill directs revenue from the local tax to be used by the locality imposing the tax for cleanup or education programs designed to reduce waste. The bill allows every restaurant or retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of the five-cent tax if the tax is paid in a timely manner.</p>		
<p><u>SB 198</u> - Locke (2) Disposable plastic shopping bags; local option.</p>	<p>12/29/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/20/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations 1/30/2020 Senate: Incorporated by Finance and Appropriations (SB 11-Ebbin) (16-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20101662D) - Support effort to reduce waste from plastic bags, but revenue generated should be directed to localities as they are responsible for solid waste management. Summary: Allows any locality by ordinance to prohibit the distribution, sale, or offer for sale of disposable plastic shopping bags to consumers. The bill exempts from any such prohibition reusable bags of a certain thickness, bags that are used to carry certain products, such as ice cream or newspapers, and garbage bags that are sold in multiples.</p>		
<p><u>SB 209</u> - Petersen (34) Judges; increases maximum number in judicial district.</p>	<p>12/30/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/15/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary (14-Y 0-N) 1/15/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations 1/30/2020 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20102142D) - Board has historically supported. See also HB 275 (Sullivan). Summary: Maximum number of judges in each judicial district. Increases from 11 to 12 the maximum number of authorized general district court judgeships in the nineteenth judicial district. The Committee on District Courts recommended the additional judgeship in 2018.</p>		

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<u>SB 272</u> - Bell (13) Tethering animals; adequate shelter and space.	1/3/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20103262D) - The County supports the expanded authority for the care of companion animals but does not support the tethering provisions. See also HB 1552 (Levine).</p> <p>Summary: Provides that outdoor tethering of an animal does not meet the requirement that an animal be given adequate shelter if it occurs (i) between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., except when the animal is engaged in conduct related to an agricultural activity; (ii) when no owner is on the property; (iii) when the temperature is 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, or 85 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; (iv) during a heat advisory; or (v) during a severe weather warning. The bill increases certain minimum tether length requirements to meet the requirement that an animal be given adequate space by requiring that a tether be at least 15 feet in length or four times the length of the animal, whichever is greater. Current law requires the tether to be at least 10 feet in length or three times the length of the animal, whichever is greater. The bill also authorizes the governing body of any locality to adopt, and make more stringent, ordinances that parallel certain state provisions related to care of companion animals.</p>		
<u>SB 276</u> - Barker (39) Safety belt system; use in motor vehicles.	1/3/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20103297D)</p> <p>Summary: Safety belt system use in motor vehicles. Requires all occupants of motor vehicles to utilize a safety belt system. Current law requires the use of safety belts only by (i) occupants under the age of 18, (ii) drivers, and (iii) passengers 18 years of age or older occupying the front seat. The bill changes a violation of safety belt system requirements from a secondary offense to a primary offense.</p>		
<u>SB 277</u> - Barker (39) Income tax, state and corporate; deduction for commuter benefits provided by an employer.	1/3/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations 1/30/2020 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendments (12-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20103304D)</p> <p>Summary: Income tax deduction for commuter benefits provided by an employer. Establishes, starting in taxable year 2020, an individual and corporate income tax deduction for commuter benefits, defined in the bill, provided by an employer to its employees. The deduction is available only to the employer and is limited to \$265 per employee.</p>		
<u>SB 297</u> - Favola (31) Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Fund; created, report.	1/3/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/13/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Rehabilitation and Social Services 1/17/2020 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with amendment (14-Y 0-N) 1/17/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations	1/28/2020

