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Tips for Effectively Communicating with Legislators

Local leaders have always played a crucial role in explaining to state legislators how the actions they take at the General Assembly affect Virginia's communities. 2025 is an odd year "short" session which means things are happening at a fast pace! This makes it even more important that your communications with legislators - whether in person, on the phone, or in writing - are clear, concise, and targeted to the issues most affecting your locality.



In person

When meeting with senators or delegates:

- **Be brief.** A short conversation is all that is needed to make a big impression.
- **Have the bill numbers.** Being able to reference specific legislation keeps the conversation on track.
- **Explain your concern.** It's not enough to say you like or dislike a particular piece of legislation. You should be prepared to say why.
- **Have a specific ask:** This is your chance to make sure they understand that you're not asking for something they *should* do, you're asking for something they *must* do.
- **Reference your locality.** Be sure to remind the legislator that you represent or work for their constituents from a particular town, city, or county. An invitation to visit is always a great way to make this point.
- **Have a business card ready.** You may need to leave it with their assistant. Write the bill number that you want to discuss on the back.
- **Follow up as soon as possible.** A well-written letter or email is one of the best ways to thank your legislator for meeting with you and to remind them of your thoughts and opinions about a particular issue.

Written communications

A well-written letter or email is one of the best ways to introduce yourself and make your legislators aware of your thoughts and opinions about a particular issue. Here are some tips for getting your message across effectively:

- **Be brief.** Legislators have many demands on their time. They appreciate communications that are short and to the point.
- **Put the message in your own words.** Group emails, form letters and petitions don't have the same impact as personal, informed opinions.
- **Address your message to a specific legislator or legislators.** Depending on your message, you may want to write to the sponsor of a bill, certain members of a committee, or your own legislators. Don't address your message to the entire legislature.
- **Give any sources of information** that you use to make your point.
- **Include your contact information** so they have a way to respond.
- **After legislation is introduced:**
 - **Identify bills** by their number, title, and sponsor.
 - **Explain your position** on the bill and ask for the legislator's support or opposition.

Outside of a legislative session, the legislative branch does not maintain staff or facilities through which constituents may contact their legislators. Instead, constituents may contact legislators directly through any of the means listed on their individual webpages.

For a complete list of Senators, Delegates, and Committees refer to the directories at the back of this Legislative Bulletin.

To find out the status of the bill, use the lookup tool available via the below QR code.



Note – when entering the bill number, do not use spaces (e.g., "HB123").



General Assembly Building

Floor Directory

Lower Level

House Room A
Tunnel Entrance to Capitol

1st Floor

Information
Capitol Police Security Screening
Commonwealth Room
Constituency Center
Dining
Press Room

2nd Floor

House Committee Operations
House Rooms B and C
House North and South Subcommittee Rooms
House Briefing Room
House Burgess Room

3rd Floor

Senate Committee Operations
Senate Rooms A, B and C
Senate Subcommittee Room

4th Floor

Division of Legislative Services
House Information Systems
Senate Briefing Room
Senate Fiscal and Human Resources

5th Floor

Senate Member Offices
Senate Post Office
Senate Subcommittee Room
Senate Support Services

6th Floor

Senate Member Offices
Senate Subcommittee Room North and South

7th Floor

House Member Offices
House North and South Conference Rooms

8th Floor

House Member Offices
House 8th Floor Meeting Room

9th Floor

House Member Offices
House 9th Floor Meeting Room

10th Floor

House Member Offices
House 10th Floor Meeting Room

11th Floor

House Member Offices
House Human Resources
House Finance
House Post Office
House Support Services

12th Floor

House Appropriations Chair & Vice Chair
House Appropriations Room
House Appropriations Staff
House Training Room

13th Floor

Senate Finance and Appropriations Room
Senate Finance and Appropriations Staff
Senate Information Systems

14th Floor

House Speaker
House Majority and Minority Leaders
Senate Leadership
Senate Leadership Conference Room
Speaker's Conference Room

Legislative Bill Room - 1st floor, Parking Deck - Enter at 9th and Broad Street



General Assembly Building

Below is an overview of the public meeting spaces and areas you may need to visit while in the GAB. Floor maps of primary meeting spaces are on the back side of this flyer.

GAB Hours:
 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during interim
 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or when meetings conclude daily during legislative sessions

Virginia General Assembly – Overview of Meeting Space

Lower Level

House Room A – largest meeting space, seating 300 people. House Committees with largest public attendance will meet here; Joint Money Committee hearings will occur here.

Tunnel Entrance to Capitol – located at base of central staircase; scheduled to be open by January; To be used by Members, staff and the public. If someone passes through security in Capitol or GAB, navigating between the 2 buildings via the tunnel eliminates need for additional security screenings, and hopefully will reduce lines at the door.

1st Floor

Information
 Capitol Police Security Screening

Meriwethers Dining – Hours of operation:
 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during interim
 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or when floor sessions end) during session
 Mobile orders can be picked up in dining area.

Commonwealth Room – Overflow dining area on Broad Street side of Meriwethers Dining.

2nd Floor

House Rooms B and C – both seat approximately 200 in audience
House North and South Subcommittee Rooms – seats 100 in audience

Majority of House Committee and Subcommittee meetings will occur on the 2nd Floor in one of these 4 meeting rooms

House Briefing Room – must be reserved by a House member.

House Committee Operations Staff

3rd Floor

Senate Room A - seats 200
Senate Room B - seats 180
Senate Room C – Seats 100
Senate Subcommittee Room
 Senate Committee Operations Staff

4th Floor

Division of Legislative Services
 House Information Systems
 Senate Finance and HR
 Senate Briefing Room – must be reserved by Senate member

5th Floor

Senate Support Services (Lobbyists Badging)

Senate Member Offices on 5th and 6th Floors

House Member Offices located on 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Floors

11th Floor

House Finance and HR
 House Support Services (Press Badging)

12th Floor

House Appropriations Room – seats 200 in audience. All House Appropriations Subcommittee and Committee Meetings will be held in this space.

House Appropriations Chair & Vice Chair
 House Appropriations Staff

13th Floor

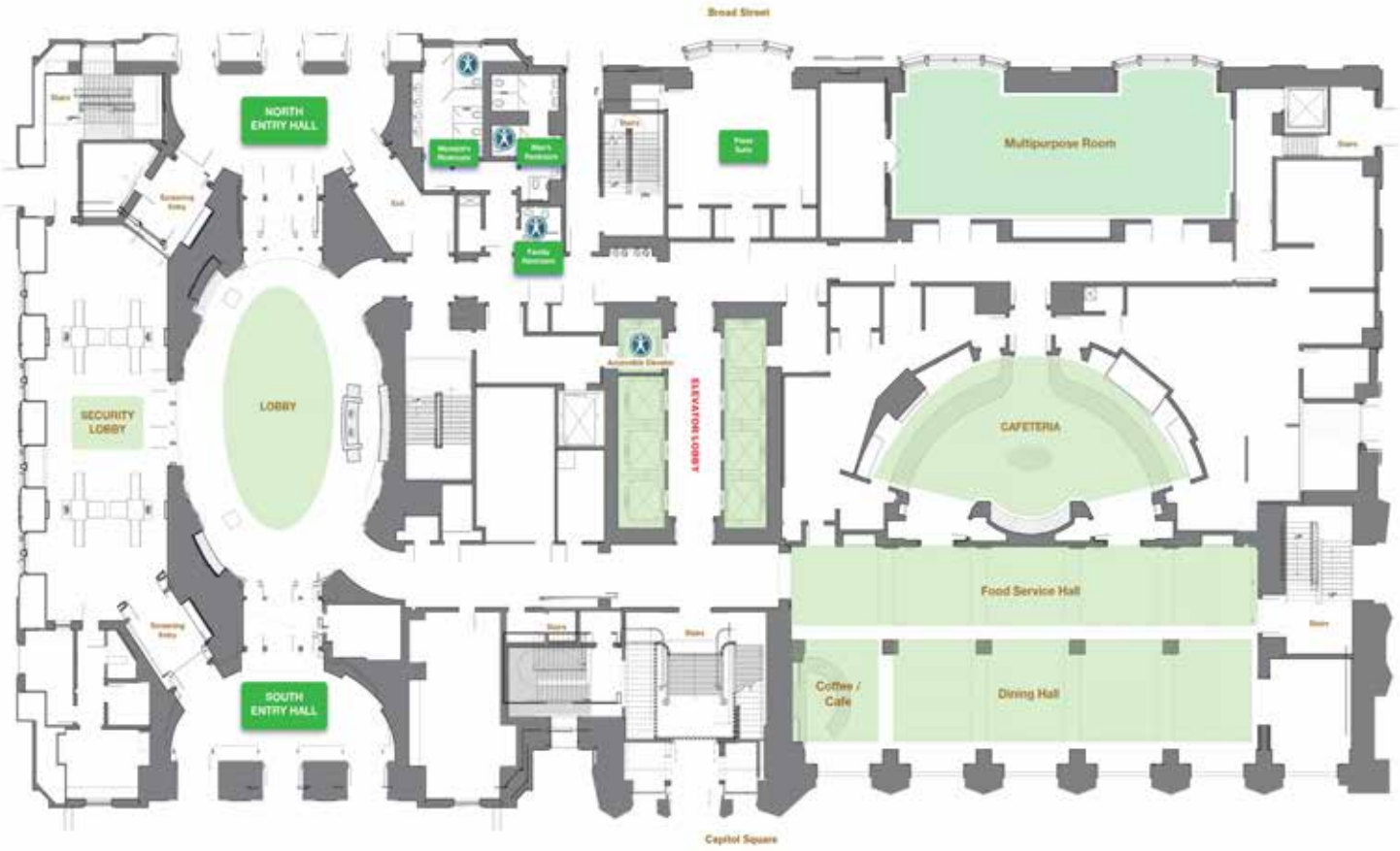
Senate Finance and Appropriations Room
 Senate Finance and Appropriations Staff
 Senate Information Systems

