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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. It's 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 text, 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

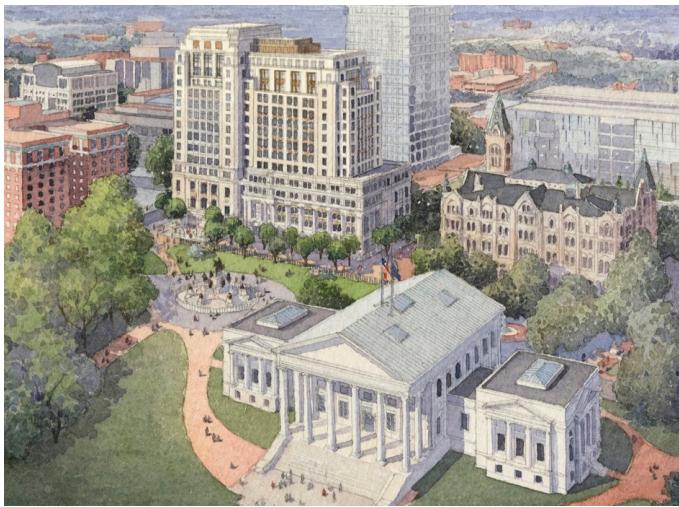
13th Floor

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

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

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

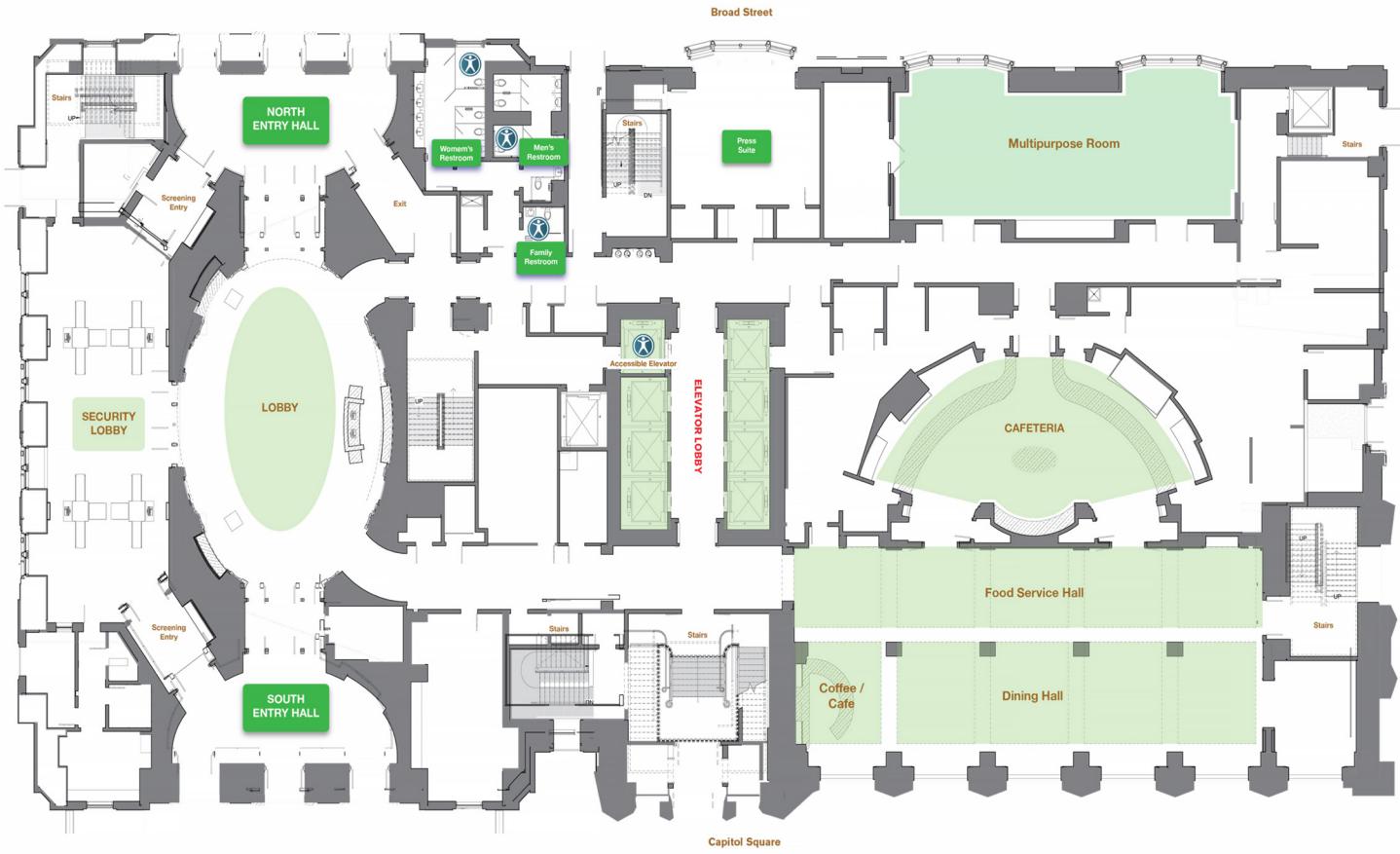
13th Floor

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

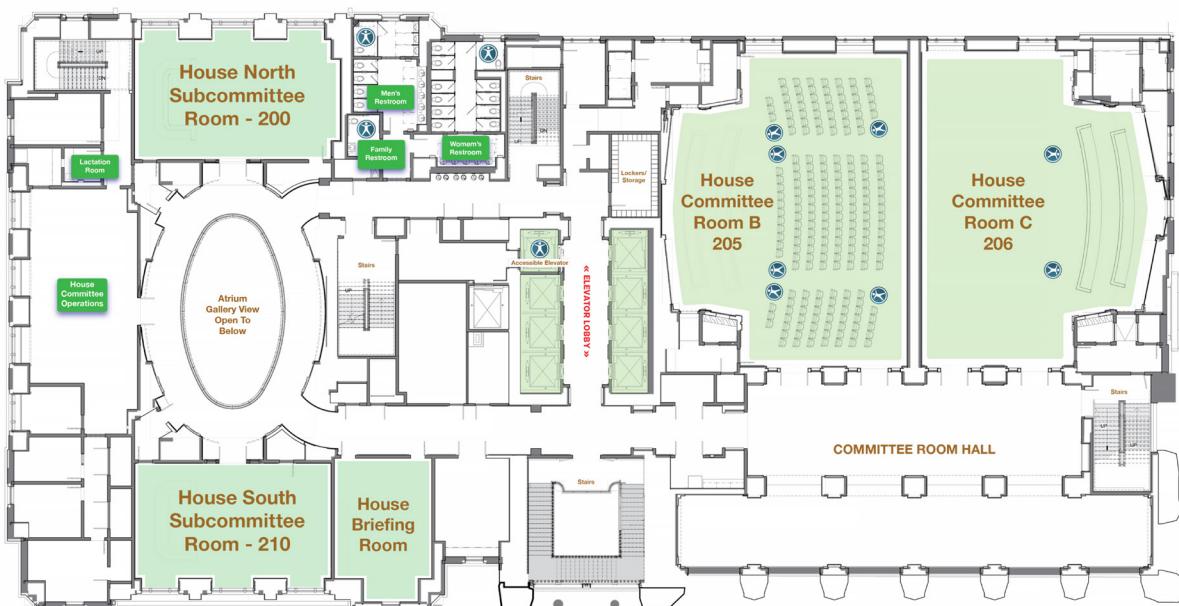
14th Floor

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

1st Floor (Public Entrances & Dining)