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<p>Support (20103455D) Summary: Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Fund; report. Creates the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Fund, which shall be administered by the Department of Social Services, in coordination with the Department of Health and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, and used to develop and support programs that prevent sexual and domestic violence through strategies that (i) promote healthy practices related to relationships, sexuality, and social-emotional development and (ii) counteract the factors associated with the initial perpetration of sexual and domestic violence.</p>		
<p><u>SB 316</u> - Kiggans (7) Elections; date of June primary election.</p>	<p>1/5/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/21/2020 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (14-Y 1-N) 1/28/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (24-Y 16-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20103661D) - Board has historically supported. See also HB 57 (Fowler). Summary: Changes the date of the primary election held in June from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday in June. The bill also changes candidate filing deadlines to reflect the change of date.</p>		
<p><u>SB 435</u> - Surovell (36) Waterfowl blinds; blinds in locality where certain hunting prohibited.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources 1/14/2020 Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources with substitute (14-Y 0-N) 1/20/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20105779D-S1) Summary: Waterfowl blinds in locality where certain hunting prohibited. Directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries not to license any stationary waterfowl blind in any area in which a local governing body prohibits by ordinance the hunting of birds with a firearm.</p>		
<p><u>SB 475</u> - Bell (13) Virginia Public Procurement Act; use of best value contracting.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology 1/29/2020 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20102619D) Summary: Virginia Public Procurement Act; use of best value contracting; construction and professional services. Authorizes any public body to procure construction on a best value procurement basis using a numerical scoring system consisting of the following: (i) technical solution, 30 percent; (ii) past performance, 30 percent, including (a) price history of cost overruns, (b) schedule history of on-time delivery, and (c) contractor performance ratings from the immediately preceding five-year period; and (iii) price, 40 percent. The Request for Proposal shall contain a notice to potential offerors that the procurement decision will be made on a best value procurement basis. The Request for Proposal shall describe (1) the criteria that will be considered in evaluating the proposals and (2) the numerical scoring system that will be used in evaluating the proposals, including identification of the factors and weight values set forth in the bill.</p>		

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SB 484 - Favola (31) Local taxing authority; equalizes city and county taxing authorities.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20104703D) - Board has historically supported.</p> <p>Summary: Local taxing authority. Equalizes city taxing authority and county taxing authority by granting a county the same authority available to impose excise taxes on cigarettes, admissions, transient room rentals, meals, and travel campgrounds without limitation on the rate that may be imposed. The bill retains a restriction that applies to counties under current law and requires that any transient occupancy tax revenue attributable to a rate of between two and five percent must be used for tourism marketing.</p>		
SB 532 - Edwards (21) Third-party power purchase agreements; regulation of retail sales of electricity under agreements.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20102819D)</p> <p>Summary: Third-party power purchase agreements. Exempts sellers under third-party power purchase agreements from being defined as a public utility, public service corporation, public service company, or electric utility solely because of the sale of electricity or ownership or operation of a distributed generation facility. The measure provides that the sale of electricity generated at a distributed energy facility by a person that is not a public utility, public service corporation, or public service company to a customer that is purchasing or leasing the distributed energy facility under the terms of a third-party power purchase agreement does not constitute the retail sale of electricity. The measure proscribes State Corporation Commission regulation of the sale of electric energy that is generated on site by a distributed generation facility pursuant to a third-party power purchase agreement. The measure also repeals the pilot program initially enacted in 2013 that authorized Dominion Energy to enter into certain third-party power purchase agreements providing financing of certain renewable generation facilities.</p>		
SB 561 - Vogel (27) Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder, law-enforcement officers and firefighters.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 924 (Cosgrove) 1/13/2020 Senate: Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute (12-Y 3-N) 1/13/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20105715D-S1)</p> <p>Summary: Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder; law-enforcement officers and firefighters. Provides that post-traumatic stress disorder incurred by a law-enforcement officer or firefighter is compensable under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act if a mental health professional examines a law-enforcement officer or firefighter and diagnoses the individual as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of the individual's undergoing a qualifying event, which includes an event occurring in the line of duty on or after July 1, 2020, in which a law-enforcement officer or firefighter views a deceased minor, witnesses the death of a person or an incident involving the death of a person, witnesses an injury to a person who subsequently dies, has physical</p>		

