

SUPPORT

Bill	Title	Primary Sponsor	Summary
HB1	Minimum wage; increases wage to \$13.50 per hour effective January 1, 2025.	Delegate Jeion A. Ward (D)	Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from the current rate of \$12.00 per hour to \$13.50 per hour effective January 1, 2025, and to \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2026. The bill satisfies a reenactment clause included in Chapters 1204 and 1242 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020.
HB12	Handguns; firearm locking device required for sale or transfer, child safety warning required.	Delegate Michael J. Jones (D)	Firearm locking device required for sale or transfer of handguns; child safety warning required; penalty. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any licensed manufacturer, licensed importer, or licensed dealer to sell, deliver, or transfer any handgun to any person, other than a licensed manufacturer, licensed importer, or licensed dealer, unless the transferee is provided with a locking device for such handgun and the handgun is accompanied by a warning, in conspicuous and legible type in capital letters printed on a label affixed to the gun and on a separate sheet of paper included within the packaging enclosing the handgun, that handguns should be locked and kept away from children and that there may be civil and criminal liability for failing to do so. The bill provides exceptions for law-enforcement and governmental agencies.
HB18	Hate crimes and discrimination; ethnic animosity, penalties.	Delegate Dan I. Helmer	Hate crimes and discrimination; ethnic animosity; penalties. Provides that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to safeguard all individuals within the Commonwealth from unlawful discrimination in employment and in places of public accommodation because of such individual's ethnic origin. The bill also adds victims who are intentionally selected because of their ethnic origin to the categories of victims whose intentional selection for a hate crime involving assault, assault and battery, or trespass for the purpose of damaging another's property results in a higher criminal penalty for the offense. The bill also provides that no provider or user of an interactive computer service on the Internet shall be liable for any action voluntarily taken by it in good faith to restrict access to material that the provider or user considers to be intended to incite hatred on the basis of ethnic origin.
HB20	Photo speed monitoring devices; location.	Delegate Michael J. Jones (D)	Photo speed monitoring devices; location. Authorizes the governing body of any county, city, or town to provide by ordinance for the placement and operation of photo speed monitoring devices in any location deemed necessary by the locality for the purposes of recording violations resulting from the operation of a vehicle in excess of the speed limit. The bill provides the same requirements for such devices, information collected from such devices, and any enforcement actions resulting from information collected from such devices as current law applies to the use of such devices in school crossing zones and highway work zones. The bill requires that two signs, rather than one, be placed warning of such device if the device is placed somewhere other than a school crossing zone or highway work zone.

HB21	School crossing zones; expands definition of zones to include areas surrounding schools, etc.	Delegate Michael J. Jones (D)	School crossing zones. Expands the definition of "school crossing zone" to include areas surrounding schools where the presence of students reasonably requires a special warning to motorists and provides that the term "school" includes public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education. Currently, the definition of "school crossing zone" includes only areas surrounding schools where the presence of children requires such warning. Existing provisions of law allowing photo speed monitoring devices to be installed in school crossing zones will apply to any location that meets the expanded definition.
HB27	Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program; established.	Delegate Katrina Callsen (D)	Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program established. Establishes the Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program to promote and support placements of children with relatives by local boards of social services 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.
HB46	Firearm; transfers to another person from a prohibited person.	Delegate Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker (D)	Firearm transfers to another person from a prohibited person. Provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because such person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member may transfer a firearm owned by such prohibited person to any person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such firearm, provided that such person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such firearm is 21 years of age or older and does not reside with the person who is subject to the protective order. Under current law, there is no requirement that such transferee cannot be younger than 21 years of age and cannot reside with such prohibited person. The bill also provides that such prohibited person who transfers, sells, or surrenders a firearm pursuant to the provisions of the bill shall inform the clerk of the court of the name and address of the transferee, the federally licensed firearms dealer, or the law-enforcement agency in possession of the firearm and shall provide a copy of such form to the transferee. The bill also provides that a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm because such person is subject to a protective order or has been convicted of an assault and battery of a family or household member shall be advised that a law-enforcement officer may obtain a search warrant to search for any firearms from such person if such law-enforcement officer has reason to believe that such person has not relinquished all firearms in his possession.
HB69	Vacancies in elected local offices; interim appointments, notice requirement.	Delegate David L. Bulova (D)	Vacancies in elected local offices; interim appointments; notice requirement. Requires the local governing body or elected school board making an interim appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of such body or board to hold a public meeting at least seven days prior to making such appointment. The bill specifies that at such meeting, the body or board shall announce the names of all persons being proposed for the interim appointment and shall make available for inspection each person's resume and any other materials required by the body or board.