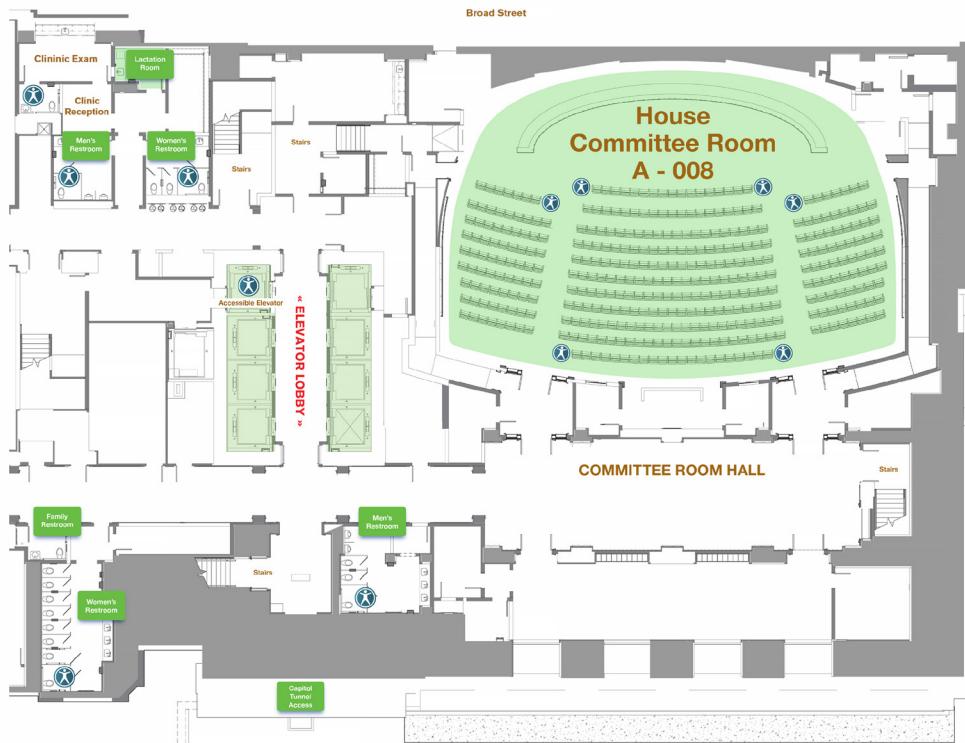


2nd Floor House Meeting Rooms



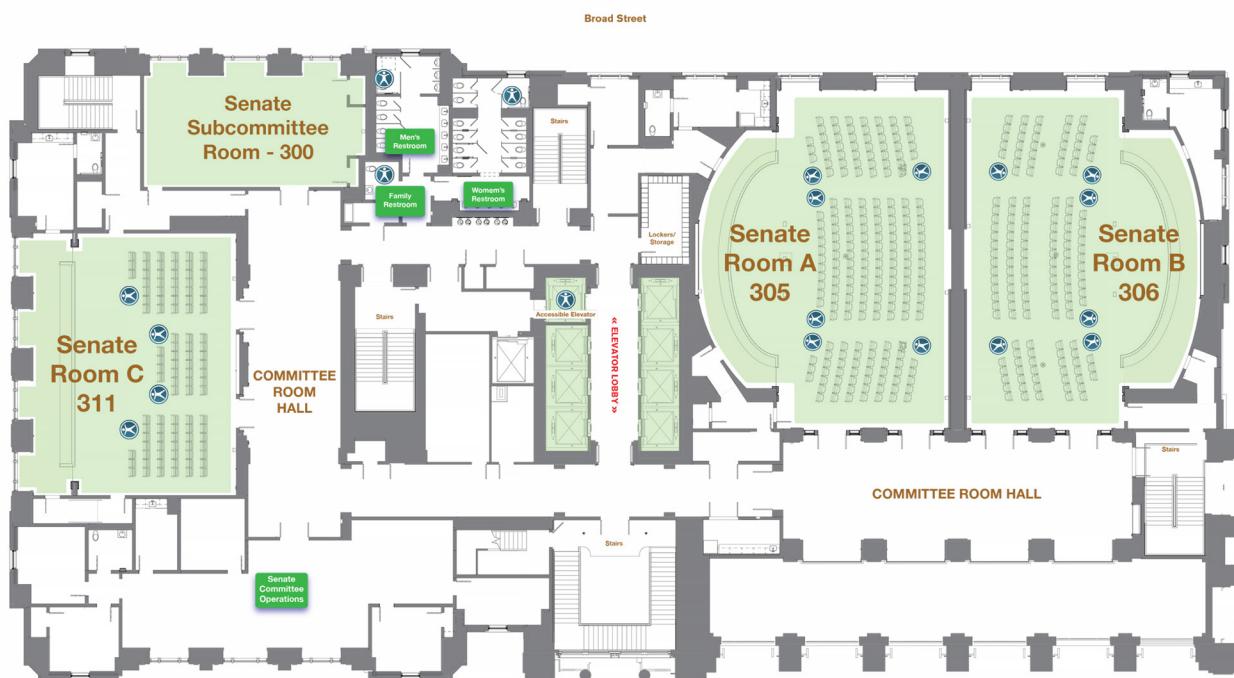
Lower Level

House Committee Room A



3rd Floor

Senate Meeting Rooms



BUDGET: OVERVIEW & AMENDMENTS

Budget facing the General Assembly will be tight

A combination of moderating general fund revenue growth, unprecedented pressures from federal budget, personnel, trade policy actions, and historic increases in Medicaid funding, have all conspired to contribute to an environment where additional monies are likely to be scarce.

Not surprisingly, House and Senate budgeteers are showing great restraint as they process bills that carry a price tag in their respective chambers. And lawmakers have yet to tip their hand on how they intend to address fiscal concerns their staff have identified in the introduced budget, requests from their colleagues, and priorities of Governor Spanberger. It won't be easy.

For months, the General Assembly has been signaling that the state's finances are showing signs of strain. Driven by unprecedented federal policy decisions, uncertainty about what these changes mean for the Commonwealth's general fund revenues have persisted since last spring. Additional fiscal constraints were identified this summer when Congress approved legislation that shifted historic costs for SNAP (i.e., food stamps) and Medicaid onto the shoulders of states as well as additional administrative responsibilities that localities will be forced to share in.

The General Assembly's cooling sentiment on the Commonwealth's economic outlook during the fall finally convinced outgoing Governor Glenn Youngkin that revenues might not be as robust as the governor had been assuming. After publicly criticizing the money committees for an overly negative revenue outlook at their fall retreats, the Youngkin Administration quietly tempered their fiscal expectations.

That acknowledgement, in addition to late breaking news in November 2025 that the cost to maintain services for current Medicaid enrollees would require a historic investment of \$3.2 billion to address, cemented the fact that the budget outlook would be tight.

It helps that the Commonwealth ended the prior fiscal year with a surplus, that revenues are running ahead of the forecast in FY 2026, and nearly \$900 million in balances are available to address forecasted increases in the current fiscal year. All told, the introduced budget assumes that more than \$2.1 billion will be available after Governor Youngkin's tax and spending proposals, to address funding demands for the 2026-28 biennium. However, these one-time, carryover funds are likely to be used for one-time budget actions and not ongoing commitments.

The Commonwealth's fiscal constraints are amplified by the need to fully fund current services for the Medicaid program and K-12 education. New spending on Medicaid and K-12 education, net of proposed reductions as well as enrollment declines, account for nearly two-thirds of spending for the 2026-28 biennium.

In terms of discretionary spending, former Governor Youngkin proposed budget includes more than \$1.2 billion for compensation over three fiscal years, including 2% bonuses in the caboose bill (i.e., FY 2026) and 2% increases each year of the next biennium for teachers and support positions as well as state employees and state-supported local staff in each year of the biennium. Included in that total is \$244 million for the state's share of health insurance premiums for state employees. VML has communicated to the money committee's that additional flexibility would be helpful to successfully implement the proposed 2% bonus in the current fiscal year.

During the budget review, we've also found holes that compound the fiscal problems the Commonwealth is facing. Staff from the money committees later confirmed those observations. Whether those gaps can be closed remains an area of concern going forward.

For example, the introduced budget assumes that the SNAP (i.e., food stamp) error rate will fall below 6%, nearly one-half the recently reported rate of 11.5%, presumably based on changes made this fall by the Department of Social Services. If successful, that would free the Commonwealth from sharing in the cost of providing SNAP benefits for the first time in the program's history, as a result of changes in the federal budget reconciliation bill (i.e., HR 1) enacted in July 2025.

Unfortunately, achieving that goal is probably unlikely. DSS staff indicate that we will be fortunate if the SNAP error rate falls in the 8.0 - 9.9% range. If that threshold can be met, the Commonwealth would *only* be required to pony up \$180 million annually. The worst-case scenario is that we're unable to dip below the 10% error rate threshold, meaning the state's liability would be \$270 million annually. Despite a request from the Department of Social Services for more than \$200 million as a backstop if the error rate cannot be reduced, no additional funds were included in the Governor's in-

troduced budget. Nor was funding included for technological improvements or local staffing that would help reduce the error rate.

We've also been told that a higher local match rate will be required for local governments to draw down federal "pass through" funding for administrative costs, resources that will likely be needed to lower the SNAP error rate mentioned above. That's another financial hit that may take between \$16 million and \$30 million annually to address, because of the federal government modifying its fiscal relationships with state and local governments. The introduced budget fails to address this issue.