14th Floor

House Speaker’s Office
 House Majority and Minority Leader Offices
 Senate Leadership Offices

Legislative Bill Room – located at 9th and Broad on first floor of parking deck

1st Floor (Public Entrances & Dining)

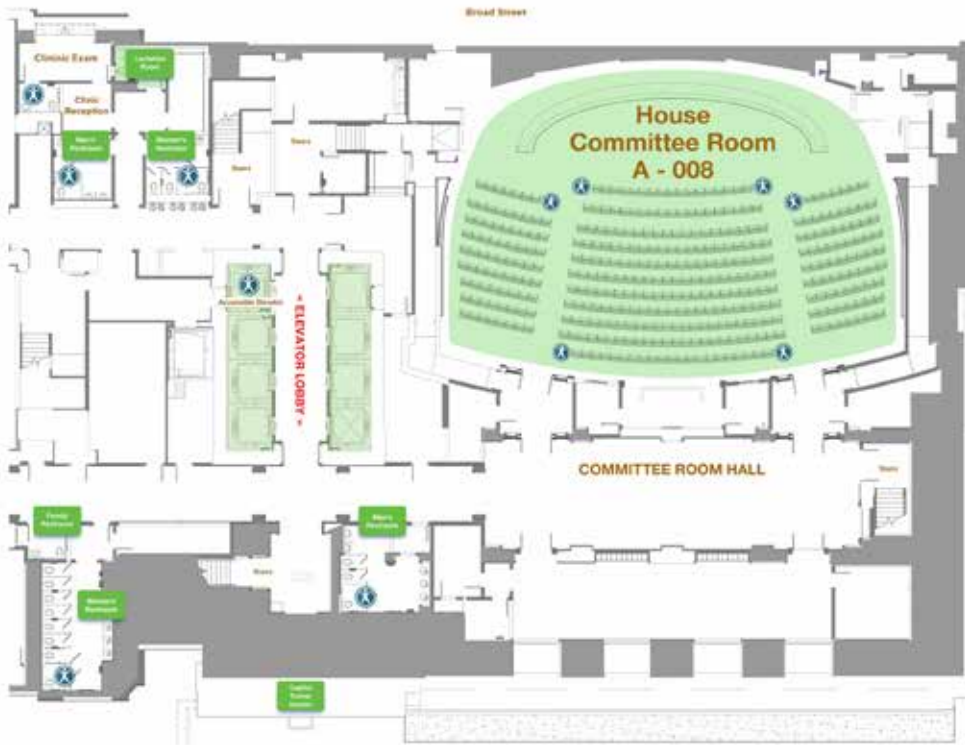


2nd Floor House Meeting Rooms



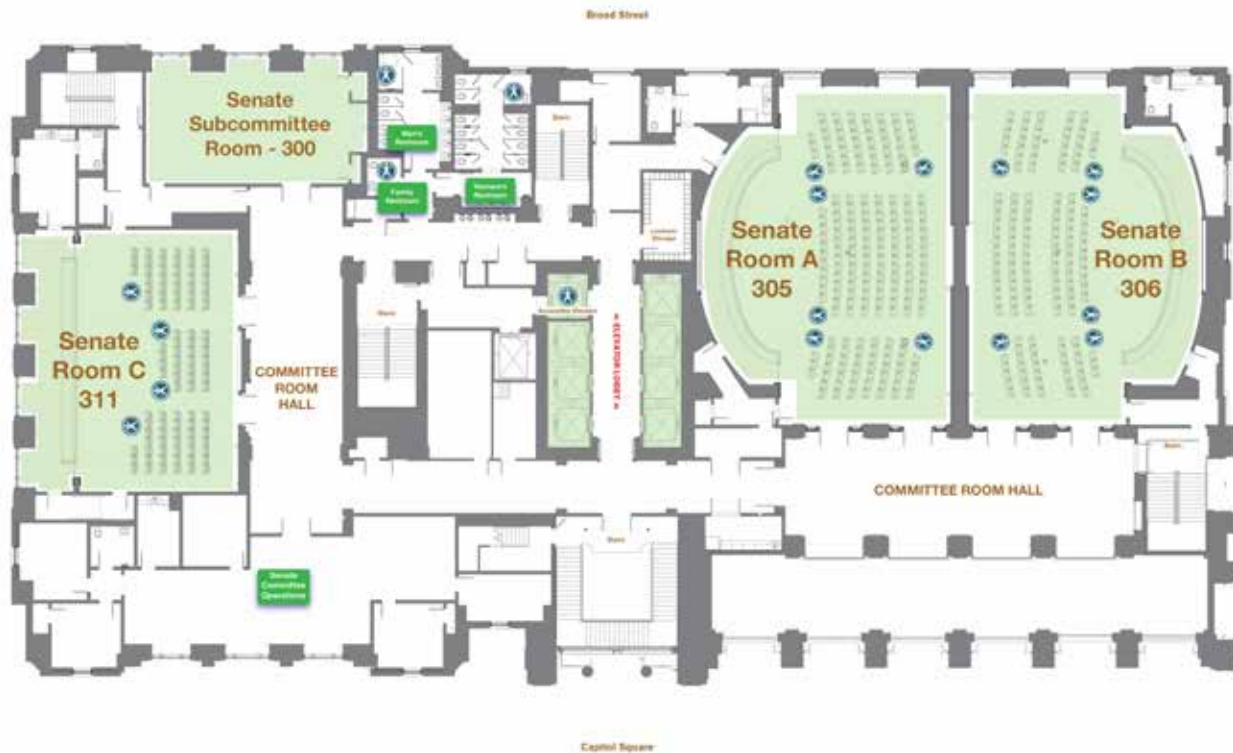
Lower Level

House Committee Room A



3rd Floor

Senate Meeting Rooms



Please be aware that bills may have moved and/or been amended since this bulletin was drafted.

Land Use & Housing

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Zoning: First class mail (instead of certified mail) to last known address – **SUPPORT**

HB2330 (Hodges) Notice of certain land use actions; first-class mail to last known address, etc., or property owner.

When there is a proposed change in the zoning map classification of 25 or fewer parcels of land notice is sent by registered or certified mail. This legislation changes that to be one notice sent by first-class mail to the last known address of certain property owners impacted by a proposed change in the zoning map classification of 25 or fewer parcels of land provided that a representative of the local planning commission shall make affidavit that such mailings have been made and file such affidavit with the papers in the case. This bill is in the Counties, Cities and Towns full committee Friday.

Key Points:

- This amendment will reduce the cost of sending registered or certified mail for localities.
- More people will read the notice because it is NOT registered or certified mail.
- There will still be appropriate notice.

Zoning: Timing of second hearing public notice – **SUPPORT**

HB1996 (Bennett-Parker) Planning and zoning; second hearing public notice. This legislation came at the request of VML members; it changes the second public hearing notice that a planning commission publishes for planning and zoning actions to be published 5 days before the date of the meeting instead of 7. The Press Association worked with VML to accomplish this change. This bill is on the House floor.

Key Points:

- This is a bill at the request of some towns whose local newspaper and meeting cycle are different.
- It changes the second public hearing notice that a planning commission or governing body publishes for planning and zoning actions to be published 5 days before the meeting instead of 7 days.

Required register of cemeteries

SB1118 (Roem) Registration by localities of cemeteries on private property. Requires localities to adopt an ordinance creating a register of identified cemeteries, graveyards, or other places of burial on private property. This bill has passed the Senate.