HB71	Combined sewer overflow outfalls; compliance with regulations, Chesapeake Bay Watershed.	Delegate David L. Bulova (D)	Combined sewer overflow outfalls; compliance with regulations; Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Extends from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026, the date by which certain combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls that discharge into the Chesapeake Bay Watershed must be in compliance with Virginia law, the federal Clean Water Act, and the Presumption Approach described in the EPA CSO Control Policy, unless a higher level of control is necessary to comply with a total maximum daily load.
HB133	Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program; created, report.	Delegate Kelly K. Convors-Fowler (D)	Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program. Creates the Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program to provide funding to local government employee responders who were exposed to toxic materials when responding to emergencies declared by the Commonwealth or a locality. The bill directs the Department of Fire Programs to convene a work group to assess eligibility for funding, qualifying emergencies, and other criteria and directs the work group to submit a report to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2024.
HB142	Crosswalks; waiving certain requirements for proposed installation.	Delegate David A. Reid	Installation of crosswalks; waiving certain requirement. Authorizes the Department of Transportation, when determining the need for a crosswalk within a community subject to the Property Owners' Association Act, to waive any requirement that a certain number of individuals cross such highway within a particular period of time if the location of the proposed crosswalk is adjacent to and providing access to a facility that attracts pedestrians or generates an increased pedestrian presence.
HB144	Speed limits; notification to primary liaison in each locality when change occurs.	Delegate David A. Reid	Change in speed limits; notification. Requires the Department of Transportation, if the Commissioner of Highways increases or decreases a speed limit, to (i) notify the primary liaison with the Department in each locality within which such speed limit change will occur and (ii) place roadside signage notifying drivers of the upcoming change in such speed limit. The bill also requires the Department to notify the governing body of any property owners' association or condominium association if any such speed limit change will occur in a community subject to such association.
HB147	Terrorism hoax incident, etc.; reimbursement of expenses incurred to localities.	Delegate David A. Reid	Reimbursement of expenses incurred in responding to terrorism hoax incident, bomb threat, malicious activation of fire alarm, or false emergency communication to emergency personnel. Allows a locality that has an ordinance requiring any person over 18 years of age convicted of false emergency communication to emergency personnel to reimburse such locality at the time of sentencing or in a separate civil action to bill a flat fee of \$2,500 or a minute-by-minute accounting of actual costs incurred. The bill also allows a locality that has an ordinance requiring any person under 18 years of age convicted of false emergency communication to emergency personnel to reimburse such locality at the time of sentencing or in a separate civil action to bill a flat fee of \$2,500 or a minute-by-minute accounting of actual costs incurred, not to exceed \$2,500. Current law allows a flat fee of \$250 or a minute-by-minute accounting of actual costs incurred, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

HB149	Employee protections; medicinal use of cannabis oil.	Delegate Dan I. Helmer	Employee protections; medicinal use of cannabis oil. Amends the provision that prohibits an employer from discriminating against an employee for such employee's lawful use of cannabis oil pursuant to a valid written certification issued by a practitioner for the treatment or to eliminate the symptoms of the employee's diagnosed condition or disease, with certain exceptions, by specifying that such use must conform to the laws of the Commonwealth and that such protections extend to the employees of the Commonwealth and other public bodies.