Further complicating matters is a series of proposed budget reductions that will be difficult for the General Assembly to accept. Those reductions include:

- \$238 million by eliminating inflationary adjustments for hospitals, teaching hospitals, nursing homes and other provider rates;
- \$108 million by placing limits on mobile crisis and community stabilization for individuals with behavioral health needs; and
- \$68 million for Medicaid enrollees with autism who require applied behavior analysis services.

All told, budget gaps included in the governor's introduced budget exceed \$600 million for the biennium, not including more than \$200 million for premium tax credits to purchase health insurance off Virginia's health benefit exchange that the federal government allowed to expire at the end of December.

Backfilling those fiscal holes won't be easy. Moreover, the budget gaps mean that additional resources that local governments and other entities are hoping for may not be there.

On the bright side, December 2025 revenues came in above expectations. To date, the Commonwealth's general fund revenues have exceeded the forecast by \$395 million. We may need those additional revenues to address the budget gaps and any other issues that emerge in the days and weeks ahead.

There aren't a lot of proposals in the introduced budget to get excited about, primarily because so much new funding was required to address mandatory spending items. But two spending proposals merit support including:

- More than \$1.0 billion over the three years for a 2% bonus for teachers and support positions and state supported local employees in the Caboose Bill and 2% salary increases in each year of the next biennium. If we learned anything from the pandemic, it's that without our support, teachers and employees aren't likely to hang around.
- \$43.5 million in FY 2027 for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) to support grants to localities for improvements to their municipal separate storm sewer systems. We can seek additional support during the 2027 Session for second year funding.

Budget amendment: Legislative workgroup on property tax exemptions – SUPPORT

Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

- Senator Locke – [Item 1 #3s](#)

House Appropriations Committee

- Delegate Thomas – [Item 1 #7h](#)

We've increasingly heard from localities across the Commonwealth that the cost of these decisions by lawmakers and, ultimately, the voters, is forcing local elected officials to sacrifice other needs in their community, whether it be optional relief to the elderly and disabled, more funding for K-12, or lower taxes.

Senator Mamie Locke of Hampton and Delegate Josh Thomas of Prince William agreed to patron amendments to establish a joint subcommittee of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees to examine the growth of the program and come up with findings and recommendations to ensure the program is sustainable in the future.

Key points:

- The cost of mandatory property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and their spouses has increased exponentially since its enactment, growing from \$8.0 million in 2011 to \$323 million in 2025.
- On average, the cost of these exemptions grew by 24% across the Commonwealth in urban and rural communities alike.
- Rising program costs are putting pressure on local budgets, forcing local elected officials to sacrifice other priorities to address this unfunded state mandate.
- A thorough review of the program's growth by a joint subcommittee of the money committees will help to better understand what is driving the program's cost and what can be done to address it to preserve the integrity of the program.

Budget amendment: Eliminate the reduction of state match rate for community-based services/community-based services rate structure - **SUPPORT****Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee**

- Senator Boysko – [Item 271 #3s](#)

House Appropriations Committee

- Delegate Tran – [Item 271 #1h](#)

These amendments provide \$10.8 million the first year and \$11.8 million the second year from the general fund to eliminate the reduction of the state match rate for community-based services to 71% from 81%. As the cost of providing CSA-funded services to children and adolescents continues to grow, the introduced budget included several measures designed to reduce the cost to the Commonwealth, at the expense of local governments. These amendments propose to reverse those actions.

Key points:

- The cost of providing CSA-funded services is a shared responsibility of the Commonwealth and local governments.
- The introduced budget proposes to increase the local share of CSA, while reducing the Commonwealth's commitment by reversing a policy enacted more than a decade ago that provided an incentive for localities to place children and adolescents in the community as opposed to residential settings.
- These amendments propose to reverse that action.

Budget amendment: Private day special education services/remove 2.5% cap on private day services – **SUPPORT****Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee**

- Senator Boysko – [Item 271 #1s](#)
- Senator VanValkenburg – [Item 271 #2s](#)
- House Appropriations Committee
- Delegate Cohen – [Item 271 #2h](#)

These amendments remove language that limit how much the Commonwealth will pay for private day services to no more than 2.5%, resulting in general fund costs of \$3.4 million the first year and \$3.7 million the second year.

Key points:

- The cost of providing CSA-funded services is a shared responsibility of the Commonwealth and local governments.
- Private day placements are one of the costs that is driving CSA spending.
- Capping the state's participation is 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.
- The introduced budget arbitrarily limits the Commonwealth's exposure to the rising costs of private day services at the expense of local governments.
- These amendments reverse that decision.

Budget amendment: Children's Services Act guidance (language) – SUPPORT

- Senator Favola – [Item 272 #1s](#)

This language only amendment requires the Department of Education to issue guidance on how localities can use existing authority to transition students back to public schools from private day placements and would request information on how the students with intensive support needs funding and application process could be more flexible and used to keep students at risk of private day placements in their public school setting.

Key points:

- CSA is a jointly funded program between the Commonwealth and localities.
- Rather than imposing arbitrary measures that merely shift cost to localities, the Commonwealth needs to address the underlying issues driving costs in CSA.
- This proposal is one way to begin doing that.

Budget amendment: Aid to localities with police departments (599 Program) – SUPPORT**Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee**

- Senator Deeds – [Item 396 #1s](#)

House Appropriations Committee

- Delegate McQuinn – [Item 396 #1h](#)

These amendments provide additional funding to align with the requirement in Code of Virginia § [9.1-169](#) that the year-over-year percentage change in 599 Program funding should equal the anticipated percentage change of general revenue collections in the appropriation act.

Item 396 #1s (Deeds) provides \$18.7 million GF the first year and \$26.7 million GF the second year to increase funding for Aid to Localities with Police Departments (599 Program), for a total appropriation of \$248.3 million in FY 2027 and \$256.3 million in FY 2028. A companion amendment in Senate Bill 29 provides \$11.4 million GF in FY 2026 for the same purpose, and the amounts in this amendment are calculated using the FY 2026 appropriation provided in the companion amendment.

Item 396 #1h (McQuinn) adds \$8.3 million from the general fund the first year and \$8.8 million from the general fund the second year for Aid to Localities with Police Departments, fulfilling a commitment to localities consistent with the Code of Virginia.

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 by these and other reporting requirements under the law.

SENATE AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Expand the authority of service districts to manage invasive species - **SUPPORT**

SB89 (Salim) Powers of service districts; control of invasive plant species. Authorizes service districts to control the spread of invasive species identified by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Expands local authority to use service districts to mitigate invasive species. The companion House bill [HB388 \(Callsen\)](#) passed the House.

Local property interest in state bottomlands – **SUPPORT**

SB192 (Williams Graves) State-owned bottomlands; localities; property interest. Grants a property interest in state owned waters, bottoms or subsurface soils necessary for easements during construction of a flood or storm risk management program or project authorized by Congress to any city or county that has executed a project partnership agreement with the Department of the Army. SB192 will allow localities to meet federal requirements for capital projects constructed in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers to mitigate flooding impacts in local communities.

Local Cost Sharing Grant Matching Fund – **SUPPORT**

SB768 (Locke) Commonwealth Flood Prevention Match Assistance Fund and Program; established. Establishes a cost sharing matching fund to assist localities seeking grant funding for storm and flood risk management projects. This bill will assist localities seeking federal grant funds that have significant matching requirements pursue capital projects that increase local resiliency and mitigates flooding in local communities.

Prohibition of PFAS in land applied biosolids

SB386 (Stuart) Distribution of sewage sludge; perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances testing requirements; civil penalty. Prohibits the land application of Biosolids that contain any amounts of PFAS in Virginia. Violations are subject to a maximum civil penalty of \$5,000 per violation. SB386 will increase costs for local wastewater facilities by forcing utility rate payers to shoulder the cost of mitigating PFAS generated by consumer and industrial products and processes.

Solar siting appropriateness scoring

SB588 (Marsden) Department of Energy; developing criteria to determine the appropriateness of sites for solar facilities. Requires the Virginia Department of Energy (“The Department”) to develop criteria to score solar siting applications for appropriateness of individual solar development projects. The Department will provide localities with individual scoring assessments while the locality retains sole authority to approve or deny a project. Beginning January 1, 2027 localities will be required to forward completed land use applications for solar facilities to the Department.