Key Points:

- Localities cannot enter private property to search for private cemeteries.
- Many land owners do not know that there are cemeteries on their land.
- This is not a local government function.
- The Senator is working with us on amendments

Creation of Department of Aviation website with noise exposure maps - **SUPPORT**

SB1210 / HB1706 (Pekarsky/Bulova) Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures for buyer to beware; aircraft noise. The Department of Aviation shall create a general public access website showing noise exposure maps. Also, in the disclosures regarding the sale of residential property there will be a provision that suggests reviewing these maps and local ordinances that deal with noise and airports is important. Both of these bills have passed their respective chamber.

Key Points:

- This is a bill that was vetted by the Housing Commission.
- VML participated in the discussion to ensure that it includes all areas of the Commonwealth.

Local authority for siting of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

SB932 (Salim / Stanley) HB2533 (Sewell) Zoning, development and use of accessory dwelling unit. The bill is supposed to have localities consider accessory dwelling units in their comprehensive plans as well as tiny homes. This bill is on the Senate floor.

Key Points:

- This bill will allow localities to decide where accessory dwelling units are appropriate in their locality
- Includes the consideration of tiny homes.

Human trafficking training for accommodations providers

HB1654 (Helmer) Short-term rental properties; human trafficking awareness training. This bill requires an accommodations provider to complete an approved training course on recognizing and reporting instances of suspected human trafficking. The course shall be approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. This bill is on the Senate floor; the House cognate died in Finance.

Key Point: Given the fact that human trafficking training is required for hotel/motel employees, it is appropriate for accommodation providers to be subject to training as well

Add “Environmental Justice Community” to comprehensive plan

SB1254 (Bagby) Comprehensive plan; environmental strategy. This would add to the comprehensive plan consideration of being an “environmental justice community” as defined in 2.2-234. This bill has passed the Senate.

Comprehensive Plan: Consideration for public health and access to health care

HB1827 (Simonds) Comprehensive plan; social determinants of health. Encourages the comprehensive plan to utilize relevant and available data and research related to social determinants of health as defined in the Virginia Code to consider how the adopted plan will impact public health and access to health care. This bill has passed the House and been referred to Senate Local Government.

Comprehensive Plan: Affordable housing on tax exempt nonprofit organization property – **SUPPORT**

[SB1178](#) / [HB2153](#) (Hashmi/Carr) Faith and Housing; comprehensive plan; zoning; Department of Housing and Community Development. This bill requires a locality in its comprehensive plan to obtain input on strategies to support affordable housing on religious organization property and other property tax exempt nonprofit organizations. These bills are awaiting action in the respective finance committees.

Key Point: This is a bill that VML supports to address faith and housing properties and their uses in the comprehensive plan.

Code section for affordable dwelling unit ordinances expanded to all localities

[SB1313](#) (McPike) Affordable housing; local zoning ordinance authority; comprehensive plan. This proposed legislation amends Virginia Code Section 15.2-2304 to include all localities. It also adds implementation tools that can be included in your affordable dwelling unit ordinances. This has passed the Senate.

Administrative review of subdivision plans

[SB974](#) (VanValkenburg) / [HB2293](#) (Coyner) Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent. This legislation requires the review of a subdivision plat, site plan and plan of development to be completed administratively. SB974 has passed the Senate and HB2293 is still in a Counties, Cities and Towns subcommittee.

Key Points:

- This proposal restricts planning commissions or local governing bodies from reviewing subdivision plats, site plans or plans of development.
- Some localities do not have a planner or “designated agent” as defined in the bill except for the planning commission.
- VML has asked that they consider exempting localities that do not have a planner or “designated agent”.

Reimbursement to applicant of water and sewer connection fees

[SB1263](#) (Bagby) Water and sewer connection fees; new residential development. Allows a locality to provide for the full or partial reimbursement of water and sewer connection fees, capital recovery charges, and availability fees remitted by an applicant in connection with any new residential development. This has passed the Senate.

Site assessments for data centers and high energy use facilities

[SB1449](#) (Ebbin) / [HB1601](#) (Thomas) Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility. This legislation defines “high energy use facility” and allows a locality to require a site assessment before approving any new high energy use facilities. The Senate bill has passed the Senate and the House bill has passed the House and is assigned to Senate Local Government.

Zoning ordinance provisions for data center water use

[SB899](#) (Stuart) Data centers; water use. A locality may include in its zoning ordinance provisions for (i) requiring proposed data center developments to submit water use estimates and (ii) considering water use when making rezoning and special use permit decisions related to data center development. (There is also a substitute for this bill that is not currently available). This has passed the Senate.

Shorten timeframe for approval of subdivision plats

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

Demolition of unsafe structures

HB2577 (Leftwich) Uniform Statewide Building Code; unsafe structures. Any structure deemed unsafe under the Uniform Statewide Building Code, and therefore eligible for demolition upon the unsafe notice process being completed, the owner or his agent may temporarily overcome the unsafe structure designation by vacating and securing the structure by board up of all access points. The bill further provides that after six months have elapsed from the time the board up was first learned of and internally recorded by the locality, if the structure would still otherwise be considered an unsafe structure, the locality may issue and send a written notice to the owner that if the other conditions specified in the notice are not adequately improved, or an appeal. This bill is in the House Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Actions against landlord's failing to maintain dwellings in a fit condition

HB1718 (Price) Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; enforcement by localities. A locality may create an ordinance that provides that if a condition exists in a rental dwelling unit that constitutes a material noncompliance by the landlord with the rental agreement or with any provision of law that, if not promptly corrected, constitutes a fire hazard or serious threat to the life, health, or safety of tenants or occupants of the premises, a locality may institute an action for injunction and damages to enforce the landlord's duty to maintain the rental dwelling unit in a fit and habitable condition, provided that (i) the property where the violation occurred is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the locality and (ii) the locality has notified the landlord who owns the property, either directly or through the managing agent, of the nature of the violation and the landlord has failed to remedy the violation to the satisfaction of the locality within a reasonable time after receiving such notice. This has passed the House and has been assigned to House General Laws.

Key Point: This is permissive.

Conveyance of blighted or derelict property in lieu of auction

SB1476 (Pillion) / HB2745 (O'Quinn) Vacant and blighted or derelict property; locality allowed to sell. A locality which has a vacant property for 5 years or more and is declared blighted or derelict and also has had a tax levied may petition the circuit court to appoint a special commissioner to convey the real estate to the locality in lieu of a public auction. The bill includes technical steps and options for the locality to sell the property including requiring that repairs and renovations are made and that within 2 years the building be compliant with the building code. SB1476 has passed the Senate and HB2745 is in subcommittee.

Inventory of all locality-held property suitable for development as affordable housing

(Concern) HB1758 (Gardner) Surplus real property; prioritization of disposition for affordable housing. Requires the governing body of each locality to prepare an inventory list of all real property within its jurisdiction to which the locality holds fee simple title that is suitable for the development of affordable housing. If the governing body of a locality chooses to dispose of such a property, such property shall be offered for at least 180 days exclusively to

eligible organizations, as defined by the bill, for the purpose of developing affordable housing, through purchase, lease, exchange, or donation in return for a recorded covenant to provide affordable housing for at least 30 years. Reported from General Laws.

Key Point: Localities are already using real property for this purpose and this could hinder current efforts and processes.

Enhanced penalties for nonpermitted commercial uses (Planning District 23) – **CONCERN**

SB992 (Williams Graves) Civil penalties for certain repeat zoning violations in Planning District 23; appeals. *Please note that changes to Board of Zoning Appeals in this bill apply to all localities. Provides an enhanced level of civil penalties in Planning District 23 (Hampton Roads) for repeat violations involving nonpermitted commercial uses as defined in the bill. The bill also clarifies (i) that when a board of zoning appeals hears appeals from the decision of an administrative officer and alters the statutorily required order of evidence, it is a reversible error and (ii) that the required statement of a right to appeal an administrative officer's decision must be sent to the aggrieved person by certified mail with proof of delivery. This bill has passed the Senate.

Key Points:

- The bill does state that if a locality alters the order of evidence in a BZA appeal that it is reversible error.
- This is a change and potentially problematic in handling BZA hearings.

Include industrial properties as derelict for penalties

HB2128 (Walker) Derelict buildings; expands authority of localities to impose civil penalties.

This bill acts to include industrial properties as derelict buildings for the purpose of imposing a penalty. This bill has passed the House and is referred to Senate Local Government.

Anti-rent gouging measures by localities

HB2175 (Clark) Local anti-rent gouging authority; civil penalty. Localities may by ordinance adopt anti-rent gouging measures after proper notice and public hearings. HB2175 is in General Laws Committee and the Senate cognate has died.

Key Point: This is a permissive tool for localities

Fee structure for failure to correct storage/disposal of excavation material, etc.

SB1422 (Reeves) Zoning violations; appeals; fines. This proposed legislation deals with the conviction of the storage or disposal of nonagricultural excavation material, waste, and debris being punishable by a fine of \$2000 but if the problem is not abated within the specified period of time the fine shall rise to \$5000 and \$7500 as outlined in the regulation. This has passed the Senate.