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<p>contact with and treats an injured person who subsequently dies, transports an injured person who subsequently dies, or witnesses a traumatic physical injury that results in the loss of a vital body part or a vital body function that results in permanent disfigurement of the victim. Other conditions for compensability include (i) if the post-traumatic stress disorder resulted from the law-enforcement officer or firefighter acting in the line of duty and, in the case of a firefighter, such firefighter complied with certain federal Occupational Safety and Health Act standards; (ii) if the law-enforcement officer's or firefighter's undergoing a qualifying event was a substantial factor in causing his post-traumatic stress disorder; (iii) if such qualifying event, and not another event or source of stress, was the primary cause of the post-traumatic stress disorder; and (iv) if the post-traumatic stress disorder did not result from any disciplinary action, work evaluation, job transfer, layoff, demotion, promotion, termination, retirement, or similar action of the officer or firefighter. The measure establishes procedural requirements on employers that contest a claim for such benefits. The measure also establishes requirements for resilience and self-care technique training.</p>		
<p>SB 581 - Howell (32) Minors; allowing access to firearms, Class 6 felony.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20102952D) - See also HB 1083 (Hayes). Summary: Allowing access to firearms by minors; penalty. Provides that any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any person under the age of 18 is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Current law provides that any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any child under the age of 14 is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.</p>		
<p>SB 631 - Surovell (36) Abandoned and stolen shopping carts; local regulation.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/20/2020 Senate: Reported from Local Government with amendments (8-Y 7-N) 1/23/2020 Senate: Read third time and defeated by Senate (20-Y 20-N) 1/23/2020 Senate: Chair votes No 1/23/2020 Senate: Reconsideration of defeated action agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) 1/27/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (20-Y 19-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20104457D) - The County supports expanded local authority but has concerns about its ability to implement this authority, and the fine on individuals. Summary: Provides that Fairfax County and Arlington County may, by ordinance, provide that it is unlawful for any person to place, leave, or abandon on any real property in the county, or within specified districts within the county, any shopping cart. The bill requires such ordinance to provide that any such shopping cart that remains on the real property after a notice of violation is given to the owner of such shopping cart shall be presumed to be abandoned and subject to removal from the real property by the county or its agents without further notice. In the event that any such shopping cart is so removed, the cost of removal, including the cost of disposal, shall be charged to the owner of the shopping cart. The bill also authorizes such ordinance to prohibit possession of a shopping cart outside of the designated premises when the owner has posted notice of such prohibition. Such ordinance may provide for a civil penalty of not more than \$500.</p>		

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<u>SB 643</u> - Boysko (33) Motor Vehicles, Department of; issuance of certain documents.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/30/2020 Senate: Incorporated by Transportation (SB 34- Surovell) (8-Y 7-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20102087D) Summary: Department of Motor Vehicles; issuance of certain documents; citizenship requirement. Removes the citizenship and legal presence requirements for obtaining a driver's license or special identification card. The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to cancel any (i) REAL ID-compliant driver's license or special identification card and (ii) commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit if the Department is notified by a federal agency that the individual to whom such document was issued is not in compliance with the citizenship and lawful residency requirements for such license, card, or permit. The bill has a delayed effective date of October 2, 2020, and contains technical amendments.		
<u>SB 649</u> - Boysko (33) Town taxes; collection by county.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/13/2020 Senate: Reported from Local Government (13-Y 0-N) 1/17/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20105082D) - See also HB 1534 (Samirah). Summary: Collection of town taxes by county. Authorizes the board of supervisors of any county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government to enter into agreements with towns located partially or wholly within such county for the collection and enforcement of real or personal property taxes by the county official responsible for assessment or collection of taxes. The authority granted to such counties is similar to authority granted to Loudoun County under existing law.		
<u>SB 682</u> - Mason (1) Food and beverage tax; county imposing a tax greater than four percent.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations	1/28/2020
Support (20103944D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: County food and beverage tax. Eliminates the limit that restricts a county from imposing a food and beverage tax (commonly referred to as the meals tax) at a rate greater than four percent. The bill also removes the requirement that a county hold a referendum before imposing a meals tax. Under current law, the tax limit and referendum requirement apply to counties but not cities.		
<u>SB 710</u> - McClellan (9) Distributed renewable energy; establishment of solar renewable energy, etc.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	1/28/2020
Support (20104871D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Distributed renewable energy. Promotes the establishment of distributed renewable solar and other renewable energy. The measure (i) increases from one percent to 10 percent the systemwide cap on the total amount of renewable energy that can be net metered in a utility's service territory, (ii) authorizes third-party power purchase agreements for all customer classes throughout the Commonwealth, (iii) allows local		