HB173	Plastic firearms and unfinished frames, etc.; manufacture, import, etc. prohibited, penalties.	Delegate Marcus B. Simon (D)	<p>Manufacture, import, sale, transfer, or possession of plastic firearms and unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms prohibited; penalties. Creates a Class 5 felony for any person who knowingly manufactures or assembles, imports, purchases, sells, transfers, or possesses any firearm that, after removal of all parts other than a major component, as defined in the bill, is not detectable as a firearm when subjected to inspection by the types of detection devices, including X-ray machines, commonly used at airports, government buildings, schools, correctional facilities, and other locations for security screening. The bill updates language regarding the types of detection devices that are used at such locations for detecting plastic firearms. Under current law, it is unlawful to manufacture, import, sell, transfer, or possess any plastic firearm and a violation is punishable as a Class 5 felony.</p> <p>The bill also creates a Class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable as a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense, making it unlawful for any person to knowingly import, purchase, sell, offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any completed or unfinished frame or receiver, unless the completed or unfinished frame or receiver (i) is deemed to be a firearm pursuant to federal law and (ii) is imprinted with a valid serial number. The bill creates a Class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable as a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense, making it unlawful for any person to manufacture or assemble, cause to be manufactured or assembled, import, purchase, sell, offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any firearm that is not imprinted with a valid serial number. The portions of the bill prohibiting unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2025.</p>
HB174	Marriage lawful regardless of sex, gender, or race of parties; issuance of marriage license.	Delegate Rozia "J.R." Henson, Jr. (D)	<p>Marriage lawful regardless of sex, gender, or race of parties; issuance of marriage license. Provides that no person authorized to issue a marriage license shall deny the issuance of such license to two parties contemplating a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of the parties. The bill also requires that such lawful marriages be recognized in the Commonwealth regardless of the sex, gender, or race of the parties. The bill provides that religious organizations or members of the clergy acting in their religious capacity shall have the right to refuse to perform any marriage.</p>
HB175	Assault firearms; carrying in public areas prohibited, penalty.	Delegate Marcus B. Simon (D)	<p>Carrying assault firearms in public areas prohibited; penalty. Prohibits the carrying of certain semi-automatic center-fire rifles, pistols, and shotguns on any public street, road, alley, sidewalk, or public right-of-way or in any public park or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public. Under current law, the current prohibition on carrying certain shotguns and semi-automatic center-fire rifles and pistols applies to a narrower range of firearms, only in certain localities, and only when such firearms are loaded.</p>

HB183	Firearms; storage in residence where minor or person prohibited from possessing is present, penalty.	Delegate Marcus B. Simon (D)	Storage of firearms in a residence where a minor or person prohibited from possessing a firearm is present; penalty. Requires any person who possesses a firearm in a residence where such person knows that a minor under 18 years of age or a person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm is present to store such firearm and the ammunition for such firearm in a locked container, compartment, or cabinet that is inaccessible to such minor or prohibited person. The bill provides that a violation is a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill exempts (i) any person in lawful possession of a firearm who carries such firearm on or about his person and (ii) the storage of antique firearms and provides that the lawful authorization of a minor to access a firearm is not a violation of the bill's provisions. The bill also requires firearm dealers to post a notice stating such firearm storage requirements and the penalty for improperly storing such firearms.
HB192	Landlord and Tenant Fairness Act; established.	Delegate Marty Martinez (D)	Landlord and Tenant Fairness Act established. Establishes the Landlord and Tenant Fairness Act that requires any landlord who owns more than nine rental dwelling units or more than a 10 percent interest in more than nine rental dwelling units, whether individually or through a business entity, in the Commonwealth, to meet certain requirements with respect to (i) the advertisement of any rental dwelling unit for occupancy; (ii) the charging of application fees and processing of an applicant's information during an application check; and (iii) the terms of the rental agreement, changes in the rental amount, and termination of the rental agreement.
HB196	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; noncompliance with rental agreement, grace period.	Delegate Joshua E. Thomas (D)	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; noncompliance with rental agreement; grace period prior to termination. Provides that if a landlord owns more than four rental dwelling units or more than a 10 percent interest in more than four rental dwelling units, whether individually or through a business entity, in the Commonwealth, and a tenant named on the rental agreement is 65 years of age or older, the landlord may only terminate the rental agreement and proceed to obtain possession of the premises under the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act if such tenant fails to pay rent within 14 days after written notice is served on the tenant. Current law only provides a five-day grace period for such termination and applies such grace period to all tenants regardless of age.
HB198	Solar energy; potential benefits of using for certain residential applications.	Delegate Paul E. Krizek (D)	Department of Energy; potential benefits of using solar energy for certain residential, commercial, and government applications; report. Directs the Department of Energy (Department) to produce a report that (i) quantifies the potential benefits of using solar energy for residential, commercial, and government building rooftops, parking lots, and brownfields across the Commonwealth; (ii) describes any incentives, in whole or in part, that would maximize such potential benefits from the use of such solar energy; and (iii) provides regulatory and legislative recommendations. The bill requires the Department to report its findings and any recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, the House Committee on Commerce and Energy, and the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by December 1, 2024.

HB201	Transportation entities, certain; membership.	Delegate Paul E. Krizek (D)	Certain transportation entities; membership. Requires, rather than permits, the four members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the two members of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, and the two members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority who are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to be members of the House of Delegates.