Timing of effectiveness of zoning ordinances and amendments – **CONCERN**

SB1305 (McPike) Local taxes; zoning assessments; injunctions; ordinances. Any zoning ordinance or amendment to a zoning ordinance and map that has been enacted after December 1, 2023, shall not be effective until there is a final determination or the appropriate time period for an appeal has expired. This legislation passed the Senate.

Key Points:

- Once property is rezoned, it is reassessed so that the assessment is uniform with other property of like zoning.
- This legislation will cause additional litigation and therefore cost all parties more money.
- These property owners entered into these sales contracts knowingly.

Fees for repeat zoning ordinance violations

SB1267 (Aird) Zoning; enhanced civil penalties; certain residential violations. This bill makes repeat violations of a zoning ordinance for multifamily residential purposes to be not more than \$1000 for a second violation and subsequent violations also are more with a cap of \$6000 for all violations within a 12-month period. This has passed the Senate.

Solar canopies over certain parking areas

HB2037 (Bulova) Land development; solar canopies in parking areas. This allows a locality to adopt an ordinance that requires an applicant to install a solar canopy over designated parking areas. Such provisions shall apply only to non-residential parking areas with 100 parking spaces or more and may require coverage of up to 50 percent of the parking area. Localities are authorized to provide development density bonuses for properties that are subject to such provisions. This is on the House floor.

Siting of solar facilities on agricultural, commercial, industrial, or institutional properties

HB2438 (Mundon King) Solar facilities; local regulation, special exceptions. Ground-mounted solar energy generation facilities located on property zoned agricultural, commercial, industrial, or institutional shall be permitted pursuant to various criteria to be included in a local ordinance, such as specifications for setbacks, fencing, solar panel height, visual impacts, and grading, and a decommissioning plan for solar energy equipment and facilities. This bill passed the House.

Key Points:

- Requires a developer of ground mounted solar to hire a professional engineer to update the decommissioning plan cost estimate every 5 years and the plan shall return the property to a useful condition similar to preconstruction condition.
- States that localities shall require a special exception or a siting agreement that include items outlined in the bill.

Mandated increases to housing stock and creation of approval board – OPPOSE

HB2641 (Helmer) Statewide housing targets; requires localities to increase their total housing stock. This proposed legislation requires localities to increase their total housing stock every year and creates a “Housing Approval Board” that can overturn a local governing bodies decision on a residential project. The Board can provide a locality with a reprieve from the growth if they adopt prescriptive housing growth strategies as outlined in the bill and has not rejected more than 25% of new housing development over the past 5 years. This bill is in the House Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Key Points:

- This bill creates a board that could overturn a local governing body decision on a zoning application.
- Requires localities to force the creation of housing even if there is no need for additional housing.
- This is not a typical local government function.

Negotiation for affordable assisted living units

[HB2054](#) (Reaser) Affordable housing; application for special use permit for assisted living facilities. This legislation allows localities with affordable housing plans to negotiate with developers for affordable assisted living units as well as housing units. This has passed the House and assigned to General Laws in the Senate.

Consideration of certain recovery residences as single-family residence – CONCERN

[HB2289](#) (Coyner/Seibold) Zoning; recovery residences. Provides that zoning ordinances for all purposes shall consider a certified recovery residence in which no more than eight individuals with substance use disorder reside, either with or without one or more resident or nonresident staff persons, as residential occupancy by a single family. The bill provides that no clinical treatment shall take place in such recovery residence and that the recovery residence shall submit the individual name and contact information for the person responsible for the residence to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. (CONCERN) This bill is in Counties, Cities and Towns subcommittee.

Adjustment of civil penalty for recovery residences violations – SUPPORT

[SB838](#) (VanValkenburg) Recovery residences; certification required, penalty, report. Amends the existing civil penalty for a violation of law related to the operation of recovery residences to a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group to (i) make recommendations related to oversight and transparency for recovery residences and (ii) develop credentialing guidelines for recovery residences. This bill was sent to the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Creation of policy to ensure a criminal record is not the reason for denying housing outside the policy

[SB1128](#) (Lucas) / [HB1638](#) (Hayes) Va. Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; affordable housing, criminal record screening model policy. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a model policy that ensures that a criminal record is not the reason for denying a person housing unless the policy is followed. It also creates a workgroup that includes VML. This law is not effective until January 1, 2026. They have both passed their respective chambers.

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Required proposed agenda for all public meetings

SB876 (Ebbin) Virginia Freedom of Information Act; notice of public meetings; proposed agenda required. Requires public bodies subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to include a proposed agenda listing all items expected to be considered by the public body at its meeting and those items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of matters to be considered. The bill allows for amendments to be made to any such proposed agenda but provides that the public body shall not take any final action on those amended or additional agenda items unless they are time sensitive. This bill will be on the Senate floor.

Key Points:

- Could restrict a local governing body from taking up a matter that unexpectedly comes up before or during a meeting.
- Defines that agenda items shall be “sufficiently descriptive” which is not defined.
- Time Sensitive items can be acted upon and is not defined

Required training for attorneys designated as FOIA officers

HB2152 (Carr) Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public body’s officer training. States that if the designated Freedom of Information Officer for a locality is their attorney; the attorney must attend training by the Freedom of Information Advisory Council. This bill is in the House Appropriations Committee.

Significant change to fees for FOIA requests – **CONCERN**

SB1029 (Roem) Virginia Freedom of Information Act, procedure for responding to requests; charges; posting of notice of rights and responsibilities. Limits the fees that can be charged for producing public records to the median hourly rate of pay of employees or the actual hourly rate for the person performing the work whichever is less. It also amends the notice of rights and responsibilities on the website and makes some other technical amendments. This bill will go to the Senate floor.

Key Points:

- This bill COMPLETELY changes the way that fees for FOIA requests can be charged.
- Charges will be based on the median salary of the locality (with some parameters).
- Can go to court to alter the fee.
- Clarifies that the response time is tolled while waiting for a court decision.

Change to requirements related to the timing of oath of office

HB2628 (Glass) / SB997 (Williams Graves) Local officers; oath of office. States that localities must take the oath of office and give bond if appropriate on or before the day on which the term of office begins. SB2628 is on the House Floor and SB997 passed the Senate.

Key Point: This means that if you take office on January 1st, you would have to take the oath of office prior to or on that day

Local authority to create foundation and soil management fund

[HB1659](#) (Henson) Local Foundation and Soil Management Fund. Give localities the authority to create a local foundation and soil management fund out of local money for granting funds to citizens for foundation management and soil settlement repairs on previously developed lands. This has passed the House and has been referred to the Senate Local Government Committee.

Distribution of plastic bag taxes from counties to towns

[HB1764](#) (Martinez) Disposable plastic bag tax; distribution to towns. States that any town in a county with a plastic bag tax shall receive a distribution of the total tax collected by the county based on the local sales tax distribution formula. This has passed the House and has been referred to Senate Local Government.

Changes to definition of “employer” related to number of employees

[SB1052](#) (Ebbin) Virginia Human Rights Act; definition of “employer”. Reduces from 15 to 5 the number of employees for each working day in each of 20 or more weeks for purposes of the definition of “employer.” This has passed the Senate.

Limitation on prohibition of solar product materials

[SB1165](#) (Salim) / [HB2024](#) (Seibold) Virginia Public Procurement Act; national environmental protection and product safety standards. Prohibits local governments from excluding materials contained in solar products if the products meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Recommendations of Specifications, Standards, and Ecolabels. The Senate bill has passed the Senate and the House bill is in the House Finance Committee.

Inclusion of digital assets in statement of disclosure

[SB1170](#) (Salim) Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council; disclosure of digital assets. Requires the conflict of interest and ethics advisory council to amend the statement of disclosure to include the disclosure of digital assets. This is in the General Laws Committee.

Change to definition of “personal interest in a transaction”

[SB1357](#) (Ebbin) / [HB1745](#) (Watts) Conflict of Interests Act, State and Local Government, personal interest in a transaction. Adds to the definition of “personal interest in a transaction” for the purposes of State, Local and the General Assembly Conflict of Interests act includes when the subject of the transaction is the spouse. The Senate bill is on the floor and the house bill is in committee.

Grants to certain emergency responders exposed to qualifying emergencies

[SB972](#) (Rouse) Emergency Response Exposure Grant Fund and Program. This fund will award grants to localities to support certain emergency responders who were exposed to a qualifying emergency, defined in the bill. The bill requires funding to be used for annual cancer screenings and health care expenses incurred by eligible emergency responders, defined in the bill, in the event such emergency responders are diagnosed with cancer from toxic material exposure. The bill permits funding to be used for out-of-pocket medical expenses not otherwise covered by insurance, workers’ compensation, or other available funding. The Department of Fire Programs shall administer the Fund and Program. The enactment clause states that the 2012 airplane crash in Virginia Beach is a qualifying emergency. This bill is in the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Required reporting of emergency incidents to the Fire Programs Fund

[HB2065](#) (Thomas) Fire Programs Fund; aid to localities, requirement for emergency incidents reporting. For localities to remain eligible for funding from the Fire Programs Fund, they must report all emergency incidents through the National Emergency Response Information System while sharing such emergency incident data with the Department of Fire Programs. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. This has reported from the General Laws Committee.