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governments and certain other public bodies to install solar or wind facilities of up to five megawatts on government-owned property and use the electricity for government-owned buildings, (iv) allows all net metering customers to attribute output from a single solar array to multiple meters, (v) allows the owner of a multifamily residential building or the common areas of a condominium to install a renewable energy generation facility and sell the electricity to tenants or condominium unit owners, (vi) removes the restriction on customers installing a net-metered generation facility larger than that required to meet their previous 12 months' demand, (vii) raises the cap for net-metered nonresidential generation facilities from one megawatt to three megawatts, and (viii) removes the ability of utilities to assess standby charges. The measure also amends the Commonwealth Energy Policy to include provisions supporting distributed generation of renewable energy.		
SB 746 - Bell (13) Comprehensive plan; adoption or disapproval by governing body.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/20/2020 Senate: Reported from Local Government with amendments (12-Y 3-N) 1/23/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (35-Y 5-N)	1/28/2020
Support (20105016D) - See also HB 726 (Reid). Summary: Comprehensive plan. Extends the time by which a governing body is required to approve or disapprove a locality-initiated comprehensive plan amendment from 90 to 180 days.		
SB 749 - Cosgrove, Jr. (14) Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; establishes sale of insurance, etc., for platforms.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	1/28/2020
Support (20105235D) - Support efforts to provide taxation parity with existing vehicle rental services. See also HB 891 (Sickles). Summary: Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; regulation; insurance; taxation. Establishes taxation, insurance coverage, sale of insurance, disclosure, safety recall, airport operation, and recordkeeping requirements for peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms, as defined in the bill.		
SB 750 - Cosgrove, Jr. (14) Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; definition, taxation.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations	1/28/2020
Support (20102741D) - Support efforts to provide taxation parity with existing vehicle rental services. See also HB 892 (Sickles). Summary: Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; taxation. Provides that peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms, as defined in the bill, are rentors for the purposes of taxation.		

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<u>SB 759</u> - Marsden (37) Photo speed monitoring devices; civil penalty.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation	1/28/2020
Support (20105147D) Summary: Speed monitoring devices; civil penalty. Authorizes law-enforcement officers to operate photo speed monitoring devices, defined in the bill, in or around school crossing zones and highway work zones for the purpose of recording images of vehicles that are traveling at speeds of at least 10 miles per hour above the posted school crossing zone or highway work zone speed limit within such school crossing zone or highway work zone when such highway work zone is indicated by conspicuously placed signs displaying the maximum speed limit and the use of such photo speed monitoring device. The bill provides that the operator of a vehicle shall be liable for a monetary civil penalty, not to exceed \$125, if such vehicle is found to be traveling at speeds of at least 10 miles per hour above the posted highway work zone or school crossing zone speed limit by the photo speed monitoring device. The bill provides that if the summons for a violation is issued by mail the violation shall not be reported on the driver's operating record or to the driver's insurance agency, but if the violation is personally issued by an officer at the time of the violation, such violation shall be part of the driver's record and used for insurance purposes. The bill provides that the civil penalty will be paid to the locality in which the violation occurred.		
<u>SB 839</u> - Ebbin (30) Zoning; permitted provisions in ordinance, worker protection.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government	1/28/2020
Support (20103585D) Summary: Permitted provisions in the zoning ordinance; worker protection. Authorizes a locality to include in its zoning ordinance certain conditions as part of the grant of a special exception that permits development at a floor area ratio (FAR) greater than 1.0 or 25 units per acre, or requires the construction of or improvements to public facilities, public roads, or other publicly owned or managed areas. Such conditions may require a developer, directly or through its contractors, to enter into binding contractual commitments that provide certain protections for the skilled and unskilled workers hired to build the development project.		
<u>SB 848</u> - Ebbin (30) Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; changes report date.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules	1/28/2020
Support (20102147D) Summary: Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; report date. Changes from November 1 to December 15 the annual reporting date of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the performance of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.		
<u>SB 852</u> - Ebbin (30) Tobacco products; tax on all tobacco products, penalties.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations 1/30/2020 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (12-Y 1-N)	1/28/2020

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Support (20104343D) - Support concept of increased cigarette/e-cigarette tax as a deterrent to smoking, but equal taxing authority without a cigarette tax cap remains a top County priority. See also HB 1120 (Hope).

Staff Recommendation: Support.

Summary: Taxes on tobacco products; penalties. Provides that tobacco products, defined in the bill, would be subject to tax at rates of \$1.80 per pack of cigarettes or 39 percent of the wholesale price for all other tobacco products. Current law imposes taxes of \$0.30 per pack of cigarettes, 10 percent of the wholesale price of certain tobacco products, and various weight-based rates that apply to moist snuff and loose leaf tobacco. The bill broadens the definition of "tobacco product" to include electronic smoking devices, which are not taxed under current law.