SENATE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

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Repeal prohibition on collective bargaining by public employees – **OPPOSE**

SB378 (Surovell) **Collective bargaining by public employees; individual home care providers; Virginia Home Care Authority established; Public Employee Relations Board established; exclusive bargaining representatives.** Repeals the existing prohibition on collective bargaining by public employees. The bill creates the Public Employee Relations Board, which shall determine appropriate bargaining units and provide for certification and decertification elections for exclusive bargaining representatives of state employees and local government employees. The bill requires public employers and employee organizations that are exclusive bargaining representatives to meet at reasonable times to negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. **The fiscal impact is shown to reach hundreds of millions of dollars.** The bill is now being considered by the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Public hearings required for certain disposals of real property interest

SB334 (Roem) **Conveyances of interests in real property; public hearing required.** Requires a locality disposing of a real property interest (to include easements, license, right-of-way, etc.) for the purpose of allowing electric transmission or distribution facilities, public utility infrastructure, data center operations or supporting utility infrastructure or any commercial or industrial facility to hold a public hearing and no vote may be taken until public comment is received.

SENATE COURTS OF JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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Waive sovereign immunity in certain situations – **OPPOSE**

SB228 (Surovell) **Localities; liability insurance; certain waiver of sovereign immunity.** States that if a locality provides liability insurance for public safety workers (police, fire, EMS, including employees and volunteers in any), and for *all its officers and employees*, then in any action against such employee, officer, public safety workers, the local government is deemed to have waived sovereign immunity as a defense. This overturns a policy the Commonwealth has followed since its beginning. This bill was sent to Senate Finance last night.

This bill is a major step towards the elimination of sovereign immunity as a defense to claims against local governments. VML opposes any reduction of or the elimination of sovereign immunity. It is difficult to fill public safety and other staff positions today. This bill would make it all the more difficult. Further, it will significantly increase the cost to insure local government staff. That additional cost will be borne by the taxpayers.

SB637 (Ebbin) **Virginia Human Rights Act; definition of “employer”; sovereign immunity.** As amended in Senate General Laws Committee, SB637 would waive sovereign immunity for two years after an alleged violation of the Virginia Human Rights Act by a local government, or state agency. This bill is on the Senate floor for consideration.

HB1220 (Delaney) **Photo speed monitoring devices; placement and operation.** Waives sovereign immunity for the limited category of cases brought by a person who receives a civil penalty based on photo speed monitoring devices. Further discussion of the bill is in the House Transportation Committee section.

Change local funding responsibility for VASAP/ASAP

SB391 (Stuart) Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP). Intends to put into statute existing regulations and practice regarding the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) but also include new language and requirements regarding local/regional operations and funding for ASAP programs. SB391 has been referred to Senate Courts of Justice.

The funding requirements of local governments are particularly of concern, given that ASAP programs were intended to be self-sustaining. That has increasingly not been the case, and some localities contribute funding to their local or regional program, but it has never been a requirement in Code.

The companion bill in the House **HB862 (Cousins)** has been referred to House Courts of Justice Committee.

The bills came from a small workgroup within VASAP. No local government representatives were a part of the discussion, and no local input was sought.

VML and VACo have spoken with the patrons and with VASAP staff and will seek amendments regarding the proposed local funding requirements.

SENATE EDUCATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

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One-percent local option sales tax for schools – SUPPORT

SB66 (McPike) Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum. Allows all cities and counties to impose a sales and use tax of up to one percent if approved by voter referendum dedicated solely for school construction, maintenance, and debt services. This bill allows the towns with school divisions to receive a prorated portion of funding. Currently only nine localities have this authority. This bill is one of the top legislative priorities for VML.

This bill was incorporated into SB607.

One-percent local option sales tax solely for school construction

SB607 (Lucas) Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum. Authorizes all cities and counties to impose a sales and use tax of up to one percent if approved by voter referendum dedicated solely to school construction. This bill expands the authority of nine localities to all cities and counties. However, this bill does not include debt services or the ability to send a prorated portion to the towns with school divisions. Additionally, SB607 has language preventing revenues from this tax to be used to reduce, supplant, or offset any amounts of local funding for capital projects. Essentially barring localities from having the ability to reduce funding in other areas due to the new tax revenue. This bill incorporates SB66. No language has been posted regarding if any of SB66 will be included in this bill.

This bill is an educational concept but was assigned to Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. Yesterday in Finance and Appropriations SB66 was incorporated.

School funds for nonpublic school settings – OPPOSE

SB733 (Sturtevant) Local governing bodies; appropriations of local school funds to families for compulsory student attendance in nonpublic school settings. Allows any local governing body to keep per pupil amounts of apportioned Standards of Quality costs and give the amount to the parents of students in the local school division for their child in a nonpublic school setting. In effect, this would transfer funds from public education for private education or home-schooled use. VML has language opposing any efforts to reduce funding for public education.

This bill has been assigned to the House Education Committee but has not been docketed.

Expand the eligible use of funding for educationally at-risk students

SB33 (Favola) Programs for at-risk students; permissible uses of funding. Would include as covered programs that are eligible for funding under the At-Risk Program initiatives to support both the physical and mental health of students in public schools, including the hiring of registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses. This bill expands the eligible use of funding for educationally at-risk students.

This bill unanimously reported from the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Create an at-risk add on program

SB90 (Favola) Public schools; Standards of Quality; certain calculations; At-Risk Program established. This bill has been substantially amended and has been reintroduced as a substitute. As substituted, SB90 updates the SOQ to include additional state funding levels determined by the Department of Education based on the LCI for at-risk students, special education students, and English language learner students. This bill would create an at-risk add on program intended to provide additional funding to support prevention, intervention, and remediation for students identified as educationally at risk. Additionally, flexible add-ons to provide flexibility in spending for special education and ELL students are mandated. Lastly, a reporting requirement has been added now requiring school divisions to report what percentage of funding allocated is being used for at-risk students, special education, and ELL students. VML worked on the substitute with stakeholders to remove sole liability and maintenance of effort payments from the local governing body.

This bill has been reported by the Senate Education and Health Committee and was rereferred to the Senate Finance and Education Committee.

SENATE FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

VML Contact: Joe Flores, jflores@vml.org (HJ34 and SR6); Mitchell Smiley, msmiley@vml.org (SB297, SB306, SB638, SB730)

Study to Abolish the Car Tax – SUPPORT

HJ34 (Franklin) Qualifying vehicles, certain; TAX to study options for abolishing personal property taxation / SR6 (Marsden) Study; Department of Taxation; options for abolishing the personal property taxation of certain qualifying vehicles; report require the Department of Taxation to study options for abolishing the personal property tax and evaluate alternative local revenue sources to account for the shortfall in local tax revenues that will result.

Unlike prior efforts that simply called for the elimination of the car tax with little consideration given to what would happen next, this resolution directs the Department of Taxation to thoughtfully assess the proposal by:

- Analyzing the financial impact of ending the car tax on localities in the Commonwealth;
- Examining different avenues for ending the car tax, such as removing the reimbursement cap and limiting the tax rate imposed on qualifying vehicles by localities;
- Evaluating alternative revenue streams to backfill local revenue lost as a result of abolishing the car tax; and
- Reviewing local taxation systems in other states that do not impose a car tax to determine whether any of such systems would be feasible to implement in the Commonwealth.

A report that includes findings and recommendations is due to the Governor and General Assembly no later than November 30, 2026. VML will participate in these discussions.

Interest deferral for Local Flood Preparedness loans – **SUPPORT**

SB197 (Williams Graves) Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund; loan and grant program; deferment of interest accrual and repayment obligations. Allows for the deferment of interest payments by localities receiving loans through the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund until the completion of the project or study funded through the VCFPF. SB197 will assist localities by providing additional time during the construction of projects funded through the VCFPF before interest on loans accrues and reduce the up front costs shouldered by localities.

Abolish photo speed enforcement in Virginia – **OPPOSE**

SB297 (Peake) Use of photo speed monitoring devices; repeal. This bill is on the Senate Floor and is in the process of being amended, amendments have not been posted as of publication.

Abolishes photo red light enforcement in Virginia – **OPPOSE**

SB306 (Peake) Use of violation monitoring systems to enforce traffic light signals and certain traffic control devices; repeal. This bill is on the Senate Floor and is in the process of being amended, amendments have not been posted as of publication.

Transportation and transit revenues

SB638 (Ebbin) Transportation funding. Changes various provisions of existing transportation funds, including:

- The Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund
- The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Fund
- The Northern Virginia Transportation District
- Localities embraced by the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission for regional transit

The bill imposes a regional sales and use tax for certain localities, a tax on transportation network companies, a tax on retail deliveries, and a tax on regional commercial parking. The bill also imposes a regional highway use fee on all vehicles in the Commonwealth that are subject to the existing highway use fee.