Establishment of the Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund

[SB1246](#) (Stanley) Va. Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund. Establishes the Virginia Emergency Management Preparedness and Capabilities Grant Program and Fund for the purpose of awarding grants to political subdivisions to assist with the cost of emergency management and preparedness. This is in finance.

Prohibition of State Fire Marshal fees under certain criteria

[SB1248](#) (Hackworth) Fire Prevention Code; prohibition on permit fees for fire departments, etc. for certain localities. Prohibits the State Fire Marshal from charging a fee for the approval and administration of a permit issued to the governing body of a locality with a total population of less than 10,000. This bill passed the Senate.

Disposition of unclaimed benefits from Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund

[SB934](#) (Craig) Certain unclaimed property presumed abandoned; Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund. If funds or property in the Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund (Fund) are unclaimed for more than five years after a member's forfeiture of his membership or dissolution of a volunteer emergency services or fire department they shall be presumed abandoned for purposes of the Virginia Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act. This has passed the Senate.

Local authority to require assistance to service employees when new service provider is retained

[SB1489](#) (Bagby) / [HB2559](#) (Lopez) Authority of local government; service employees

Any locality may require by local ordinance compliance various provisions that assist service employees as defined in the bill transition to a new service company or retain their job when the locality moves to a new service company. SB1489 is in Finance and HB2559 is in subcommittee.

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Budget Amendment: Real property tax exemptions relief for localities – SUPPORT

Item 251 #1s (Aird) Localities Real Property Tax Exemptions Relief requests one-time funding of \$103 million from the general fund in FY 2026 to reimburse local governments for mandatory property tax exemptions for veterans or their surviving spouses, if the amount of required relief exceeds 1% of the locality's property tax revenues. The amendment also includes language that requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to convene a stakeholder group to assess the future cost to localities of providing mandatory property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and provide policy recommendations.

Key Points:

- The bill requests one-time funding in FY 2026.
- The bill also requests a work group be formed to assess the rising costs and policy options to address those costs.

Real property tax; assessment of affordable housing – MONITOR

HB2245 (Callsen) Real property tax; assessment of affordable housing as introduced, requires the authorized real estate assessor charged with determining the fair market value of property operated as affordable rental housing to use the income approach. The bill also provides that the locality for which an assessment was performed by an assessor that failed to comply with the provisions of the bill shall reimburse the property owner for reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in bringing and prosecuting an appeal of such an assessment if the owner wins the appeal.

The patron introduced a substitute on Wednesday, January 29 that only requires that assessments be based on the income approach for affordable housing if the property is generating income and adequate information is provided by the property owner to the local assessor. The patron also agreed to remove provisions related to attorney fees. The substitute was adopted by House Finance and is headed to the House Floor.

Concerns remain that using the income approach to assess affordable housing is inconsistent with national assessment standards, but the patron and affordable housing advocates were unwilling to address those concerns.

Key Points:

- The requirement to use the income approach -- and not consider the sales or cost approaches that can inform a reliable appraisal -- may violate national Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) standards, potentially calling into question the localities' assessment.
- The substitute requires that assessors use the income approach to assess affordable housing that is generating income provided adequate information is provided to conduct the assessment.

License taxes; deduction for out-of-state receipts – CONCERNED

As introduced, **HB1743 (Watts) License taxes; deduction for out-of-state receipts** provides that the local license tax (aka BPOL) deduction for receipts attributable to out of-state business are required to include receipts attributable to jurisdictions where the taxpayer is liable for a net income tax, as defined in federal code, and taxes based on gross receipts or other taxes in lieu of an income tax.

Under current law, any receipts attributable to business conducted in another state or foreign country in which the taxpayer is liable for an income or other tax based upon income are deductible from gross receipts or gross purchases for license tax purposes.

A substitute to HB 1743 broadens the current exclusion by expanding the definition of income or other tax based upon income to mean “net income tax, as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 383, or any other tax the measure of which is based in whole or in part on gross or net income, or receipts.

Importantly, the bill requires the Department of Taxation to convene a work group that includes VML, VACo, and the Commissioners of Revenue as well as the Chamber of Commerce and other key business representatives to review:

- (i) the current policy and methodology of the deduction set forth in subdivision B 2 of § 58.1-3732 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act;
- (ii) any concerns regarding the existing laws governing such deduction;
- (iii) any potential impact of the amendments set forth in the first enactment of this act, including potential revenue impacts to localities, potential administrative complexities, and potential complexities to taxpayers; and
- (iv) any impact to such deduction from other existing provisions of law.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2026.

Key Points:

- The bill is likely to reduce local BPOL revenues by allowing additional business deduction for out-of-state receipts.
- The impact on local revenues and administration remains unknown.
- To address the concerns raised by local governments about the uncertain impact of HB 1743 on localities, a reenactment clause was previously discussed but excluded from the substitute approved by House Finance on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.
- Absent a reenactment clause, VML cannot support this legislation.

Transient occupancy tax; administration – MONITOR

HB2383 (Mundon-King) Transient occupancy tax; administration provides that an accommodations provider shall not be required to transmit a transient occupancy tax return to a locality if (i) all retail sales of accommodations owned by the accommodations provider are facilitated by an accommodations intermediary (i.e., Airbnb, Expedia, VRBO) and (ii) the accommodations provider attests that all sales were facilitated by an accommodations intermediary. The bill also provides that accommodations providers are required to transmit returns for the retail sale of any accommodations not facilitated by an accommodations intermediary. The bill requires that information provided by an intermediary to a local commissioner of the revenue, treasurer, or any other local tax or revenue officer or employee of a locality for transient occupancy tax purposes must remain confidential. The bill would limit the use of such information by such officials only for the purpose of levying and collecting retail sales and use tax, transient occupancy tax, and any other taxes imposed on the sale of accommodations.

Current law requires accommodations intermediaries to collect and remit local transient occupancy taxes for providers that are facilitated by the intermediary. Where applicable, the return must also include the number of room nights and the room tax rate applied, the total amount of room tax due, and any regional transportation transient occupancy taxes due. Accommodations intermediaries are also required to submit to a locality the property addresses and gross receipts for all accommodations facilitated by the intermediary.

A different approach designed to increase compliance with current law was proposed by Del. Ware in **HB1557** and Sen. Marsden in **SB1330 Short-term rentals; registration; civil penalty**.

Ware and Marsden’s bills directed the Department of Taxation to establish a registry of short-term rental properties and require accommodations providers and intermediaries to register. The House and Senate versions of the bill were defeated in favor of the bills carried by Del. Mundon-King’s bill and Sen. Surovell, whose bills have cleared the House and Senate, respectively.

Key Points

- The bill is likely to pass each chamber.
- The provision that prohibits the sharing of information among local departments is likely to make it difficult to verify who is operating a short-term rental in their locality.

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Budget Amendments: Eliminate public education support cap – SUPPORT

VML has a legislative program item supporting the elimination of the support cap in public education, a hold-over from the Great Recession in 2009. The following amendments would eliminate the cap.

House Appropriations Committee:

- [Item 125 #2h](#) (Bulova) Eliminate Support Cap

Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee:

- [Item 125 #18s](#) (Aird) Direct Aid - Remove Support Cap – Coincides with [SB1236](#) (Aird).
- [Item 125 #13s](#) (Boysko) Direct Aid - Support Position Ratio

Key Points:

- These amendments would provide \$222.9 million in fiscal year 2026 to eliminate the existing ‘support cap’ that calculates the number of funded support positions based on the ratio of 24 positions per 1,000 students.
- This is a recommendation from the Joint Subcommittee to Study Elementary and Secondary Education Funding.

Budget Amendment: School Construction Assistance Program – SUPPORT

[Item 125 #7h](#) (Cousins) School Construction Assistance Program would increase funding for the School Construction Assistance Program by \$290 million in fiscal year 2025.

Key points:

- The amount in this amendment would be added to the \$290.0 million included in the introduced budget, bringing the total to \$740.0 million over the biennium.
- The program is funded through proceeds from the Gaming Proceeds Fund.

Budget Amendments: Schools Funding Items – SUPPORT

The following amendments combine several education funding items that VML supports.

House Appropriations Committee:

[Item 125 #3h](#) (Rasoul) Eliminate Support Cap and Provide Additional Special Education Add-On provides \$277.5 million in the second year to eliminate the support cap that calculates the number of funded positions based on the ratio of 24 positions per 1,000 students. Also establishes the special education add-on.