SB 864 - Pillion (40)
Comprehensive harm
reduction programs;
public health emergency,
repeal sunset provision.

1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
1/30/2020 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)

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Support (20104765D) - See also HB 378 (Rasoul).

Summary: Comprehensive harm reduction programs; public health emergency; repeal sunset. Repeals the sunset on the program established in 2017 that allows the Commissioner of Health to establish and operate local or regional comprehensive harm reduction programs during a declared public health emergency that include a provision for the distribution of sterile hypodermic needles and syringes and the disposal of used hypodermic needles and syringes.

SB 921 - Locke (2)
Cigarette tax, local;
authorizes all counties to
impose without rate
limit.

1/9/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations

1/28/2020

Support (20104542D) - Board has historically supported.

Summary: Local cigarette tax; authorize all counties to impose without rate limit. Permits any county to impose a cigarette tax. Under current law, only the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax have such authority. The bill provides that there shall be no limitation on the cigarette tax rate imposed by counties. Under current law, cities and towns may impose the tax without limitation on the rate, but the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax may impose the tax at a rate not to exceed the amount levied under state law (\$0.30 per pack).

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<p><u>SJ 1</u> - McClellan (9) United States Constitution; ratifies and affirms Equal Rights Amendment.</p>	<p>11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/9/2020 Senate: Incorporates SJ 5 (Saslaw) 1/9/2020 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (10-Y 5-N) 1/15/2020 Senate: Agreed to by Senate (28-Y 12-N) 1/16/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/17/2020 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (13-Y 9-N) 1/27/2020 House: Agreed to by House (58-Y 40-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20105431D-S1) - Board has historically supported. See also HJ 1 (Carroll Foy). Summary: Constitution of the United States; Equal Rights Amendment. Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that was proposed by Congress in 1972.</p>		
<p><u>SJ 57</u> - Lewis, Jr. (6) JLARC; costs of education, report.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Support (20103928D) - Board has historically supported. Fairfax County's Legislative Program includes support for adequate K-12 education funding. Summary: Study; JLARC; costs of education; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the true cost of education in the Commonwealth and provide an accurate assessment of the costs to implement the Standards of Quality.</p>		

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<u>HB 9</u> - Bourne (71) Firearms; reporting those lost or stolen, civil penalty.	11/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety 1/24/2020 House: Reported from Public Safety (15-Y 7-N)	1/28/2020
Monitor (20100298D) - See also SB 67 (McClellan). Summary: Reporting lost or stolen firearms; civil penalty. Requires that, if a firearm is lost or stolen from a person who lawfully possessed it, such person shall report the loss or theft of the firearm to any local law-enforcement agency or the Department of State Police within 24 hours after such person discovers the loss or theft or is informed by a person with personal knowledge of the loss or theft. The bill requires the relevant law-enforcement agency to enter the report information into the National Crime Information Center. A violation is punishable by a civil penalty of not more than \$250. The bill provides that a person who, in good faith, reports the loss or theft is immune from criminal or civil liability for acts or omissions that result from the loss or theft. The immunity does not apply to a person who knowingly gives a false report. The bill does not apply to the loss or theft of an antique firearm.		
<u>HB 283</u> - Cole (28) Highway construction and maintenance; time limitations.	12/30/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket (10-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Monitor (20101687D) Summary: Time limitations for highway construction and maintenance. Prohibits construction or maintenance that blocks a lane of travel on a primary or interstate highway between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.		
<u>HB 589</u> - Guzman (31) Community services boards; funding formula, population and need.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 1/27/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket (6-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Monitor (20102117D) Summary: Community services boards; funding formula; population and need. Adds the total population of the area served by each community services board and the level of need for services provided by a community services board among the population of the area served to the list of criteria the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services must consider when allocating state-controlled funds to community services boards.		
<u>HB 642</u> - LaRock (33) Transportation funding; statewide prioritization process.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation	1/28/2020
Monitor (20104059D) Summary: Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board, when administering SMART SCALE, to ensure that projects are evaluated for district grant program funds and high-priority funds separately, and that the projects selected in one program do not impact the other program. The bill requires the Board to weight congestion mitigation at at least 55 percent in the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads highway construction districts. The bill requires that projects eligible for district grant program funds receive a district-specific score and an overall score.		

