



# RECOMMENDED POSITIONS ON BILLS

**Legislative Subcommittee Meeting  
January 27, 2023**

## PRINCIPLES

### COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY

**HB2459** Firearm-free zones designated by the Commonwealth or a locality; waiver of sovereign immunity.

**OPPOSE**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate John J. McGuire, III \(R\)](#)

Summary: Firearm-free zones designated by the Commonwealth or a locality; waiver of sovereign immunity.

### ABORTION AND TRANSGENDER RIGHTS

**HB2432** Minors & students self-identifying as a gender different from biological sex; parental notification.

**OPPOSE**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Dave A. LaRock \(R\)](#)

Summary: Sage's Law; Minors and students self-identifying as a gender different from biological sex; counseling; parental notification; parental care. Requires any person licensed as administrative or instructional personnel by the Board of Education and employed by a local school board who, in the scope of his employment, has reason to believe, as a result of direct communication from a student, that such student is self-identifying as a gender different from the student's biological sex to contact as soon as practicable at least one of such student's parents to ask whether such parent is aware of the student's mental state and whether the parent wishes to obtain or has already obtained counseling for such student. The bill requires the Board of Education to include in its guidelines for making such contact criteria to assess whether students have begun to self-identify as a gender different from their biological sex and criteria for notification of and discussions with parents of students self-identifying as a gender different from their biological sex. The bill also prohibits any licensed school counselor, professional counselor, clinical social worker, or psychologist or other counseling personnel in any school division from (i) encouraging or coercing a minor to withhold from the minor's parent the fact that the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex is inconsistent with the minor's biological sex or (ii) withholding from a minor's parent information relating to the minor's perception that his or her gender or sex is inconsistent with the minor's biological sex. Finally, the bill clarifies, in the definition of the term "abused or neglected child," that in no event shall referring to and raising the child in a manner consistent with

the child's biological sex, including related mental health or medical decisions, be considered abuse or neglect.

## JUVENILE PROTECTIONS

**HB1990** Juvenile and domestic relations district courts; appointment of counsel or guardian ad litem.

### SUPPORT

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Charniele L. Herring \(D\)](#)

Summary: Juvenile and domestic relations district courts; appointment of counsel or guardian ad litem; appeals. Specifies that any attorney appointed to represent a child or parent, guardian, or other adult at a hearing in the juvenile and domestic relations district court shall continue representation at all other stages of the proceeding, to include upon appeal to the circuit court.

**HB2063** Guardian ad litem; appointment, requested information, records, or reports.

### WATCH

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Jackie H. Glass \(D\)](#)

Summary: Appointment of guardian ad litem; requested information, records, or reports from individual or entity. Requires any individual or entity with information, records, or reports relevant to a guardianship or conservatorship proceeding, including any local department of social services, criminal justice agency, financial institution, investment advisor, or other financial services provider, to provide, upon request from the appointed guardian ad litem, such information, records, or reports to the appointed guardian ad litem. The bill also specifies that the individual or entity who provides such information, records, or reports shall do so within five days of the request from the guardian ad litem and shall provide the information, records, or reports at no cost but may attach a statement of expenses or invoice to the requested information, records, or reports to be considered by the court in its determination of the award of costs in a proceeding. Under current law, health care providers and local school divisions are required to provide such information, records, or reports to guardians ad litem upon request.

The bill also requires certain financial institutions, in cooperation with an investigation of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult, to make available any financial records or information relevant to such investigation upon request from any guardian ad litem who has been appointed by the court to represent such adult. The bill immunizes such financial institutions from civil or criminal liability for providing such financial records or information, provided that such financial institutions did not engage in gross negligence or willful misconduct.