Combined regional and statewide revenues raised by this bill are estimated at \$442.6 million in FY27 and \$492.8 million in FY28. These revenues would be directed to fund existing identified funding needs at WMATA and transit systems statewide.

SB638 is the companion bill for HB1179 (Tran).

SB730 (Surovell) Sales and use tax on taxable services and digital personal property; taxes levied in certain transportation districts; funding for transportation. Decreases the statewide retail sales and use tax from 4.3 percent to four percent while expanding the tax base to include certain services and digital personal property. The bill would also impose an additional retail sales and use tax in any county or city that is a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (“NVTC”) at the rate of 0.385 percent; any county or city that is embraced by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority but that is not a member of the NVTC at the rate of 0.615 percent; and any county or city that is a member of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (“PRTC”) at the rate of 0.2 percent; (ii) a retail delivery fee in the amount of 20 cents upon each retail delivery made in any county or city located within the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; and (iii) a regional highway use fee on all vehicles in the Commonwealth that are subject to the existing highway use fee.

The bill changes provisions of existing transportation funds including distributions to the Highway Maintenance and Operations Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Construction Fund, Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund as well as the sub fund allocations of these funds.

This bill is expected to generate \$2.7 billion in FY27 and \$3.0 billion in FY28. A portion of these revenues provide adequate funding to meet the needs of WMATA through regional and statewide funds while providing additional funding for transit systems statewide as well as other transportation needs across the Commonwealth.

This bill is the companion bill to HB900 (Sullivan).

SENATE GENERAL LAWS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

VML Contact: Michelle Gowdy, mgowdy@vml.org

Require local officials and staff to file annual disclosure statements with COIA Council – OPPOSE

SB530 (Srinivasan) State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act; electronic disclosure by local government officers and employees. This bill will have a chilling effect on local government officers and employees as personal financial information will be electronically available and searchable for the public to see.

This information is currently on file with the locality and subject to the Freedom of Information Act; please support to keeping these disclosures on file with the locality rather than creating an electronic database.

This bill was heard Wednesday afternoon in the Senate General Laws and Technology Committee and sent to Finance. *All Senators should be told that local government opposes.*

Expand definition of lobbying to include local government officials and staff – OPPOSE

SB50 (Rouse) Lobbying; expands definition to include influencing/attempting to influence local government action. Expands the definition of lobbying to include local government officials and local government employees who lobby to influence executive or legislative action of officials. It defines local government officials to include members of the governing body, policy board, commission or other entity and person employed by a person or entity established by and responsible to a local government. These lobbyists are to file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. It also expands the definition of local government action to include the adoption, enactment, modification, or repeal of an ordinance or resolution and includes actions related to local taxes, budget and land use.

This bill will be on the Senate floor later this week. *All Senators should be told that local government opposes.*

Change in FOIA fees for producing public records

SB56 (Roem) Virginia Freedom of Information Act; procedure for responding to requests; charges; posting of notice of rights and responsibilities. Limits the fees charged for producing public records to the median hourly rate of pay of employees of the public body or the actual hourly rate of part of the person performing the work, whichever is less. It also changes the notices of rights and responsibilities that must be posted on a locality's website along with other technical amendments.

SB56 will be on the Senate floor later this week.

No action on items added after a public body posts an agenda

SB699 (Ebbin) Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public bodies to post meeting agendas. This legislation states that when a public body posts an agenda (which shall be posted on the government website if available) prior to the meeting, no final action may be taken on items added after the agenda unless they are time-sensitive or are the subject of a closed meeting.

SB699 was passed by the Senate on February 3.

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

VML Contact: Michelle Gowdy, mgowdy@vml.org

Localities to establish one or more transit-oriented housing overlay districts – **OPPOSE**

SB717 (Salim) Transit-oriented housing overlay districts; report. Any locality shall by ordinance establish one or more transit-oriented housing overlay districts – which can be a station or stop served by heavy rail, light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit or other high-capacity transit service designated by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. These ordinances must include the ability to construct up to 10 dwelling units per lot and administrative approval of such construction. There are a few exceptions outlined in the bill.

This bill pass the Senate.

Mandate ADUs on lots with single-family dwelling lots – **OPPOSE**

SB531 (Srinivasan) Zoning; development and use of accessory dwelling units. This bill mandates that localities allow accessory dwelling units on a lot with single-family dwellings.

This is an erosion of local government authority and does not take into account local input on land use decisions.

VML's Legislative Program states:

Localities must maintain control of local land use decisions... VML also supports local government authority to promote affordable and mixed-income housing as well as the required infrastructure to facilitate infill development, redevelopment, and mixing of uses.

This bill is currently in Senate Local Government so may be heard on Monday; the House version HB611 was continued to 2027.

Require localities to revise their zoning ordinances and maps to ensure multi-family residential development

SB454 (Van Valkenburg) / HB816 (Helmer) By-right multifamily residential development in areas zoned for commercial use. *These bills have language that is different but generally state the following: SB454 applies to cities and towns with a population of more than 20,000 and any parcel located within a designated metropolitan planning area pursuant to 23 CFR 450. HB816 appears to apply to all localities with local zoning. Both bills require localities to revise their zoning ordinances and maps to ensure that 75% of all land in zoning classifications or that include commercially or business zoned property allows multi-family residential development by-right. Both bills include other detailed provisions that must be taken into account in the local ordinance.

HB816 has been referred to Senate Local Government; it originated in Counties, Cities and Towns.

SB454 will be on the Senate Floor later this week. *The Patron continues to have conversations with local government.*

All Senators and Delegates should be told that local government have concerns about this legislation.

Consider environmental justice strategy for localities of certain size

SB425 (Bagby) Comprehensive plan; environmental justice strategy. Requires cities with populations greater than 20,000 and counties with populations greater than 100,000 to consider during reviews of the comprehensive plan adopting an environmental justice strategy.

SB425 is in House Counties, Cities and Towns.

Siting of battery storage as a permitted accessory use

SB443 (McPike) / HB891 (Shin) Siting of battery energy storage projects; commercial solar photovoltaic generation facilities; permitted accessory use. Deems battery energy storage projects as a permitted accessory use in all zoning districts on any parcel of land that is subject to an approved special exception with other criteria outlined in the legislation.

SB443 is in House Committees, Cities and Towns.

HB891 is on the House Floor and originated in Counties, Cities and Towns.

SENATE REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Expand TDO/ECO transportation options – SUPPORT

SB75 (Lucas) Retired law-enforcement officers; emergency and temporary detention admissions. Allows certain retired law enforcement officers to assist with transportation for individuals subject to a temporary detention order ("TDO") / emergency custody order ("ECO"). The bill has now passed the Senate.

Regulations addressing recovery residences

SB270 (VanValkenburg) Recovery residences; regulations. Following a legislative-directed study during 2025, this bill has been introduced to implement several of the recommendations regarding regulations addressing recovery residences that came out of that study. The bill would also continue the work group looking at issues of oversight and transparency in the coming year. VML supported the 2025 legislation and creation of a work group and is monitoring the legislation.

Add prescriptive elements to local juvenile detention facilities

SB468 (Marsden) Juvenile secure detention facilities; placement of juveniles referred from another locality; high-needs or high-risk juveniles; funding. The local juvenile detention facility bill which would add some prescriptive elements to a currently required statewide plan will likely be coming up in Committee on Friday morning. A large group of stakeholders met with Senator Marsden last week, and he said he was drafting some amendments to the bill.

Some of the elements of the bill of concern to VML include having a state plan set bed requirements for each local facility and imposing financial penalties on local facilities in certain circumstances.

VML has a legislative position supporting the authority of local governments to operate local and regional juvenile detention facilities as appropriate for their communities.

HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Local property interest in state bottomlands – SUPPORT

HB487 (Hernandez)/ **SB192** (Williams Graves) State-owned bottomlands; localities; property interest. Grants a property interest in state owned waters, bottoms or subsurface soils necessary for easements during construction of a flood or storm risk management program or project authorized by Congress to any city or county that has executed a project partnership agreement with the Department of the Army. HB487 will allow localities to meet federal requirements for capital projects constructed in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers to mitigate flooding impacts in local communities.

Pefluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) limits in biosolids

HB1443 (Lopez) Owners of sewage treatment works; land application, marketing, or distributing of sewage sludge; perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; testing requirements. Requires biosolids to be tested quarterly for PFAS substances using federal testing protocols and submit test results to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and any land owners applying biosolids if PFAS levels are less than 25 micrograms per kilogram the land owner can apply the biosolids with no additional requirements and the waterworks owner must send test results at least two weeks prior to land applications by mail or email.