Key Points:

- This amendment is derived from recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Elementary and Secondary Education Funding.
- This amendment is tied to [HB1954](#) (Rasoul), an omnibus bill encompassing multiple joint legislative audit and review committee JLARC recommendations regarding public education funding.

Budget Amendments: Schools Funding Items – SUPPORT cont.

Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee:

Item 125 #7s (Hashmi) Direct Aid - Fully Fund JLARC Recommendations provides \$1.2 billion in fiscal year 2026 to fully fund all JLARC recommendations from the 2023 report. Also provides add-on funding for students with disabilities on a scale recommended in the JLARC report.

Key Points:

- This amendment is derived from recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Elementary and Secondary Education Funding.
- This amendment is tied to support **SB977 (Hashmi)**.

Local Sales Tax for School Construction – SUPPORT

SB1307 (McPike) Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum would permit any county or city to impose an additional local sales and use tax of up to one percent if initiated by a resolution and ordinance of the local governing body and approved by voters at a local referendum. The revenues of such local tax would be used solely for capital projects to construct or renovate schools. Revenues from this tax cannot be used to reduce, supplant, or offset any local appropriations for capital projects. Currently, this authority is limited to the qualifying localities of Charlotte, Gloucester, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Patrick, and Pittsylvania Counties and the City of Danville. This bill passed the Senate 27-13.

Key Points:

- According to the [Commission on School Construction and Modernization](#) (which unanimously approved the legislation), over half of Virginia's K-12 school buildings are more than 50 years old. The estimated funding needed to replace these buildings is over \$25 billion.
- This bill is about parity for local governments, giving all counties and cities the same authority as the nine current localities with this authority.
- This bill is **NOT** a tax increase. It would create a local option and another tool for local governments, which would only be enacted by local referendum.

JLARC Recommendation Bills – SUPPORT

Following the [Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commissions' \(JLARC\) study](#) on improving the Standards of Quality (SOQ) in the Commonwealth, released in the summer of 2023, several legislators have continued to introduce legislation. The Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding has begun meeting to discuss implementing the JLARC short-term recommendations. While this committee meets, several pieces of legislation continue to be introduced.

SB1236 (Aird) Public schools; Standards of Quality; certain calculations; support services would remove the funding cap placed on support positions, require the DOE to make formula changes to the SOQ, include salaries for instructional and support positions, and include facilities and transportation support costs. SB1236 has been passed by for the day and will be considered in the budget.

SB977 (Hashmi) Public schools; Standards of Quality; certain calculations; support services / HB1954 (Rasoul) Equity in public school funding and staffing; special education students; at-risk students; English language learner students; support services positions; report would require the Department of Education (DOE) to make changes to the Standards of Quality (SOQ) funding formula when calculating non-personnel costs. One funding formula change comes from the deduction of federal funds resulting in the examination of actual support costs versus current spending. Another is the inclusion of facilities and transportation staff salaries in calculating any cost of competing adjustments to salaries for

instructional and support positions. Lastly, the bills would include an estimate of the cost of compensation for facilities staff. This is an omnibus bill consisting of multiple JLARC recommendations. SB977 is currently with the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. HB1954 is on the House floor.

HB2032 (Reaser) English language learner students; per-student funding add-on; report would require state-funded add-ons to support English language learner students. It would also require local funds to be obligated for add-ons determined by the local ability to pay. Lastly, the bill would require the DOE to develop and implement a data collection process for English language learners. This begins to address a JLARC recommendation. HB2032 passed the House 67-37-1.

Key Point: Per code, the state should be funding 55 percent of the cost of education and localities should be funding 45 percent of the cost of education. However, over time localities have been forced to pay far more than 45 percent. Implementing these recommendations will help begin to lessen the burden on localities.

Require School Boards to be Elected – **OPPOSE**

SB1404 (Pekarsky) School boards; method of selection; election required would require all school boards to be elected instead of the current option of appointed, elected, or hybrid. Current law requires school board members to be appointed but allows elected school boards if approved by referendum. Only 12 localities maintain appointed school boards. SB1404 is in the Senate Education and Health Committee.

Key Points

- VML is opposed to any measures that remove local authority.
- Localities can already choose to transition from an appointed board to an elected board via referendum as outlined in the code.
- Although this bill does not affect all members, we believe it is important to stand up for local authority!

Artificial Intelligence & Information Technology

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High-Risk Artificial Intelligence – MONITOR

SB1214 (Aird) High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies; work group; report / HB2046 (Anthony) High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies; work group; report would create requirements for the development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems, as defined in the bills, by state public bodies. The bills direct the Chief Information Officer (CIO) to develop, publish, and maintain policies and procedures concerning the development, procurement, implementation, utilization, and ongoing assessment of systems. These bills do not include counties, cities, or towns but do include a workgroup to determine the feasibility of extending this requirement to local governing bodies.

SB1214 is in the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and HB2046 is in the House Appropriations Committee.

Key Points:

- Local government is not included but will be.
- Please review this legislation to begin working on preparing for compliance.
- State public bodies are piloting this legislation.
- This legislation comes as a recommendation from the Joint Technology and Science (JCOTS) committee this summer.

HB2094 (Maldonado) High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use; civil penalties would create requirements for vendors that develop, deploy, and use high-risk artificial intelligence systems, as defined in the bill, to be enforced by the Attorney General. This bill comes as a recommendation from JCOTS this summer. It does not include any public bodies; however, it does mandate developers that local governments will use. HB2094 is in the House Appropriations General Government and Capital Outlay Subcommittee.

Key Points:

- Does not include local governments.
- Places a mandate on vendors which may result in using different vendors in the future.
- Penalties for non-compliance are solely on vendors.

Information Technology Procurement Standards – MONITOR

HB2541 (Tran) Information Technology Access Act; digital accessibility would make several changes to the Virginia Information Technology Act to align the Virginia Code with Federal Standards that all local bodies must comply with by 2026 or 2027. This bill would add small adjustments above federal standards related to digital accessibility, defined in the bill, for all people with disabilities. This bill is currently in the House Appropriations General Government and Capital Outlay Committee.

Key Points:

- Federal standards must be met regarding Americans with Disabilities Act IT compliance by April 2026 for localities with populations over 50,000 and by 2027 for localities with populations under 50,000.
- This bill adds a roadmap for vendors who are out of compliance to use as they begin the process of aligning with federal standards.
- This bill allows localities to designate a digital compliance coordinator.

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Rank Choice Voting – MONITOR

SB1009 (Salim) Elections; conduct of election; ranked choice voting; locally elected offices; report would allow local elections to be conducted by rank-choice voting. The State Board of Elections would be required to create standards and approve tabulation software on existing systems conducting rank choice voting elections as well as provide voter education materials on ranked choice. VML does not have a position on the policy of ranked-choice voting, however, VML recognizes that not every machine can currently accommodate this form of voting, and purchasing new machines can be expensive. VML believes that the authority to decide voting methods should remain at the local level. SB1009 reported from the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee 10-4.

Key Points:

- The decision to conduct an election via ranked-choice voting should continue to rest with the locality since the financial responsibility would be borne locally.
- Not all systems can currently accommodate ranked-choice voting. New or updated equipment would be necessary, which is a direct cost to localities.
- Voter education would be needed as well to ensure this process is done correctly.

Timing of Primaries – MONITOR

SB1119 (VanValkenburg) Elections; primary dates; presidential year primaries / HB1794 (Helmer) Elections; primary dates; presidential year primaries would move all primary elections to be held on the date of the presidential primary. Concerning candidates for election in November of a presidential election year, the bill would lift the requirement that petition signatures must be collected after January 1 of the presidential election year. **VML IS NEUTRAL.** These bills would only move the dates of primaries, not general elections. SB1119 passed the Senate 27-11 and HB1794 was reported from the House Privileges and Elections Election Administration Subcommittee.

Key Points:

- Not all localities would be affected as some already coincide with this bill.
- Would change primaries from being held in June and November for various elections to November of a presidential year.
- Localities with a General Election in the odd years can maintain their General Election date.

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Budget Amendments: Children's Services Act – SUPPORT

The introduced budget included language to cap the state's reimbursement to local governments for special education private day services under the Children's Services Act (CSA). This is the fastest growing component of the CSA program.

In the House Appropriations Committee:

- [Item 268 #1h](#) (Carr) **Eliminate State Cap on Reimbursement for CSA Private Day Educational Services (language only)** eliminates language from introduced budget that would cap the state's reimbursement to localities for CSA special education private day educational services.
- [Item 268#2h](#) (Coyner) – Same as above
- [Item 268#3h](#) (Hodges) – Same as above

In the Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee:

- [Item 1#4s](#) (Favola) **Review of Support for Children with Highest Support Needs in Public Schools (language only)** would direct an existing workgroup of Senate and House budget-writing committee members to review recommendations from a CSA/special education workgroup regarding a funding stream for students with intensive support needs (as is the case for children placed in private special education services).
- [Item 268#1s](#) (Favola) **Eliminate State Cap on Reimbursement for Private Day Educational Services (language only)** eliminates language from the introduced budget to cap the state's reimbursement to localities for CSA special education private day educational services.
- [Item 268#2s](#) (Deeds) – Same as Item 268#1 above.