**SB923** Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program; established.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Barbara A. Favola \(D\)](#)

Summary: Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program. Establishes the Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program (the Program) to promote and support placements of children with relatives by local boards of social services (local boards) in order to avoid foster care. The bill provides that a child is eligible to participate in the Program if the local board determines that (i) the child is at imminent risk of being removed from his home and a preliminary protective order is insufficient to address the child's immediate safety concerns and (ii) the child's parent or guardian consents to the placement of the child with a relative pursuant to an agreement with the local board developed in accordance with the provisions of the bill.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS**

**HB2209** High polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon; prohibits pavement sealants that contain, civil penalty.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Kathy K.L. Tran \(D\)](#)

Summary: Pavement sealants containing a high polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon; prohibition; civil penalty. Permits a locality to prohibit the sale and distribution of any pavement sealant that contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon concentrations greater than one percent by weight on or after July 1, 2023, except that a retailer may continue to sell any existing inventory that remains in stock on that date. The bill allows a local governing body to prohibit the use of such sealants beginning July 1, 2024, and subject any person who violates either prohibition to a civil penalty of \$250, to be paid into the Virginia Environmental Emergency Response Fund.

**CLEAN AIR & CLEAN WATER PROTECTIONS**

**SB1013** Waterworks; contaminants, PFAS chemicals, notification to customers.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator John S. Edwards \(D\)](#)

Summary: Waterworks; contaminants; PFAS chemicals; notification to customers. Requires a waterworks owner to notify customers when a water quality analysis reveals that perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS chemicals), as defined in the bill, are present in the water supply or when a contaminant in the water supply exceeds maximum contaminant levels established in state or federal regulations, whichever is

more stringent. Such notification shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area and mailed to all customers. Such published and mailed notifications shall include information regarding the water quality analysis, the contaminant or contaminants, potential adverse health impacts, actions to reduce the level of the contaminant or contaminants, and public contact information for the waterworks.

## PLANNING & ZONING

**SB1496** Natural gas utility facility replacement projects; exemption from planning, etc.

### **OPPOSE**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator J. Chapman Petersen \(D\)](#)

Summary: Natural gas utility facility replacement projects; exemption from planning, subdivision of land, and zoning provisions. Revises the definition of "natural gas utility facility replacement project" to specify that such projects are subject to the provisions that govern construction and repair permits within right-of-way lines of public roadways but are exempt from the provisions that govern planning, subdivision of land, and zoning.

## MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

**SB1079** Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; allocation to commuter rail systems,

### **WATCH**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator John A. Cosgrove, Jr. \(R\)](#)

Summary: Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. Allocates 3.5 percent of the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund (the Fund) to commuter rail systems jointly operated by transportation districts and excludes such commuter rail systems from receiving allocations pursuant to other distributions of the Fund. The bill requires such commuter rail systems to submit reports to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The bill limits allocations by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) for distribution to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to 50 percent of the total operating and capital assistance required to be provided by NVTC or other Virginia entities in the approved WMATA budget and establishes reporting requirements for NVTC. The bill codifies requirements for WMATA to adopt and submit certain planning documents first required pursuant to the eighth enactment of Chapter 854 and the eighth enactment of Chapter 856 of the Acts of Assembly of 2018 and repeals the original requirements.

**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**SB1165** Commonwealth Transportation Board; regulation authority.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr. \(D\)](#)

Summary: Commonwealth Transportation Board; regulation authority. Provides that the authority of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to make regulations for the use of systems of state highways includes, upon request of a locality or its chief law-enforcement officer, authorizing the use of devices on such highways for law-enforcement purposes whether related or unrelated to transportation safety. The bill (i) requires any regulation authorizing the use in the system of state highways of a device for law-enforcement purposes that records and stores videos, images, or any other data or information to require that all data or information collected by such device be purged and not retained later than 30 days after collection unless such data is being used in an active law-enforcement investigation or another provision of law establishes a different data retention requirement or limitation and (ii) prohibits certain uses of such data or information.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY**

**HB1437** Commonwealth Transportation Board; regulation authority.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Bill D. Wiley \(R\)](#)

Summary: Commonwealth Transportation Board; regulation authority. Provides that the authority of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to make regulations for the use of systems of state highways includes authorizing the use of such highways for public safety purposes and the use of devices on such highways for public safety purposes whether related or unrelated to transportation safety. The bill requires any regulation authorizing the use in the system of state highways of a device for public safety purposes that records and stores videos or images to require that all data collected by such device be purged and not retained later than 30 days after collection unless such data is being used in an active law-enforcement investigation.