When PFAS exceed a threshold of 25 micrograms per kilogram but less than 50 micrograms per kilogram must limit the application rate of biosolids and the waterworks owner must send test results at least two weeks prior to land applications by mail or email.

If PFAS concentrations are 50 micrograms per kilogram or greater the biosolids are not allowed to be land applied and must be disposed of by the owner of the treatment works.

PFAS mitigation is costly for local wastewater treatment plants and VML has concerns that HB1443 could increase local utility costs.

Clarify local authority to test PFAS in sewage sludge

HB1072 (Laufer) Local authority to test and monitor the land application of sewage sludge within its political boundaries. Establishes that localities are not limited to test only those pollutants set out in the Virginia Pollutant Abatement Permit Regulations. This allows localities to test for substances regulated under the broader water quality standards established in the Surface Water Standard regulations established by the State Water Control Board.

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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Transportation and transit revenues

HB1179 (Tran) Transportation funding. Changes various provisions of existing transportation funds, including:

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HB1179 is the companion bill for SB638 (Ebbin).

HOUSE CITIES, COUNTIES AND TOWNS COMMITTEE

VML Contact: Michelle Gowdy, mgowdy@vml.org

Extend subdivision plats workgroup

HB135 (Simon) **Virginia Code Commission; extends subdivision plats work group.** This work group met over the summer but needs more time, so this bill extends it for one more year.

This bill is in Senate Local Government; VML supports and is part of this workgroup.

Eliminate maximum for local employee housing grants

HB164 (Thomas) / SB328 (Perry) **Housing for local employees; grants for homeownership.** Eliminates the maximum grant amount authorized for localities to provide to local employees for homeownership.

SB328 was passed by on the Senate Floor on February 3. (Originated in Senate Local Government Committee).

HB164 is in Senate Local Government.

Social determinants of health in comprehensive plan

HB257 (Simonds) **Comprehensive plan; social determinants of health.** Encourages localities to consider how social determinants of health impact the locality's overall public health and access to health care services in their comprehensive plan.

HB257 is on the House floor.

Approval of modifications to wireless communications infrastructure

HB277 (Seibold) **Zoning; wireless communications infrastructure, application process.** States that no locality shall disapprove an application for modification of a wireless communication infrastructure if certain criteria are met. The fees are limited and the approval timeline is abbreviated. There is the dreaded "deemed approved" language.

HB277 was engrossed by the House.

Establishment of affordable housing grant program for certain localities

HB352 (Thomas) **Local authority; authorized by ordinance to establish affordable housing performance grant programs.** Localities with an Economic or Industrial Development Authority may establish by ordinance an affordable housing performance grant program. The ordinance must include a definition of affordable housing, guidelines for grants, criteria and the process to be successful.

HB352 is in Senate Local Government Committee.

Industrial Development Authorities promotion of housing

HB806 (Carr) **Industrial development authorities; housing.** Allows industrial development authorities in localities where a housing authority does not exist to use their authority to promote single or multi-family residences.

HB806 is on the House floor February 3.

Provide affordable housing dwelling unit program by amending zoning ordinance

HB867 (Cousins) / SB74 (McPike) **Affordable housing; local zoning ordinance authority.** *These bills have language that is different but generally state the following:* All localities in the Commonwealth can provide an affordable housing dwelling unit program by amending the zoning ordinance. These bills include many measures and tools to assist a locality to increase its housing stock. VML supports this legislation.

HB867 is on the House floor February 3.

SB74 is on the Senate floor but was passed by on February 3. (Originated in Senate Local Government).

Zoning for dwellings on small residential lots in some localities

HB1212 (Sewell) Zoning; small residential lots. States that localities with a population of 20,000 or more shall adopt and maintain zoning classifications that permit one- or two-family dwellings and townhouses as by-right uses on lots with a minimum lot not to exceed 3,000 square feet.

HB1212 is in Counties, Cities and Towns Subcommittee #2.

Zoning for off-street parking near certain transportation areas

HB888 (Shin) Zoning; minimum off-street parking requirements in certain areas. This proposed legislation curtails local government authority to regulate parking near a mass transit or public transportation area as defined. There are prescribed criteria for parking in those defined areas.

HB888 was read on the House floor for the first time February 3.

Allow reimbursement of water and sewer connection fees

HB1144 (Martinez) Water and sewer connection fees; first-time homebuyers, affordable housing. Provides that any locality may allow for types of reimbursement to a first-time homebuyer of water and sewer connection fees, capital recovery charge and availability fees.

HB1144 was read on the House floor for the first time February 3.

Underutilized housing for workforce development

HB1130 (Reid) Workforce housing for employees of a locality or school board; lease of surplus property. Local governing bodies or school boards may lease surplus or underutilized property for the development of workforce housing.

HB1130 was engrossed by the House.

Ability to charge fees for bad payment orders

HB177 (Anthony) Fees for passing bad checks to localities; payment order not paid by recipient. Localities charge fees for bad checks, this bill adds payment orders that are bad so localities can charge a fee for those as well.

HB177 was read on the House floor for the first time February 3.

HOUSE COURTS OF JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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Change local funding responsibility for VASAP/ASAP

HB862 (Cousins) Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP). Intends to put into statute existing regulations and practice regarding the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) but also include new language and requirements regarding local/regional operations and funding for ASAP programs. SB391 has been referred to Senate Courts of Justice.

The funding requirements of local governments are particularly of concern, given that ASAP programs were intended to be self-sustaining. That has increasingly not been the case, and some localities contribute funding to their local or regional program, but it has never been a requirement in Code.

The companion bill in the Senate **SB391 (Stuart)** has been referred to the Senate Courts of Justice Committee.

The bills came from a small workgroup within VASAP. No local government representatives were a part of the discussion, and no local input was sought.

VML and VACo have spoken with the patrons and with VASAP staff and will seek amendments regarding the proposed local funding requirements.

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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One-percent local option sales tax for schools – SUPPORT

HB334 (Rasoul) Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum. Allows all cities and counties to impose a sales and use tax of up to one percent if approved by voter referendum dedicated solely for school construction, maintenance, and debt services. This bill allows the towns with school divisions to receive a prorated portion of funding. Currently only nine localities have this authority. This bill is one of the top legislative priorities for VML.

This bill is an educational concept but was assigned to House Finance. This bill has passed out of the House on a vote of 70 to 28 and has been assigned to the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee.

School funds for nonpublic school settings – OPPOSE

HB1204 (Scott, P.) Local governing bodies; appropriations of local school funds to families for compulsory student attendance in nonpublic school settings. Allows any local governing body to keep per pupil amounts of apportioned Standards of Quality costs and give the amount to the parents of students in the local school division for their child in a nonpublic school setting. In effect, this would transfer funds from public education for private education or home-schooled use. VML has language opposing any efforts to reduce funding for public education.

HB412 (Cole, N.) Local governing bodies; school division budgets; funding levels. As introduced HB412 would have required the annual budget for educational purposes prepared and approved by each local governing body to meet or exceed the funding levels requested, prepared, and approved by the school board. As written, the funding level requested must be granted or more, no less, this includes in the event of a recession or ongoing negotiations. Additionally, this would supersede any memorandums of understanding.

This bill was amended and has become a section 1 bill, directing the Joint Commission to Study Elementary and Secondary Education Funding to study the issue with a specific focus on memorandums.

Sales and use tax to support schools

HB1156 (Hodges) Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum. Would allow all localities, including towns that operate their own school divisions, to impose a sales and use tax of up to one percent if approved by voter referendum dedicated solely for school construction, maintenance, and debt services. This bill also creates a new definition of “public school capital projects.”

This bill is an educational concept but has been assigned to the House Finance Committee.

Expand the eligible use of funding for educationally at-risk students

HB195 (McQuinn) Programs for At-Risk students; permissible uses of funding. Would include as covered programs that are eligible for funding under the At-Risk Program initiatives to support both the physical and mental health of students in public schools, including the hiring of registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses. This bill expands the eligible use of funding for educationally At-Risk students.

Create an At-Risk program and funding for SOQ special education and ESL students

HB92 (Rasoul) Equity in public school funding and staffing; special education students; At-Risk students; English language learner students. Would create an At-Risk program and adds state-funded funding for SOQ related special education and English language learner students. It would require school divisions that receive funds to annually report on

planned and actual uses to the Department of Education (DOE). The DOE may withhold, recover, or redirect funds from divisions that fail to comply. This bill has a Senate companion, SB90, which was significantly changed before its passage in a substituted form. In its current form, VML has concerns with the bill but expects HB92 to conform identically with SB90 which would alleviate most concerns.

HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

VML Contact: Janet Areson, jareson@vml.org

ECO/TDO transportation by retired law enforcement personnel – SUPPORT

HB681 (Hayes) Retired law-enforcement officers; emergency and temporary detention admissions. The committee reported this bill to allow retired law enforcement officers to assist with transportation of individuals subject to an emergency custody order (“ECO”) or temporary detention order (“TDO”) was reported on February 3 and heads to the floor. Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate.

Create task force to evaluate the Marcus Alert system

HB225 (Hope) Marcus Alert Evaluation Task Force creation. The committee reported this bill requiring the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to convene a task force to assist in determining the effectiveness of the Marcus Alert system, the statewide effort to better assist individuals experiencing a mental health crisis by directing calls to resources, including co-response teams, instead of referring all calls to local law enforcement. The program is being implemented in stages across the Commonwealth. A similar bill is in the Senate.

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

VML Contact: Joe Flores, jflores@vml.org (HB978); Mitchell Smiley, msmiley@vml.org (HB900)

Repeal the grocery tax

HB978 (Watts) Omnibus Sales Tax Bill/Proposed Repeal of the Grocery Tax. Thus far, stand-alone bills to eliminate the grocery tax have been voted down. HB13 (McNamara) and SB9 (Suetterlein) failed to get out of committee. But a repeal of the grocery is still included in HB978.

Delegate Watts’ omnibus tax bill proposes to get rid of the grocery tax and reimburse local governments more than \$300 million annually – and growing – by expanding the sales and use tax to services that haven’t previously been subject to taxation and expanding the sales tax to digital services, similar to a proposal that former Governor Youngkin put forth two years ago.

The bill has yet to be heard in committee, and it’s not clear if it has legs.

Transportation and transit revenues

HB900 (Sullivan) Sales and use tax on taxable services and digital personal property; taxes levied in certain transportation districts; funding for transportation. Decreases the statewide retail sales and use tax from 4.3 percent to four percent while expanding the tax base to include certain services and digital personal property. The bill would also impose an additional retail sales and use tax in any county or city that is a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (“NVTC”) at the rate of 0.385 percent; any county or city that is embraced by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority but that is not a member of the NVTC at the rate of 0.615 percent; and any county or city that is a member of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (“PRTC”) at the rate of 0.2 percent; (ii) a retail delivery fee in the amount of 20 cents upon each retail delivery made in any county or city located within the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; and (iii) a regional highway use fee on all vehicles in the Commonwealth that are subject to the existing highway use fee.

The bill changes provisions of existing transportation funds including distributions to the Highway Maintenance and Operations Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Construction Fund, Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund as well as the subfund allocations of these funds.

This bill is expected to generate \$2.7 billion in FY27 and \$3.0 billion in FY28. A portion of these revenues provide adequate funding to meet the needs of WMATA through regional and statewide funds while providing additional funding for transit systems statewide as well as other transportation needs across the Commonwealth.

HB900 is a companion bill to SB730 (Surovell)

HOUSE GENERAL LAWS COMMITTEE

VML Contact: Michelle Gowdy, mgowdy@vml.org

Preserve affordable housing by right of first refusal

HB4 (Bennett-Parker) Affordable housing; preservation, definitions, civil penalty. Sets out framework for localities to preserve affordable housing by exercising a right of first refusal on publicly supported housing, defined in the bill. The bill authorizes localities to adopt an ordinance that requires an owner to accept a right of first refusal offer by the locality or qualified designee, defined in the bill, in order to preserve affordable housing for at least 15 years.

This bill has been referred to the Senate General Laws and Technology Committee.

Local action for noncompliance of rental agreements

HB14 (Price) / SB290 (Aird) Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; landlord remedies, noncompliance with rental agreement. States that if a condition exists in a dwelling unit that constitutes a material noncompliance by the landlord with the rental agreement or with any provision of law that, if not remedied within a reasonable time frame, constitutes a fire hazard or serious threat to the life, health, or safety of a tenant or occupant of the premises, a locality may institute an action on behalf of any tenant or occupant of the premises who is injured by such material noncompliance for injunction and damages to enforce the landlord's duty to maintain the dwelling unit.

HB14 is currently in the Senate General Laws and Technology Committee.

SB290 Passed the Senate (originated in Senate General Laws and Technology).

FOIA

HB159 (Simon) Va. Freedom of Information Act; proceedings for enforcement, petition for mandamus or injunction. Stipulates that service of process or a summons for a hearing shall not be required when a petition for mandamus or injunction to enforce rights grants under FOIA has been filed.

HB159 was referred to Senate General Laws and Technology.

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

VML Contact: Mitchell Smiley, msmiley@vml.org

Photo stop sign and pedestrian enforcement – SUPPORT

HB1330 (Seibold) / SB84 (Williams Graves) Speed safety cameras, pedestrian crossing violation monitoring systems, and stop sign violation monitoring systems; placement and operation; violation enforcement; civil penalties. Authorizes the use of pedestrian crossing monitoring systems in school, work, and high-risk speed corridors.

Requires civil penalties collected by a photo speed enforcement system, stop sign enforcement system or pedestrian crossing violation monitoring system must be used for operational costs and any excess revenue used for the planning, design or construction of safety improvements such as speed management, bicycle or pedestrian safety, local systemic safety initiatives otherwise eligible for funding through the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program with projects in highway work zones, school crossing zones, or high risk speed corridors before being used in other areas.

Requires that each summons issued for a violation must include information for the process of contesting and payment of the violation. Prohibits vendor administrative or processing fees other than reasonable postage and a maximum of a 5% convenience fee.

Requires vendors to provide records of calibration of devices within 10 days of a request from a person who received a summons for a violation and requires daily calibration of devices with records of such testing provided daily to the relevant law enforcement agency. Requires at least two conspicuous signs be placed within 1,000 feet of an automatic enforcement device. Requires either the law enforcement agency or vendor to report historical calibration data to the Virginia State Police.

Changes the reporting date from January to November for automatic enforcement device data to be provided to the Virginia State Police and expands the categories that must be reported to include projects funding from civil penalties collected under an automatic enforcement program, the change in summons issued relative to prior reporting periods, the quantity of unsuccessful prosecutions, the percentage of vehicles that receive a summons of the total vehicles that pass through an automatic enforcement zone.

Requires a law enforcement agency that operates an automatic enforcement program to develop an emergency action plan that follows USDOT guidance for the use of automatic enforcement programs and to annually review the distribution of devices to address safety needs or racial, economic, or other equity or public concerns.

Requires a locality to publish information on social media and websites to contest violations issued by, answer questions about, publicize changes and new locations for a photo speed enforcement device, which can be satisfied with a link to the website of the vendor so long as it meets all requirements. Requires the locality to conduct a public awareness program that the locality is implementing or expanding an automated enforcement program.

Requires a 30-day warning period for any new automated enforcement system installed after July 1, 2026 during which time no civil penalty may be levied for any violation.

Includes a hold harmless clause for local projects initiated prior to July 1, 2026.

Automated bus obstruction monitoring

HB564 (Reid) / SB583 (Salim) Parking, stopping, and standing enforcement; bus obstruction monitoring systems. Authorizes a locality to allow automated bus obstruction monitoring devices to enforce local ordinances related to parking, stopping or standing in bus zones or lanes and further authorizes a locality to enter into a contract for the operation of a bus obstruction monitoring system.

Training for photo speed violations for conservators of the peace

HB684 (Hayes) Photo speed monitoring devices; photo-monitoring systems for traffic signals; proof of violation; registered conservators of the peace and technicians employed by a locality; training. Authorizes conservators of the peace who have successfully completed training to be established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services and who are employed by the locality to swear or affirm violations of automatic traffic violation enforcement devices.

Photo speed monitoring for certain towns

HB818 (Carr) Photo speed monitoring devices; reduced-speed segments. Authorizes a locality without a police department to establish by ordinance a photo speed enforcement program and authorizes the operation of a photo speed enforcement device at a reduced-speed segment.

Photo speed enforcement requirements

HB1220 (Delaney) Photo speed monitoring devices; placement and operation. Directs Virginia Supreme Court to establish a uniform summons to be used for photo speed enforcement violations. Use of the uniform summons is required starting July 1, 2027. Establishes new requirements for the summons to include information to contesting or paying a civil violation and the opportunity for the inspection of photo speed device speed calibration information within 30 days of the mailing of a summons.