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HB 655 - Heretick (79) Solar photovoltaic projects; conditional zoning.	1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	1/28/2020
<p>Monitor (20102659D) - See also SB 870 (Marsden).</p> <p>Summary: Conditional zoning for solar photovoltaic projects. Authorizes any locality with a planning commission to include reasonable regulations and provisions for conditional zoning for solar photovoltaic (electric energy) projects of more than five megawatts, as measured in alternating current (AC) generation capacity. The bill authorizes the governing body of such locality to accept a proffered condition that includes (i) dedication of real property of substantial value or (ii) substantial cash payments for or construction of substantial public improvements, the need for which is not generated solely by the granting of a conditional use permit or a rezoning itself, so long as such proffered conditions are reasonably related to the project. The bill also authorizes a zoning ordinance to include reasonable regulations to implement certain provisions related to conditional proffers.</p>		
HB 983 - Delaney (67) Traffic incident management vehicles; equipped with certain lights.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/16/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (10-Y 0-N) 1/21/2020 House: Incorporates HB 635 (LaRock) 1/21/2020 House: Reported from Transportation with substitute (22-Y 0-N) 1/29/2020 House: Committee substitute rejected 1/29/2020 House: Incorporates HB 635 (LaRock) 1/29/2020 House: Substitute by Delegate Delaney agreed to	1/28/2020
<p>Monitor (20104763D)</p> <p>Summary: Traffic incident management vehicles. Authorizes traffic incident management vehicles, defined in the bill, operated by persons who meet certain training requirements to be equipped with flashing red or red and white secondary warning lights.</p>		
HB 1137 - Lopez (49) TANF & Va. Initiative for Education & Work; hardship exception.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 1/16/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 0-N) 1/21/2020 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions (22-Y 0-N) 1/27/2020 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N) 1/28/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	1/28/2020
<p>Monitor (20101649D)</p> <p>Summary: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Virginia Initiative for Education and Work; hardship exception. Requires the Department of Social Services to (i) keep records of the number of Virginia Initiative for Education and Work participants that receive an exception to the time limitations on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families due to hardship and the specific circumstances relied upon to grant such exceptions and (ii) annually publish non-identifying statistics regarding such information.</p>		

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HB 1312 - Kory (38) Dangerous weapons; prohibits possessing or transporting in local government buildings.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety	1/28/2020
<p>Monitor (20100166D)</p> <p>Summary: Local government buildings; dangerous weapons; penalty. Prohibits the possession or transport of (i) guns or other weapons designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind; (ii) frames, receivers, mufflers, silencers, missiles, projectiles, or ammunition designed for use with a dangerous weapon; or (iii) certain other dangerous weapons in any building owned or used by a locality for governmental purposes in the Commonwealth. A violation is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Currently, the possession or transport of such weapons is prohibited in any courthouse.</p>		
HB 1510 - McQuinn (70) Weapons; carrying into building owned or used by the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety	1/28/2020
<p>Monitor (20104479D)</p> <p>Summary: Carrying weapon into building owned or used by the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof; penalty. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for a first or second offense for a person to transport any (i) gun or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind; (ii) frame, receiver, muffler, silencer, missile, projectile, or ammunition designed for use with a dangerous weapon; or (iii) other dangerous weapon into a building owned or used by the Commonwealth or any agency or political subdivision thereof for governmental purposes. The bill provides exceptions for law-enforcement officers, conservators of the peace, magistrates, court officers, judges, city or county treasurers, commissioners or deputy commissioners of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, authorized security personnel, and active military personnel while in the conduct of such individuals' official duties. The bill requires that notice of the provisions prohibiting the carrying of such weapons be posted at each public entrance to all buildings owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any agency or political subdivision thereof. A third or subsequent offense of this or certain other firearms offenses is punishable as a Class 6 felony.</p>		
HB 1511 - McQuinn (70) Towing fees; raises to \$30 additional fee that can be charged for towing a vehicle at night, etc.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/27/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (4-Y 2-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Monitor (20104626D) - See also SB 916 (Marsden).</p> <p>Summary: Towing fees. The bill raises from \$25 to \$30 the additional fee that can be charged for towing a vehicle at night, on weekends, or on a holiday. The bill requires localities in Planning District 8 and Planning District 16 to set such additional fee at between \$25 and \$30. Current law requires such localities to set such additional fee at \$25.</p>		