**HB2104** School crossing zones; signs shall be placed not more than 750 feet from school limits.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Jeffrey M. Bourne \(D\)](#)

**Summary:** School crossing zones. Authorizes the local governing body of a county, city, or town to place a "school crossing" sign at any location within the locality. Current law authorizes such placement by the council of the city or town or board of supervisors of a county maintaining its own system of secondary roads. The bill increases the default boundaries of a school crossing zone from 600 feet to 750 feet from the limits of school property and authorizes the governing bodies of cities, towns, and counties in Planning District 8 to decrease the speed limit in school crossing zones below 25 miles per hour without an engineering and traffic investigation, provided that such decreased speed limit is indicated by appropriate signs.

#### STATE REPORTING - HOUSING

**HB2494** Counties, cities, or towns, certain; powers & duties, report.

#### **OPPOSE**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate R. Lee Ware \(R\)](#)

**Summary:** Powers of cities and towns; certain localities; report to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Requires any locality with a population greater than 3,500 to submit a report to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Such report shall summarize any information collected or changes made regarding such locality's policies, ordinances, or processes affecting the development and construction of housing. The bill requires such localities to submit the report annually by September 1 in accordance with any forms developed by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

#### HOUSING SECURITY AND TENANT PROTECTIONS

**SB1340** Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; application limitations.

#### **SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator George L. Barker \(D\)](#)

**Summary:** Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; application limitations. Prohibits a landlord from performing background, credit, or other pre-occupancy checks on an applicant without first (i) establishing a written rental application policy that includes a disclosure of the amount of all nonrefundable application fees and deposits and (ii) providing the applicant either (a) a copy of the landlord's written application policy or (b) an electronic communication stating where the landlord's written application policy may be accessed and providing a hyperlink or other electronic access to such policy. The written application policy may be provided through posting on a website available to the public.

**SB1469** Virginia Residential Landlord & Tenant Act; applicability, persons residing in hotels, motels, etc.

**OPPOSE**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Lionell Spruill, Sr. \(D\)](#)

Summary: Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; applicability; persons residing in hotels, motels, etc. Provides that if a person resides in a hotel, motel, extended stay facility, vacation residential facility, boardinghouse, or similar transient lodging as his permanent residence, such lodging shall not be subject to the provisions of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. Under current law, such lodging is subject to the Act if a person has resided there or is subject to a written lease for more than 90 days.

**EDUCATION**

**HB1508** Virginia Education Success Account Program; established, report.

**OPPOSE**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Glenn R. Davis \(R\)](#)

Summary: Virginia Education Success Account Program; establishment. Permits the parents of qualified students, defined in the bill, to apply for a one-year, renewable Virginia Education Success Account that consists of an amount that is equivalent to a certain percentage of all applicable annual Standards of Quality per pupil state funds appropriated for public school purposes and apportioned to the school division in which the qualified student resides, including the per pupil share of state sales tax funding in basic aid and any state per pupil share of special education funding for which the qualified student is eligible. The bill permits the parent of the qualified student to use the moneys in such account for certain qualified expenses of the qualified student, including tuition, deposits, fees, and required textbooks at a private elementary school or secondary school that is located in the Commonwealth. The bill also contains provisions relating to program and account administration by the Department of the Treasury and a third-party financial institution that serves as program administrator pursuant to a contract with the Department of the Treasury.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACT**

**HB2207** Information Technology Access Act; numerous organizational changes to Act.

**WATCH**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Kathy K.L. Tran \(D\)](#)

Summary: Information Technology Access Act. Makes numerous organizational changes to the Information Technology Access Act. The bill defines "information and



communications technology" that is used to promote digital accessibility, also defined in the bill, for all persons with disabilities. The bill requires the head of each covered entity, defined in the bill, to designate an employee to serve as such covered entity's digital accessibility coordinator and to be responsible for developing and implementing such covered entity's digital accessibility policy and report. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

## TAX EXEMPTIONS & CREDITS

**HB2196** Sales and use tax, local; exemption for essential personal hygiene products and infant formula.

**OPPOSE**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Kathy J. Byron \(R\)](#)

Summary: Local sales and use tax; exemption for essential personal hygiene products and infant formula. Exempts essential personal hygiene products and infant formula from the local sales and use tax. Under current law, such products are exempt from state sales and use tax but are subject to the local one percent option.