HB208	Comprehensive plan; healthy communities strategy.	Delegate Shelly A. Simonds (D)	Comprehensive plan; healthy communities strategy. Authorizes localities, beginning July 1, 2024, to adopt a healthy communities strategy as part of its next and any subsequent reviews of the comprehensive plan. The bill provides that the locality's strategy may include identifying neighborhoods with major sources of pollution or hazardous waste and identifying objectives and policies to (i) reduce health risks in such neighborhoods, (ii) promote civic engagement by residents of such neighborhoods, and (iii) prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of such neighborhoods.
HB229	Legal notices; locality to advertise on their website.	Delegate Ellen H. Campbell (R)	Advertisement of legal notices; website. Allows a locality to advertise legal notices on the locality's website instead of, or in addition to, publishing such notices in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality.
HB234	All-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles; seizure, impounding, and disposition.	Delegate Jeion A. Ward (D)	All-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles; seizure, impounding, and disposition. Authorizes the governing body of any city to provide by ordinance for the lawful seizure, impounding, and disposition of an illegally operated all-terrain vehicle or off-road motorcycle operated on a highway or sidewalk within such city.
HB243	Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission; availability of complaint forms in courthouses.	Delegate Marty Martinez (D)	Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission; availability of complaint forms in courthouses. Requires that paper copies of any standardized form developed and utilized by the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission for the filing of a complaint be made available to the public in the clerk's office in all state courts of the Commonwealth. The bill also requires that a sign be posted in all such courts, in a location accessible to the public, that notes the availability and location of such forms.
HB264	Legal notices and publications; online-only news publications, requirements.	Delegate Patrick A. Hope	Legal notices and publications; online-only news publications; requirements. Provides that, where any ordinance, resolution, notice, or advertisement is required by law to be published in a newspaper, such ordinance, resolution, notice, or advertisement instead may be published in an online-only news publication subject to certain requirements specified in the bill. The bill sets out a process by which an online-only news publication shall petition the circuit court of the appropriate jurisdiction to publish such ordinances, resolutions, notices, or advertisements and authorizes the court to grant such online-only news publication the authority to publish such ordinances, resolutions, notices, or advertisements for a period of one year. The bill also describes the process by which an online-only news publication may continue renewing such authority to publish each successive year.

HB301	Proper maintenance of property; adds violation of one or more local ordinances to existing prov.	Delegate Jason S. Ballard (R)	Local enforcement of property maintenance. Adds the violation of one or more local ordinances related to the proper maintenance of property to existing provisions that allow a locality to require a property owner to remove, repair, or secure a building, wall, or other structure that might endanger the public health or safety of other residents of such locality as a reason for requiring such maintenance. The bill also allows the locality through its own agents or employees to take such actions after proper notice.
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HB341	Virginia Public Procurement Act; consideration of employment of older Virginia residents.	Delegate Joshua E. Thomas (D)	Virginia Public Procurement Act; consideration of employment of older Virginia residents. Allows public bodies to include as a factor that will be used in evaluating a Request for Proposal the proposer's participation in programs that employ Virginia residents age 55 or older. The bill also provides that in the case of a tie bid between two or more bidders-both of which are eligible for a preference as a bidder for goods produced in Virginia or goods, services, or construction provided by Virginia persons, firms, or corporations-an additional preference shall be given to any bidder that participates in such programs.
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HB405	Subdivision ordinance; electric vehicle charging stations.	Delegate Adele Y. McClure	Subdivision ordinance; electric vehicle charging stations. Provides that any locality may include in its subdivision ordinance a requirement for electric vehicle charging stations for a development containing commercial, industrial, or multifamily residential uses with a density of seven residential dwelling units per acre or greater. The bill contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2025.
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HB407	Child Care Subsidy Program; categorical eligibility for certain families.	Delegate Phil M. Hernandez (D)	Child Care Subsidy Program; categorical eligibility for certain families. Provides that any family that receives public assistance through Medicaid or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children shall be deemed categorically eligible to receive assistance through the Child Care Subsidy Program.