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HB 1586 - Watts (39) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; allocation of funds.	1/14/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations 1/27/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment (7-Y 0-N) 1/29/2020 House: Reported from Appropriations with amendment (16-Y 3-N)	1/28/2020
Monitor (20105593D) Summary: Provides that increases in service approved by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board shall not be included in the calculation of the annual increase in total operating expenses included in an approved WMATA budget.		
SB 31 - Petersen (34) Eminent domain; costs for petition for distribution of funds, interest rate.	11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/29/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary with amendments (14-Y 0-N) 1/29/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations	1/28/2020
Monitor (20100604D) Summary: Eminent domain; costs for petition for distribution of funds; interest rate; recordation of certificate. Provides that the costs of filing a petition with the court for the distribution of the funds due pursuant to an eminent domain proceeding shall be taxed against the condemnor. The bill also provides that the interest rate on the funds represented by a certificate of deposit from the date of filing of the certificate until the funds are paid into the court shall not be less than the judgment rate of interest. Finally, the bill reorganizes for clarity the provisions governing what happens upon recordation of a certificate by the Commissioner of Highways in a condemnation proceeding.		
SB 67 - McClellan (9) Firearms; reporting those lost or stolen, civil penalty.	11/22/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary	1/28/2020
Monitor (20101053D) - See also HB 9 (Bourne). Summary: Reporting lost or stolen firearms; civil penalty. Requires that, if a firearm is lost or stolen from a person who lawfully possessed it, such person shall report the loss or theft of the firearm to any local law-enforcement agency or the Department of State Police within 24 hours after such person discovers the loss or theft or is informed by a person with personal knowledge of the loss or theft. The bill requires the relevant law-enforcement agency to enter the report information into the National Crime Information Center. A violation is punishable by a civil penalty of not more than \$250. The bill provides that a person who, in good faith, reports the loss or theft is immune from criminal or civil liability for acts or omissions that result from the loss or theft. The immunity does not apply to a person who knowingly gives a false report. The bill does not apply to the loss or theft of an antique firearm.		
SB 310 - Stanley, Jr. (20) Public animal shelters; notice to euthanize.	1/5/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	1/28/2020
Monitor (20101026D) Summary: Requires a public animal shelter to wait three days before euthanizing a dog or cat when a person has notified the shelter of his intent to adopt or take custody of the animal. The shelter must make reasonable efforts to accomplish the release of the animal but is not required hold the animal if it has reason to believe that the animal has seriously injured a human or the animal meets certain other specified conditions for euthanasia.		

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SB 617 - Deeds (25) Absentee voting; voter satellite offices for absentee voting in person.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/14/2020 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections with amendment (15-Y 0-N) 1/20/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Monitor (20102713D-E) Summary: Authorizes the establishment of voter satellite offices by governing bodies of counties and cities for purposes of absentee voting in person. No change in any voter satellite office, including the creation of a new voter satellite office or abolishment of an existing voter satellite office, may be enacted within the 60 days immediately preceding a general election. The bill requires general registrars to post notice of the locations of all voter satellite offices within the locality, and their days and hours of operation, not later than 55 days prior to any election. Requirements for polling places, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, changes of location due to emergency circumstances, and funding, apply to voter satellite offices. The provisions of the bill are applicable to elections beginning with the general election on November 3, 2020.		
SB 687 - Vogel (27) Bicycles; signage, effective clause.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/16/2020 Senate: Reported from Transportation with substitute (15-Y 0-N) 1/16/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations 1/22/2020 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendment (16-Y 0-N) 1/27/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
Monitor (20105989D-S1) Summary: Bicycles; signage and road markings. Requires the Department of Transportation to erect and maintain signs in high pedestrian, Segway, bicycle, moped, animal, and animal-drawn vehicle traffic volume areas signs that say "Share the Road" and that note existing law requiring passing motor vehicles to pass at least three feet to the left of such vehicles. The bill prohibits the driver of a motor vehicle from using a bicycle lane to pass or attempt to pass another vehicle.		
SB 826 - McDougle (4) Water and sewer service charges; tenant or lessee.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/20/2020 Senate: Reported from Local Government with amendment (14-Y 1-N) 1/23/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 2-N)	1/28/2020
Monitor (20103958D-E) Summary: Reduces the maximum potential responsibility of a property owner for a tenant's unpaid water and sewer charges by capping the dollar amount of such property owner's responsibility at \$200.		
SB 870 - Marsden (37) Solar photovoltaic projects; conditional zoning.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government	1/28/2020