Key Points:

- The CSA program is a shared state and local responsibility.
- Capping the state's participation would constitute a major and unwelcome departure from the foundation of this program and shift state funding responsibility onto local governments.
- Individualized education plans (IEPs) that govern these placements must be adhered to in accordance with federal law. Local CSA teams cannot change an IEP: if a special education private day placement is prescribed, it must happen.
- For the state to propose not paying its share of costs for mandated services is unconscionable.
- Regarding the Favola workgroup amendment, legislators from the House and Senate budget committees already examining school funding could focus on possible ways to fund services public schools could offer for children with intensive needs to keep them in their community school system (a less restrictive placement, too).

Budget Amendments: State assistance to local police departments (HB 599) – SUPPORT

The introduced budget did not include additional funding for the state assistance to localities with police departments program (dubbed HB 599 for the bill that created the program more than 40 years ago) even though state general fund revenue collections are projected to grow 2.5 percent in fiscal year 2026. The *Code of Virginia* stipulates that HB 599 funds are to grow at the same rate as growth in state general fund revenue collections.

Amendments have been introduced in the House and Senate to increase HB 599 funding by \$5,741,255 in FY2026. This would be in accordance with state general fund revenue growth. These amendments are listed below.

In the House Appropriations Committee:

- [Item 396#1h \(Green\)](#) **Aid to Localities with Police Departments** provides an additional \$5,741,255 GF in fiscal year 2026 for Aid to Localities with Police Departments, bringing the total second year appropriation to \$235.4 million.
- [Item 396#2h \(McQuinn\)](#) – Same as above
- In Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee:
- [Item 396 #1s \(Pillion\)](#) **Aid to Localities with Police Departments (“599”)** provides additional \$5,741,255 GF in fiscal year 2026 for Aid to Localities with Police Departments, bringing the total second year appropriation to \$235.4 million.
- [Item 396#2s \(Craig\)](#) – Same as above

Key Points:

- A total of 174 localities that operate police departments receive this funding. Counties with law enforcement sheriffs get state funding through a different program.
- Many legislators do not know the history of HB 599 and the *Code of Virginia* requirement to increase funding at the same rate as growth in state general fund revenue collections. A good opportunity to tell them about this!
- Most Virginians receive their law enforcement coverage through local police departments.
- Local governments must comply with state standards – including training and reporting requirements – to receive this funding. Funding can be withheld if localities do not abide these and other reporting requirements under the law.

Transportation

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Photo speed enforcement: Redirects civil penalties revenues from localities to the state – **OPPOSE**

HB2041 (Seibold) Speed safety cameras; placement and operation will limit local ability to make road safety and pedestrian improvements by directing civil penalties from photo speed enforcement programs for motorists speeding 10mph or more on school, work, and high-risk zones to the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (VHSIP).

HB2041 will be heard on Thursday, January 30 by the House Transportation Committee.

Key Points:

- Directs all civil penalties collected to the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Fund less those revenues necessary to pay for the operation of a photo speed enforcement program.
- Creates new annual reporting requirements for program costs, camera placement and distribution to address public concerns including equity, public safety needs as well as racial and economic concerns regarding camera programs.
- Authorizes localities by ordinance to place photo speed cameras which may be operated in high-risk pedestrian zones with criteria to be established.
- Introduces new requirements for localities operating a photo speed enforcement program to include at least two signs notifying drivers of photo speed enforcement within 1,000 feet of the camera and one sign that provides speed feedback.
- Requires localities operating a photo enforcement program establish an advisory committee.
- Requires a 30-day warning period when new cameras are placed.
- Requires a law-enforcement agency operating a photo speed camera program establish an emergency action plan for addressing camera or system malfunctions.

SB1209 (Obenshain) Photo speed monitoring devices; private vendors; calibration; civil penalty as substituted redirects all civil penalties from a photo speed enforcement program. Currently revenues generated by local photo-speed enforcement programs can be used by localities for road safety projects and improvements particularly in cities, towns, and counties that maintain their own roads. This bill would prevent using civil penalties for local road safety improvements by directing locally generated revenues to the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program and even prevent using these penalties for the operation of photo speed enforcement. SB1209 also creates new criteria for the calibration of photo-speed cameras used as part of a photo-speed enforcement program. This bill will be heard in the Senate Courts of Justice Committee on Monday.

Key Points:

- Places the cost of operating a photo speed enforcement program on the locality.
- Prevents localities from using revenues collected from civil penalties for local public and road safety programs.

Photo speed enforcement: Expanded use to localities without law enforcement agencies – **SUPPORT**

HB1664 (Jones) Photo speed monitoring devices; placement and operation by certain localities authorizes localities without law enforcement agencies to place photo speed monitoring devices in the same manner currently authorized in localities with law enforcement agencies and have law enforcement with jurisdiction in that locality issue a summons for violations. Reported out of the House Transportation Innovation (Ad Hoc) subcommittee on Wednesday.

Key Points:

- Expands local authority for towns without a police department who want to operate photo speed enforcement cameras in compliance with existing state code.
- Provides clear guidance for towns that do not have a police department for the issuance of summons for speeding violations captured by a photo speed enforcement program operated by the town.

Authorization for violation monitoring systems – SUPPORT

[SB1233](#) (Williams Graves) Pedestrian crossing violation monitoring systems and stop sign violation monitoring systems; violation enforcement; civil penalty authorizes state and local law-enforcement agencies to place and operate pedestrian crossing violation and stop sign violation monitoring systems in school crossing zones, highway work zones, and high-risk intersection segments for purposes of recording pedestrian crossing and stop sign violations, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill requires stop sign violation monitoring systems operate in a manner consistent with photo speed monitoring programs. This bill is on the Senate floor.

Key Points:

- Expands local authority to implement automated stop sign violation monitoring systems and issue summons for stop sign violations by vehicles.
- Provides clear language in the code section that civil penalties collected are retained by the locality.

Towing bills would repeal local authority and increase burdens – OPPOSE

[SB1332](#) (Marsden) / [HB2214](#) (McQuinn) Trespass towing fees; State Corporation Commission to establish; report. repeal local authority to establish trespass towing fees, with exceptions, and require the State Corporation Commission to establish trespass towing fees statewide and adjust fees annually. Amendments to preserve local authority to set towing fees were approved for SB1332 the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor and are expected on HB2214. The House cognate died Wednesday.

Key Points:

- Eliminates local authority to establish a fee for private towing and vests this authority in the State Corporation Commission
- Tow rates would increase annually under the introduced proposals in line with inflation

[SB919](#) (Salim) / [HB2619](#) (Helmer) Private companies providing public transportation services; employee protections require that any city or county that contracts with a private company to provide transportation services to include provisions in the contract requiring any employee of the contracted company be given compensation and benefits equivalent to the compensation and benefits provided to a public employee. The bill states that if a city or county has adopted an ordinance or resolution authorizing collective bargaining by employees in contracting with a private company for transportation services would be required to enter and adhere to a collective bargaining agreement. Both bills have made to their respective floors.

Key Points:

- Increases the cost of contracted transportation services if any part of the locality has a collective bargaining agreement.
- This would include increased costs from public transit companies.

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Budget Amendments: Funding for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund – SUPPORT

Item C-53.80#1h (Bulova) / Item 365 #1s (Stuart) Stormwater Local Assistance Fund direct \$50,000,000 in the second year of the biennium to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF). SLAF is a grant program for localities for projects that will mitigate the impacts from stormwater impacts and help improve local water quality. Eligible projects include stream restoration, stream buffer projects, pond retrofits, wetlands restoration, and stormwater best management projects and retrofit projects. SLAF funding in the amount of \$50 million was approved by VML membership as part of VML's 2025 Legislative Program.

Key Points:

- SLAF is a grant program for localities for projects that will mitigate the impacts from stormwater impacts and help improve local water quality.
- Eligible projects include stream restoration, stream buffer projects, pond retrofits, wetlands restoration, and stormwater best management projects and retrofit projects.
- Without this appropriation SLAF needs will exceed available funds.
- This is a 2025 VML Legislative Program item.