**HB2200** License taxes; deductions for anti-cancer drugs purchased by a medical practice, etc.

**OPPOSE**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Roxann L. Robinson \(R\)](#)

Summary: License taxes; deductions. Provides a deduction from license taxes for anti-cancer drugs purchased by a medical practice and administered within a physician-patient relationship to patients. The exemption shall only apply to drugs that are administered to a patient whose costs for treatment are paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, or TRICARE.

## OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY

**HB1749** Real property taxes; rate of increase procedure.

**OPPOSE**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Wendell S. Walker \(R\)](#)

Summary: Real property taxes; rate of increase procedure. Provides that a governing body of a locality may increase the real property tax rate (i) by an amount lower than three percent through a public hearing and a majority vote of the governing body; (ii) by an amount of three percent or more, but lower than five percent through a public hearing and a two-thirds majority vote of the governing body; and (iii) by an amount of

five percent or more through holding a referendum. The bill provides that the governing body of a locality may not hold a public hearing for a proposed rate increase on the same day as the annual budget hearing. Under current law, the governing body of a locality is required to limit the real property tax rate to a rate that would collect no more than 101 percent of the amount of real property taxes collected for the previous year; increases above this rate may only be imposed if the locality holds a public hearing.

**HB2161** Local government; standardization of public notice requirements for certain intended actions.

**WATCH**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Wren M. Williams \(R\)](#)

Summary: Local government; standardization of public notice requirements for certain intended actions and hearings; report. Standardizes the frequency and length of time that notices of certain meetings, hearings, and other intended actions of localities must be published in newspapers and other print media. The notice provisions included in the bill are organized into the following three groups: (i) publication required one week before the meeting, hearing, or intended action; (ii) publication required two consecutive weeks before the meeting, hearing, or intended action; and (iii) publication required three consecutive weeks before the meeting, hearing, or intended action. In addition, the bill amends provisions related to the content of notices for zoning ordinances and amendments to such ordinances by removing the requirement that such notices contain a descriptive summary of the proposed action and providing that such notices shall include the street address or tax map parcel number of the parcels subject to the action. In cases where the intended action affects more than 25 parcels, the notice must also include the approximate acreage subject to the intended action. The bill also removes the requirement that notices of proposed amendments to a zoning map state the general usage and density range of the proposed amendment and the general usage density set forth in the applicable part of the comprehensive plan. The bill directs the Virginia Code Commission to convene a work group to continue review of the notice requirements throughout the Code of Virginia and requires the Virginia Code Commission to submit a report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology summarizing the work and any recommendations of the work group by November 30, 2023. This bill is a recommendation of the Code Commission.

**SB1365** Materials recovery facilities; local regulation.

**WATCH**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr. \(D\)](#)

Summary: Local regulation of materials recovery facilities. Provides that a locality may not adopt a local ordinance that would prevent or prohibit the disposal of garbage, trash, or refuse at any materials recovery facility as such term is defined in the bill.

**[HB2186](#)** Trespass; other person lawfully in charge of the property includes locality.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Sam Rasoul \(D\)](#)

Summary: Trespass; other person lawfully in charge of the property; locality. Provides that a person lawfully in charge of a property includes a county, city, or town when such locality's maintenance code official makes an official determination that a specific vacant structure is a derelict building.

**PROCUREMENT**

**[HB2450](#)** Virginia Public Procurement Act; construction manager allowed to bid on certain contracts.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Jeffrey L. Campbell \(R\)](#)

Summary: Virginia Public Procurement Act; construction management; construction manager allowed to bid on certain contracts. Provides that construction management contracts of state public bodies, local public bodies, and covered institutions shall require such entities to have authority to determine whether to allow the construction manager of such contract to propose or bid on particular contracts, if, given market conditions and other relevant information, such entity determines that such action is in the best interests of the project and of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The bill provides that such entities shall have the option to either negotiate particular contracts in an open-book manner with the construction manager at risk or require the construction manager to submit a sealed bid or proposal to the state public body or its designated project director or procurement officer consistent with established principles.