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<p>Monitor (20102704D) - See also HB 655 (Heretick).</p> <p>Summary: Conditional zoning for solar photovoltaic projects. Authorizes any locality with a planning commission to include reasonable regulations and provisions for conditional zoning for solar photovoltaic (electric energy) projects of more than five megawatts, as measured in alternating current (AC) generation capacity. The bill authorizes the governing body of such locality to accept a proffered condition that includes (i) dedication of real property of substantial value or (ii) substantial cash payments for or construction of substantial public improvements, the need for which is not generated solely by the granting of a conditional use permit or a rezoning itself, so long as such proffered conditions are reasonably related to the project. The bill also authorizes a zoning ordinance to include reasonable regulations to implement certain provisions related to conditional proffers.</p>		
<p><u>SB 916</u> - Marsden (37) Towing fees; raises to \$30 additional fee that can be charged for towing a vehicle at night, etc.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 Senate: Reported from Transportation (11-Y 2-N) 1/29/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (26-Y 13-N)</p>	<p>1/28/2020</p>
<p>Monitor (20104641D) - See also HB 1511 (McQuinn).</p> <p>Summary: Towing fees. The bill raises from \$25 to \$30 the additional fee that can be charged for towing a vehicle at night, on weekends, or on a holiday. The bill requires localities in Planning District 8 and Planning District 16 to set such additional fee at between \$25 and \$30. Current law requires such localities to set such additional fee at \$25.</p>		

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***Legislation
No Longer Under Consideration***

***(Failed to Report, Incorporated into other
Legislation, Tabled, etc.)***

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HB 25 - Lindsey (90) Absentee voting; no excuse required.	11/19/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/21/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 1-Herring) by voice vote 1/24/2020 House: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (HB 1-Herring) by voice vote	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20100509D) - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure bill can be successfully implemented. See also HB 1 (Herring) and HB 209 (Murphy).</p> <p>Summary: Permits any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he is qualified to vote. The bill removes the current list of statutory reasons under which a person may be entitled to vote by absentee ballot and removes references to those reasons from other sections of the Code.</p>		
HB 209 - Murphy (34) Absentee voting; no excuse required.	12/27/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/21/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 1-Herring) by voice vote 1/24/2020 House: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (HB 1-Herring) by voice vote	1/28/2020
<p>Support (20101232D) - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure bill can be successfully implemented. See also HB 1 (Herring) and HB 25 (Lindsey).</p> <p>Summary: Permits any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he is qualified to vote. The bill removes the current list of statutory reasons under which a person may be entitled to vote by absentee ballot and removes references to those reasons from other sections of the Code.</p>		
SB 117 - Favola (31) Family day homes; licensure threshold.	12/15/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services 1/17/2020 Stricken at request of Patron in Rehabilitation and Social Services (12-Y 0-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Amend (20102365D) - Amend to allow Fairfax County to maintain its current local permitting program. See also HB 1214 (Simonds).</p> <p>Summary: Reduces from five to three the number of children for whom a family day home must obtain a license to provide child care services.</p>		
SB 644 - Boysko (33) Traffic incident management vehicles; exempt from certain regulations.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Transportation (6-Y 9-N)	1/28/2020
<p>Monitor (20102092D)</p> <p>Summary: Traffic incident management vehicles. Adds traffic incident management vehicles, defined in the bill, operated by persons who meet certain training requirements to a list of vehicles exempt from certain traffic regulations at or en route to the scene of a traffic accident or similar incident. The bill also allows such vehicles to be equipped with sirens and flashing red or red and white secondary warning lights.</p>		

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SJ 32 - Bell (13) Electric vehicles; DEQ to study the impact of and develop Clean Transportation Plan, report.	1/6/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules 1/24/2020 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Rules with letter by voice vote	1/28/2020
<p>Support with Amendment (20104293D) - Support with amendment to encourage consideration of the impact on transportation revenue resulting from the increase in use of electric vehicles.</p> <p>Summary: Study; Department of Environmental Quality; Clean Transportation Plan; report. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study the impact of electric vehicles and develop a Clean Transportation Plan.</p>		