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HB419	Early childhood care and education system; funding formula, nonreverting fund.	Delegate David L. Bulova (D)	Early childhood care and education system; funding formula; educator incentive; nonreverting fund to capture unspent early childhood care and education funding balances. Requires the Department of Education to (i) establish and maintain a funding formula for the provision of state general funds that support the provision of services to families at early childhood care and education sites that establishes the minimum funding and number of slots per biennium based on a cost of quality rate per child, actual data from the prior year, unserved waitlists, and a growth rate differential based on enrollment and parent demand growth in prior biennia; (ii) administer an early childhood educator incentive program to be known as RecognizeB5 whereby a monetary incentive is provided to teachers who work directly with children for at least 30 hours per week at early childhood care and education sites that participate in the uniform measurement and improvement system known as VQB5, with the exception of teachers who are employed by local school boards; and (iii) administer and make distributions, for the purpose of providing certain early childhood care and education services, from the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established in the bill, to which all balances of state general funds intended for the provision of services to families at early childhood care and education sites that are unspent at the end of each fiscal year are required to be credited instead of reverting to the general fund.
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HB420	Federal park operations; temporary funding.	Delegate David L. Bulova (D)	<p>Temporary funding of federal park operations. Authorizes the Governor to provide funding and execute necessary agreements to allow the temporary operation of any Virginia property controlled by the National Park Service in the event of a federal government shutdown. Such authority shall be contingent on the U.S. Department of the Interior executing an agreement which authorizes the Commonwealth to operate such property. The bill states that the funds may come from the State Park Conservation Resources Fund, voluntary donations, funds allocated to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, or other sources. However, the bill clarifies that no funds originally allocated from the general fund shall be used to operate a federal park for more than 21 days without the approval of the General Assembly.</p>
HB442	Va. Residential Landlord & Tenant Act; landlord remedies, noncompliance with rental agreement.	Delegate Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker (D)	<p>Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; landlord remedies; noncompliance with rental agreement; payment plan. Requires a landlord who owns more than four rental dwelling units or more than a 10 percent interest in more than four rental dwelling units, before terminating a rental agreement due to nonpayment of rent if the exact amount of rent owed is less than or equal to one month's rent plus any late charges contracted for in the rental agreement and as provided by law, to serve upon such tenant a written notice informing the tenant of the exact amount due and owed and offer the tenant a payment plan under which the tenant must pay the exact amount due and owed in equal monthly installments over the remaining period of the rental agreement, not to exceed 12 months. The bill also outlines the remedies a landlord has if a tenant fails to pay the exact amount due and owed or enter into a payment plan within five days of receiving notice or if a tenant enters into a payment plan and after such plan becomes effective fails to pay rent when due or fails to make a payment under the terms of the agreed-upon payment plan.</p>
HB443	Local government; standardization of public notice requirements for certain meetings, hearings, etc.	Delegate Wren M. Williams (R)	<p>Local government; standardization of public notice requirements for certain meetings, hearings, or intended actions. Standardizes the frequency with which and length of time in which notices of certain meetings, hearings, and other intended actions of localities must be published. The notice provisions included in the bill are organized into three groups: (i) publication required at least seven days before a meeting, hearing, or intended action; (ii) publication required twice, with the first notice appearing no more than 28 days before and the second notice appearing no less than seven days before a meeting, hearing, or intended action; and (iii) publication required three times, with the first notice appearing no more than 35 days before and the third notice appearing no less than seven days before the meeting, hearing, or intended action. The bill also standardizes descriptive information in such notices related to (a) proposing, amending, or repealing ordinances; (b) local budget adoption; and (c) zoning ordinances and planning-related actions.</p>
HB453	Kinship foster care; barrier crimes.	Delegate Katrina Callsen (D)	<p>Kinship foster care; barrier crimes. Allows local boards of social services or child-placing agencies to approve kinship foster care parent applicants who have been convicted of certain felony drug offenses if five years have elapsed since the date of the conviction, where under current law 10 years must have elapsed in order to be eligible for approval as a kinship foster care parent. The bill also adds exceptions for certain misdemeanor assault and battery convictions not involving the abuse, neglect, or moral turpitude of a minor if five years have elapsed since the date of the conviction. The bill directs the State Board of Social Services to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the bill to be effective no later than September 1, 2024.</p>

HB458	Sales and use tax, local; additional tax authorized in all counties & cities to support schools.	Delegate Katrina Callsen (D)	Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum. Authorizes all counties and cities to impose an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent with the revenue used only for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools if such levy is approved in a voter referendum. Under current law, only Charlotte, Gloucester, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Patrick, and Pittsylvania Counties and the City of Danville are authorized to impose such a tax.