**[SB1491](#)** Virginia Public Procurement Act; construction management, contract requirements.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator John J. Bell \(D\)](#)

Summary: Virginia Public Procurement Act; construction management; contract requirements. Provides that construction management contracts shall require that the state public body, local public body, covered institution, or their designated project director shall have the authority to make a determination about whether to allow the

construction manager to propose or bid on particular contracts if, given market and other relevant information, the state public body, local public body, covered institution, or their designated project director determines that such action may be in the best interest of the project and the Commonwealth. The bill also provides that construction management contracts shall require that the state public body, local public body, or covered institution shall have the option to negotiate particular contracts in an open-book manner with the construction manager at risk or the state public body, local public body, or covered institution may require the construction manager to submit a sealed bid or proposal to the state public body, local public body, covered institution, their designated project director, or procurement officer consistent with established procurement processes.

#### **SMALL, MINORITY BUSINESSES**

**HB1829** Small, women-owned, or minority-owned businesses certification, grant and procurement awards.

#### **SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Luke E. Torian \(D\)](#)

Summary: Grant and procurement awards; certification for small, women-owned, or minority-owned businesses. Requires that for any grant or contract issued or entered into by the Governor, a state agency, or a locality, such entity shall inquire whether the grant recipient, bidder, offeror, or contractor is a small, women-owned, or minority-owned business and whether it is certified by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD) for procurement enhancement. If such business is eligible but not certified, the bill directs DSBSD to provide it with information on the certification process and encourage it to apply for certification.

#### **EMPLOYMENT, WORKERS' CLASSIFICATION, COMPENSATION & BENEFITS**

**SB1107** Virginia Retirement System; law-enforcement officers, return to work.

#### **SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator John A. Cosgrove, Jr. \(R\)](#)

Summary: Virginia Retirement System; law-enforcement officers; return to work. Reduces from 12 to two months the required break in service before a retired law-enforcement officer may return to work full time and continue to receive his pension under the Virginia Retirement System. The bill provides that such retired officer may be employed (i) as a fingerprint examiner or a forensic technician with a law-enforcement

agency requiring specialized skills or (ii) in a local public school division as a school security officer.

**HB1993** Fire marshals; police powers, training requirements.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Paul E. Krizek \(D\)](#)

Summary: Police powers of fire marshals; training requirements. Provides that a local fire marshal or assistant shall not exercise any police powers until such person has satisfactorily completed a basic law-enforcement course for fire marshals with police powers and maintains satisfactory participation in in-service and advanced courses and programs. The bill also provides that current or prior certification as a law-enforcement officer may satisfy the police powers training requirements.

**SB1086** Living organ donors; unpaid leave, civil penalty.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Adam P. Ebbin \(D\)](#)

Summary: Living organ donors; unpaid leave; civil penalty. Requires that an employer that employs 15 or more employees provide eligible employees, defined in the bill, with (i) up to 60 business days of unpaid organ donation leave in any 12-month period to serve as an organ donor and (ii) up to 30 business days of unpaid organ donation leave in any 12-month period to serve as a bone marrow donor. The bill requires the employer to restore the employee's position following the leave, to continue to provide coverage for the employee under any health benefit plan, and to pay the employee any commission earned prior to the leave. The bill prohibits the employer from taking retaliatory action against the employee for taking organ donation leave. The bill requires the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to enforce its provisions and provides for civil penalties for violations of its requirements.

**BARRIER CRIME EXCEPTIONS**

**SB846** Peer recovery specialists; barrier crime exceptions.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Barbara A. Favola \(D\)](#)

Summary: Background checks; peer recovery specialists; barrier crime exceptions. Permits the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, direct care service providers, and community boards to hire peer recovery specialists who have been convicted of certain barrier crimes where a history of such offense does not pose a risk in the work of a peer recovery specialist.