Surface water withdrawals: Inter-basin transfers of water prohibited – OPPOSE

SB923 (Stuart) Virginia Water Protection Permit; interbasin transfers of water prohibited prohibits the issuance of a surface water withdrawal permit if more than 3 million gallons per day of the withdrawal will be returned to a different major river basin as defined in the bill. This bill's attempts to exempt legacy/grandfathered surface water withdrawal permits is undermined by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) position that unpermitted surface water withdrawals that are unpermitted, which is the majority of municipal surface water withdrawals, are not grandfathered if the intake is modified or amount of withdrawal is increased. This is a significant and wide-reaching policy change that would have wide reaching impacts and impacts are further complicated by ongoing DEQ administrative actions currently underway. This bill is in Finance.

Key Points:

- Restricts ongoing water and wastewater system development to meet residential and economic development needs statewide.
- This bill's attempts to grandfather existing surface water withdrawal permits is undermined by DEQ's position that existing non-permitted surface water withdrawals are unlawful and is engaged in an administrative process that could completely undermine this bill's protections for existing unpermitted municipal surface water withdrawals.
- DEQ views any grandfathered withdrawal forfeit when the withdrawal is increased, or the intake structure is modified.

Solar: Establishment of state review board and new comprehensive plan requirements – **OPPOSE**

SB1190 (Deeds) Virginia Energy Facility Review Board established; localities; comprehensive plan and local ordinances related to siting of critical interconnection projects; planning district commissions; regional energy plans; Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center established as amended requires that clean energy targets be included in a locality’s comprehensive plan when it is first considered after July 1, 2027 and prior to July 1, 2029 and include solar and energy storage targets be included based on regional targets set by the planning district commission by July 1, 2027.

Any locality considering a solar energy or energy storage facility must also consider any advisory opinion issued by the Renewable Energy Advisory Committee, also created by the bill, and localities are prohibited from denying permits for solar and energy storage facilities without a “reasonable basis”. The bill does not define what this means beyond stating that incomplete regional energy plans, comprehensive plans, or a Virginia Energy plan is not a reasonable basis for a denial of a project.

The bill also creates a technical assistance program to assist planning district commissions and localities considering various types of renewable energy projects and related infrastructure.

SB1190 reported from the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor 9-6 and is now in Senate Finance and Appropriations for consideration.

HB2126 (Sullivan) Virginia Energy Facility Review Board established; localities; comprehensive plan and local ordinances related to siting of critical interconnection projects; planning district commissions; regional energy plans; Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center established is the house companion of SB1190 and is in the House Committee on Labor and Commerce and has yet to be heard by the committee. As introduced HB2126 creates a commission that can overturn local land use decisions on solar siting projects and creates new mandates for localities to adopt ordinances on clean energy targets in line with goals established regionally by planning district commissions and creates new technical assistance for localities. This bill is in a subcommittee of Labor and Commerce.

Key Points:

- As introduced these bills would pre-empt local land use authority by a committee created under the bill that VML opposes for interfering in local land use decisions.
- Technical Assistance for localities to provide expertise to localities on siting issues and in the development of ordinances would be beneficial for localities.

Cannabis

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Retail Cannabis with Local Authority and Taxation – MONITOR

[HB2485 \(Krizek\)](#) / [SB970 \(Rouse\)](#) **Cannabis control; retail market; penalties** establish a retail cannabis market in Virginia and direct the creation and implementation of a licensed and regulated marketplace for the sale of retail cannabis. Both bills are similar to legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2024 which was vetoed by Governor Youngkin.

Key Points:

- Includes local authority to hold a referendum, local option taxation of 2.5%, and includes local land use authority.
- The local referendum would be to opt out and must be held by December 31, 2025.
- **VML IS NEUTRAL** on this legislation.

Courts

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Employer Liability for Employees' Bad Acts – OPPOSE

[SB894 \(Russet Perry\)](#) / [HB1730 \(Delaney\)](#) **Civil actions; liability of employer or principal for criminal sexual assault by employee or agent** deal with employer liability for tort actions of its employees. The bills provide that if an employee causes the death or injury to a “vulnerable victim”, the employer in many cases can be vicariously liable for the employee’s conduct. This would apply to both private and public employers.

The term “vulnerable victim” is defined in the bills as any person who “is at a substantial disadvantage relative to an employee due to circumstances, including such person’s physical or mental condition” or is a health care patient, a person under a disability, a resident in a long-term care facility, or a passenger on public transit.

SB894 passed the Senate on a 25-12-1 vote. HB1730 was recommended for reporting Monday. VML President Steve Trivett spoke against the bill, along with a host of business representatives. The bill will next be heard by the full committee. We hear that the Speaker strongly supports the House bill.

For cities and towns, if the employee is carrying out a governmental function, the bill may have no effect. Case law from 2002 held that sovereign immunity shields an employee who is carrying out governmental functions who commits an intentional tort. For employees carrying out proprietary functions, there is no sovereign immunity.

Examples of proprietary functions:

- Water meter reader fights a person while on the job and injures the person
- Bus driver intentionally harms a passenger
- Trash truck worker intentionally injures someone
- Maintenance worker intentionally harms someone

Key Point: The bill is a major change to the law on employers’ responsibility for bad acts of their employees, in a way that is unfair to employers, both private and public.

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Retirement and Workers' Compensation – MONITOR

[HB1619](#) (Clark) Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers / [HB2579](#) (Cordoza) Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers, animal control officers, and municipal park rangers / [SB1083](#) (Perry) Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers add emergency service dispatchers to enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service.

[SB1286](#) (Durant) Line of Duty Act; auxiliary police officers and volunteer deputy sheriffs provides line of duty benefits to auxiliary police officers and volunteer deputy sheriffs.

These bills are being considered by the General Assembly money committees.

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Collective Bargaining - MONITOR

Several bills this session expand collective bargaining for local government employees.

[HB2495](#) (Askew) Collective bargaining by firefighters and emergency medical services providers authorizes firefighters and EMT employees of local governments to engage in collective bargaining through labor organizations or other designated representatives. The bill establishes the Fire Service Cooperation Board to administer it. HB2495 is in a House Labor & Commerce subcommittee.

[HB2764](#) (Tran) / [SB917](#) (Surovell) Collective bargaining by public employees; exclusive bargaining representatives repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining by public employees. The bills create the Public Employee Relations Board, which will determine appropriate bargaining units of state and local government employees. SB917 is headed to the full Senate. HB2764 is still in a House Labor & Commerce subcommittee.

Key Point: The state fiscal impact statement for HB2764 shows a massive increase in expense to the Commonwealth. Assuming the Senate equivalent has the same impact, success of either bill is very low.

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General Laws and Technology | Wednesday, Senate Room B | 30 minutes after adjournment

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Pillion	senatorpillion@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7506	513
Rouse	senatorrouse@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7522	519
Head	senatorhead@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7503	619
Jordan	senatorjordan@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7517	521
Aird	senatoraird@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7513	615
VanValkenburg	senatorvanvalkenburg@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7516	602
Roem	senatorroem@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7530	520
Carroll Foy	senatorcarrollfoy@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7533	501
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Local Government | Monday, Senate Room A | 9:00 AM

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Sturtevant	senatorsturtevant@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7400	604
Aird	senatoraird@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7513	615
VanValkenburg	senatorvanvalkenburg@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7516	602
Roem	senatorroem@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7530	520
Williams-Graves	senatorwilliamsgraves@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7521	507
Durant	senatordurant@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7527	505
Diggs	senatordiggs@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7524	503
Pekarsky	senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7536	621
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Privileges and Elections | Tuesday, Senate Room B | 15 minutes after adjournment

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Diggs	senatordiggs@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7524	503
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Rehabilitation and Social Services | Friday, Senate Room A | 8:00 AM

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Head	senatorhead@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7503	619
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Boysko	senatorboysko@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7538	613
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Transportation | Thursday, Senate Room B | 15 minutes after adjournment

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Hashmi	senatorhashmi@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7515	616
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House Committees

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Laufer	DelALaufer@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1055	1021
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Wright	DelTWright@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1050	1109
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Apropriations | Monday, Wednesday, Friday, House Appropriations Committee Room | 30 minutes after adjournment

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Communications, Technology, and Innovations | Monday, House Room C | 30 minutes after adjournment

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Counties, Cities, and Towns | Friday, House Room B | 9:00 AM

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Shin	delishin@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1008	1115
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Askew	DelAAskew@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1095	920
Reaser	DelAReaser@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1027	1016
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Counties, Cities, and Towns cont.

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Morefield	DelJMorefield@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1043	808
Hodges	DelKHodges@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1068	810
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Courts of Justice | Monday, Wednesday, Friday, House Committee Room B | 1 Hour After Adjournment MW, 15 on F

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Reaser	DelAReaser@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1027	1016
Thomas	DelJThomas@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1021	903
Callsen	DelKCallsen@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1054	901
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Cousins	DelRCousins@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1079	917
Reaser	DelAReaser@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1027	1016
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Finance | Monday and Wednesday, House Committee Room B | 15 minutes after adjournment

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General Laws | Tuesday and Thursday, House Committee Room B | 30 minutes after adjournment

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