HB459	Trees; conservation during land development process in certain localities.	Delegate Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr. (D)	Conservation of trees during land development process in certain localities. Expands authority of certain localities to adopt an ordinance providing for the planting and replacement of trees during the development process by allowing a tree canopy fund that currently applies to the planting of trees on public property to include maintenance of trees on public property and planting and maintenance of trees on private property. The bill removes a provision that requires that any funds collected for the purposes of the tree canopy fund be returned to the original contributor if not spent within five years but maintains the requirement that such funds be spent within five years. The bill also includes an expansion of the canopy credit and a provision that will require a local tree conservation ordinance to meet the standards set out in the statute.
HB478	Community revitalization fund; expanding use for all localities.	Delegate Carrie E. Coyner (R)	Community revitalization fund; expanding use for all localities. Expands the current provisions of law allowing for the establishment of a community revitalization fund for the purpose of preventing neighborhood deterioration to apply to all localities. Currently, only the City of Richmond is authorized to establish such a fund.
HB533	Photo speed monitoring devices; local gov't to provide by ordinance for placement and operation.	Delegate Holly M. Seibold (D)	Photo speed monitoring devices; location. Authorizes the governing body of any county, city, or town to provide by ordinance for the placement and operation of photo speed monitoring devices on any highway in such locality with a speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less that is located in a priority pedestrian corridor as identified by the Department of Transportation in the statewide Pedestrian Safety Action Plan or other high-risk pedestrian corridor as designated by the Commissioner of Highways for the purposes of recording violations resulting from the operation of a vehicle in excess of the speed limit. The bill provides the same requirements for such devices, information collected from such devices, and any enforcement actions resulting from information collected from such devices as current law applies to the use of such devices in school crossing zones and highway work zones. The bill requires that two signs, rather than one, be placed warning of such device if the device is placed somewhere other than a school crossing zone or highway work zone.
HB558	Constitutional amendment; property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses (voter referendum).	Delegate Phil M. Hernandez (D)	Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty. Provides for a referendum at the November 5, 2024, election to approve or reject an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia that would expand the real property tax exemption that is currently available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action to be available to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty with a Line of Duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense.

HB567	Electric vehicle charging stations; requirement for certain developments.	Delegate Alex Q. Askew	Requirement for electric vehicle charging stations for certain developments. Provides that any locality may by ordinance require electric vehicle charging stations as part of subdivision or site plan approval for a development containing commercial, industrial, or multifamily residential uses with a density of seven residential dwelling units per acre or greater. The bill contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2025.
HB578	Uniform Statewide Building Code; violations, increases fines.	Delegate Delores L. McQuinn	Uniform Statewide Building Code; violations; fines. Increases from \$2,500 to \$5,000 the minimum amount and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum amount that any person, firm, or corporation shall be fined when convicted of a third or subsequent offense of violating the provisions of the Building Code committed within 10 years of another such offense after having been at least twice previously convicted of such an offense. The bill also adds penalties for similar violations committed by owners of a blighted multifamily property.
HB597	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; enforcement by localities.	Delegate Marcia S. "Cia" Price (D)	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; enforcement by localities. Provides that if a condition exists in a rental dwelling unit that constitutes a material noncompliance by the landlord with the rental agreement or with any provision of law that, if not promptly corrected, constitutes a fire hazard or serious threat to the life, health, or safety of tenants or occupants of the premises, a locality may institute an action for injunction and damages to enforce the landlord's duty to maintain the rental dwelling unit in a fit and habitable condition, provided that (i) the property where the violation occurred is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the locality and (ii) the locality has notified the landlord who owns the property, either directly or through the managing agent, of the nature of the violation and the landlord has failed to remedy the violation to the satisfaction of the locality within a reasonable time after receiving such notice.
HB600	Sales and use tax, local; additional tax authorized in all counties & cities to support schools.	Delegate Terry G. Kilgore	Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum. Authorizes all counties and cities to impose an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent with the revenue used only for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools if such levy is approved in a voter referendum. Under current law, only Charlotte, Gloucester, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Patrick, and Pittsylvania Counties and the City of Danville are authorized to impose such a tax.
HB623	Rights of voters; covered practices, civil cause of action, standing, jurisdiction, and venue.	Delegate Marcia S. "Cia" Price (D)	Rights of voters; covered practices; civil cause of action; standing, jurisdiction, and venue. Provides that, in addition to voters who are members of a protected class and the Attorney General, any organization whose membership includes voters who are members of a protected class or any organization whose mission, in whole or in part, is to ensure voting access shall be entitled to institute a civil cause of action for alleged violations of certain laws related to the rights of voters. The bill provides that the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond shall have jurisdiction over such actions and such actions shall be subject to expedited pretrial and trial proceedings and receive an automatic calendar preference. The bill also adds to the definition of "covered practice" any change that reduces the number of voter satellite offices in a locality or reduces the number of days or the hours of operation of a voter satellite office in a locality.