Requires 2 conspicuous signs placed within 1,000 feet of the photo speed device warning of the use of photo speed devices and one of these signs must be a speed display sign that measures the speed of oncoming vehicles and displays that speed in real time to drivers. Signage requirements have a delayed enactment date of July 1, 2027.

Restricts how fines and fees collected from violations may be used by a locality to specific road safety improvements such as traffic safety, speed management, bicycle and pedestrian safety, local systemic safety initiatives eligible for funding under the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program with projects prioritized in those areas where photo speed enforcement is in use in the locality. Eliminates the ability of vendors to collect any fees for the mailing of violations or administrative fees other than for reasonable postage costs and no more than a 5% processing fee in addition to the civil penalty of \$100.

Includes new requirements for vendors to provide calibration data of photo speed devices within 10 days electronically or postmarked within 10 days of receiving the request from a person issued a violation from a photo speed device. Vendors who fail to meet these requirements are subject to a \$1,000 civil penalty per violation. Localities in violation of these requirements waive sovereign immunity

Data collected by a photo speed enforcement device must be destroyed within 21 days of its capture unless the data is being used for a civil violation under the statute or for the purposes of reporting requirements under the statute.

The bill also includes provisions that require workers be present as documented by photo or video or by a sworn certificate that workers were present at the time of the violation.

Expands the type of information localities must submit to the Virginia State Police and changes the reporting date from January to November.

Directs law enforcement agencies operating photo speed enforcement to develop an emergency action plan in accordance with USDOT guidelines and requires the department or agency to review annually the distribution of photo speed devices to consider the racial, economic, and other equity issues or public concerns.

Requires a locality to publish information on social media and websites to contest violations issued by, answer questions about, publicize changes and new locations for a photo speed enforcement device, which can be satisfied with a link to the website of the vendor so long as it meets all requirements.

Require a 30-day warning period for any device installed after July 1, 2026 where no fine can be levied for violations of a photo speed enforcement device.

Violations by a vendor or a locality of these provisions are subject to a \$1,000 civil penalty.

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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
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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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Boysko	senatorboysko@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7538	613

Privileges and Elections | Tuesday, Senate Room B | 15 minutes after adjournment

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Ebbin	senatorebbin@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7539	611
Hackworth	senatorhackworth@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7505	512
DeSteph	senatordesteph@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7520	608
Carroll Foy	senatorcarrollfoy@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7533	501
Durant	senatordurant@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7527	505
Perry	senatorperry@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7531	506
Diggs	senatordiggs@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7524	503
Salim	senatorsalim@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7537	618
Cifers	senatorcifers@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7510	620
Srinivasan	senatorsrinivasan@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7532	504
Mulchi	senatormulchi@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7509	502
Jordan	senatorjordan@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7517	521
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Rehabilitation and Social Services | Friday, Senate Room A | 8:00 AM

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Reeves	senatorreeves@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7528	614
Surovell	senatorsurovell@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7534	1405
DeSteph	senatordesteph@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7520	608
Head	senatorhead@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7503	619
Jordan	senatorjordan@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7517	521
Williams-Graves	senatorwilliamsgraves@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7521	507
Carroll Foy	senatorcarrollfoy@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7533	501
French	senatorfrench@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7501	603
Salim	senatorsalim@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7537	618
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Rules | Senate Room C | Upon Call of Chair

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Favola	senatorfavola@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7540	509
Ebbin	senatorebbin@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7539	611
McPike	senatormcpike@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7529	607
Surovell	senatorsurovell@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7534	1405
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Transportation | Thursday, Senate Room B | 15 minutes after adjournment

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DeSteph	senatordesteph@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7520	608
Sutterlein	senatorsutterlein@virginia.gov	(804) 698-7504	606
Hackworth	senatorhackworth@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7505	512
Sturtevant	senatorsturtevant@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7400	604
Aird	senatoraird@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7513	615
Roem	senatorroem@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7530	520
Diggs	senatordiggs@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7524	503
Pekarsky	senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7536	621
Mulchi	senatormulchi@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7509	502
Cifers	senatorcifers@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7510	620
Srinivasan	senatorsrinivasan@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7532	504
Jones	senatorJones@senate.virginia.gov	(804) 698-7515	616

House Committees

Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources | Wednesday, House Room B | 9:00 AM

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Simonds	DelSSimonds@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1070	1106
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Krizek	DelPKrizek@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1016	1010
Glass	deljglass@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1093	1011
Hernandez	DelPHernandez@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1094	1103
Laufer	DelALaufer@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1055	1018
Martinez	DelMMartinez@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1029	904
McAuliff	DelJMcAuliff@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1030	720
Pope Adams	DelKPopeAdams@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1082	820
Thornton	DelVThornton@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1086	802
Franklin, L	DelLFranklin@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1041	721
Ware	DelLWare@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1072	707
Wright	DelTWright@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1050	1109
Wilt	DelTWilt@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1034	814
Webert	DelMWebert@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1061	714
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Apropiations | Monday, Wednesday, Friday, House Appropriations Committee Room | 30 minutes after adjournment

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Reid	DelDReid@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1028	1110
Willett	DelRWillett@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1058	1012
Sewell	delbsewell@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1025	905
Askew	DelAAskew@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1095	910
Herring	DelCHerring@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1004	1402
Price	DelMPrice@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1085	911
Tran	DelKTran@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1018	1113
Simonds	DelSSimonds@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1070	1106
Thomas	DelJThomas@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1021	903
Laufer	DelALaufer@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1055	1018
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Wiley	DelBWiley@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1032	1006
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Communications, Technology, and Innovations | Monday, House Room C | 30 minutes after adjournment

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Glass	deljglass@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1093	1011
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Maldonado	delmmaldonado@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1020	819
Henson	DelRHenson@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1019	919
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Counties, Cities, and Towns | Friday, House Room B | 9:00 AM

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Simonds	DelSSimonds@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1070	1106
Askew	DelAAskew@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1095	910
Cohen	DelLCohen@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1015	1003
Martinez	DelMMartinez@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1029	904
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Counties, Cities, and Towns cont.

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McGuire	delGMcGuire@house.virginia.gov		917
Knight	DelBKnight@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1098	809
Morefield	DelJMorefield@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1043	808
Hodges	DelKHodges@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1068	1007
McNamara	DelJMcNamara@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1040	813
Wyatt	DelSWyatt@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1060	806
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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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Sullivan	DelRSullivan@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1006	908
Delaney	DelKDelaney@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1009	1112
Hernandez	DelPHernandez@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1094	1103
Cousins	DelRCousins@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1079	1111
Reaser	DelAReaser@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1027	1019
Callsen	DelKCallsen@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1054	901
Keys-Gamarra	DelKKeys-Gamarra@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1007	1001
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Sewell	delbsewell@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1025	905
Convris-Fowler	DelKConvirs-Fowler@House.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1096	912
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Clark	DelNClark@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1084	820
Cousins	DelRCousins@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1079	1111
Reaser	DelAReaser@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1027	1019
Laufer	DelALaufer@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1055	1021
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Finance | Monday and Wednesday, House Committee Room B | 15 minutes after adjournment

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Gardner	DelDGardner@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1076	921
Keys-Gamarra	DelKKeys-Gamarra@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1007	1001
Maldonado	delmmaldonado@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1020	819
Pope Adams	DelKPopeAdams@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1082	820
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Carroll	DelSCarroll@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1064	817
Dougherty	DelLDougherty@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1075	1004
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General Laws | Tuesday and Thursday, House Committee Room B | 30 minutes after adjournment

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Torian	DelLTorian@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1024	1223
Price	DelMPrice@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1085	911
Simon	DelMSimon@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1013	1114
Delaney	DelKDelaney@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1009	1112
Cole, J	DelJCole@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1065	913
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Reaser	DelAReaser@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1027	1019
Callsen	DelKCallsen@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1054	901
Guzman	DelEGuzman@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1022	920
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Knight	DelBKnight@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1098	809
Morefield	DelJMorefield@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1043	808
Fowler	DelBFowler@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1059	1108
Austin	DelTAustin@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1037	708
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Health and Human Services | Tuesday and Thursday, House Committee Room C | 8:30 AM

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Rasoul	DelSRasoul@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1038	1107
Herring	DelCHerring@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1004	1402
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Downey	DelMDowney@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1069	803
Cole, N.	DelNCole@house.virginia.gov	(804) 698-1066	818
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