**SB1219** Kinship foster care; barrier crimes, exception.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator T. Montgomery "Monty" Mason \(D\)](#)

Summary: Kinship foster care; barrier crimes; exception. Allows local boards of social services and child-placing agencies to approve as a kinship foster parent an applicant who has been convicted of possessing a Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substance, provided that (i) the offense did not involve possession of heroin, fentanyl, or methylenedioxy-methamphetamine, (ii) five years have elapsed from the date of the conviction, and (iii) the local board or child-placing agency makes a specific finding that approving the kinship foster care placement would not adversely affect the safety and well-being of the child. Under current law, such applicants may be approved as a kinship foster parent if 10 years have elapsed from the date of conviction.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

**SB1495** Local enforcement action; willful disregard for applicable law, damages.

**OPPOSE**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Scott A. Surovell \(D\)](#)

Summary: Local enforcement action; willful disregard for applicable law; damages. Provides that any person aggrieved by an enforcement action by a locality, where the enforcement action was based upon a willful disregard for applicable law, regulation, or ordinance, shall be entitled to an award of compensatory damages and to an order remanding the matter to the locality with a direction to terminate such enforcement and may be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS AND PROGRAMS

**HB2185** Community services boards and behavioral health authorities; provisions of performance contracts.

**WATCH**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Sam Rasoul \(D\)](#)

Summary: Community services boards; behavioral health authorities; performance contracts. Modifies and reorganizes provisions related to the requirements of performance contracts entered into by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services with community services boards and behavioral health authorities. This bill is a recommendation of the Behavioral Health Commission and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.

**SB1169** Community services boards and behavioral health authorities; provisions of performance contracts.

**WATCH**

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Emmett W. Hanger, Jr. \(R\)](#)

Summary: Community services boards; behavioral health authorities; performance contracts. Modifies and reorganizes provisions related to the requirements of performance contracts entered into by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services with community services boards and behavioral health authorities.

**OTHER**

**HB2493** Plastic bag tax; fee usage.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Kaye Kory \(D\)](#)

Summary: Plastic bag tax; fee usage. Allows the revenue from the disposable plastic bag tax to be used for illegal roadside sign cleanup and litter pickup.

**HB2496** Virginia Recycling Development Center; established, report, sunset provision.

**SUPPORT**

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Chris S. Runion \(R\)](#)

Summary: Virginia Recycling Development Center; established; report.

## PRIORITIES

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### FLOOD PROTECTIONS & RESILIENCE

**SB1091** Local Stormwater Management Fund; condominiums.

#### SUPPORT

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Adam P. Ebbin \(D\)](#)

Summary: Local Stormwater Management Fund; condominiums. Expands the allowable uses of grants from a local Stormwater Management Fund, established under current law to grant funds to private property owners and common interest communities for certain stormwater management and erosion control projects, to include joint flooding mitigation projects of condominium owners.

### HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

#### SUPPLY OF LOW/MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING

**HB1805** Virginia Resources Authority; community development and housing projects.

#### SUPPORT

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Robert S. Bloxom, Jr. \(R\)](#)

Summary: Virginia Resources Authority; purpose; community development and housing projects. Adds community development projects related to the production and preservation of housing, including housing for persons and families of low and moderate income, to those projects that the Virginia Resources Authority may finance. The bill directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist the Authority with determining which local governments are to receive grants from the Authority for such projects.

**HB2048** Economically mixed projects; VHDA financial projects.

#### OPPOSE

Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Betsy B. Carr \(D\)](#)

Summary: Virginia Housing Development Authority; economically mixed projects; affordable rent for persons or families of low or moderate income. Provides that in any economically mixed project financed through the Virginia Housing Development Authority, at least 20 percent of the units must be held available for occupancy by persons and families earning 80 percent or less of the area median income, and the



rent charged for such units shall be at least 10 percent below the rents of unrestricted units in the project. Economically mixed projects located in a locality with a population no greater than 35,000 as determined by the most recent U.S. census shall not be required to limit the rent charged for such units to at least 10 percent below the rents of unrestricted units in the project.