HB639	Real property tax; notice of assessment changes.	Delegate Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr. (D)	Real property tax; notice of assessment changes. Provides that in certain localities, in the event that the total assessed value of real property exceeds the prior year's assessed value and would result in an increase in the total real property tax levied, the notice of assessment changes shall state that there would be an increase in the total real property tax levied absent a reduction in the current year's tax rate by the local governing body.
HB645	Electric vehicles; signs for parking spaces reserved for charging vehicles.	Delegate Atoosa Reaser (D)	Parking spaces reserved for charging electric vehicles; signs. Removes the requirement that signs noting that a parking space is reserved for charging plug-in electric motor vehicles include the civil penalty for parking in violation of such sign.
HB695	Short-term rentals; Department of Taxation to establish a registry, civil penalty.	Delegate R. Lee Ware	<p>Short-term rentals; registration; civil penalty. Directs the Department of Taxation to establish a registry of short-term rental properties and require accommodations providers and intermediaries to register. Under the bill, an accommodations provider shall provide to the Department its name and the address of each property it offers for short-term rental. The bill states that the Department shall issue each such accommodations provider a unique numerical identifier for each such property. Furthermore, an accommodations intermediary shall provide the Department with its name and the contact information for the individual responsible for liaising with state and local officials regarding noncompliant short-term rental listings. The bill states that as a condition of listing a short-term rental on its platform, an accommodations intermediary shall require each accommodations provider to provide such provider's name and the unique numerical identifier and specific address for each short term-rental offered. Under the bill, such information, as well as information regarding receipts and taxes paid, shall be provided to the Department by the accommodations intermediary on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>The bill states that the Department shall provide the commissioner of the revenue for each locality with access to the registry and information contained therein. The commissioner of the revenue shall notify an accommodations intermediary of any short-term rental on its platform that is not lawfully authorized to be offered on its platform, and the accommodations intermediary shall remove any such listing from its platform. Under the bill, any accommodations intermediary who does not remove such a listing from its platform shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000, to be paid into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.</p>

HB721	Local anti-rent gouging authority; civil penalty.	Delegate Nadarius E. Clark (D)	Local anti-rent gouging authority; civil penalty. Provides that any locality may by ordinance adopt anti-rent gouging provisions. The bill provides for notice and a public hearing prior to the adoption of such ordinance and specifies that all landlords who are under the ordinance may be required to give at least two months' written notice of a rent increase and cannot increase the rent by more than the locality's calculated allowance, described in the bill as the maximum amount a landlord can increase a tenant's rent during any 12-month period, in effect at the time of the increase. The bill sets such allowance as equal to the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index or seven percent, whichever is less, states that such allowance is effective for a 12-month period beginning July 1 each year, and requires the locality to publish such allowance on its website by June 1 of each year. Certain facilities, as outlined in the bill, are exempt from such ordinance. The bill also allows a locality to establish an anti-rent gouging board that will develop and implement rules and procedures by which landlords may apply for and be granted exemptions from the rent increase limits set by the ordinance. Finally, the bill provides that a locality may establish a civil penalty for failure to comply with the requirements set out in the ordinance.
HB725	Local government; powers, conveyance of real property, public hearing requirement.	Delegate Michael J. Webert (R)	Counties, cities and towns; powers of local government; conveyance of real property; public hearing requirement. Adds to the list of exemptions from the requirement imposed upon localities to hold a public hearing prior to the disposition of real property owned by such locality the conveyance of any utility easement necessary to provide utilities to residential properties adjacent to property owned by the locality. Current law only excludes from such public hearing requirement (i) the leasing of real property to another public body, political subdivision, or authority and (ii) the conveyance of site development or utility easements related to transportation projects across public property.
HB733	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; units occupied by elderly tenants.	Delegate Briana D. Sewell (D)	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; units occupied by elderly tenants; rent stabilization allowance. Allows any locality to adopt rent stabilization provisions to prohibit any landlord, defined in the bill, from increasing the rent on any unit in which an elderly tenant, defined in the bill, resides by an amount that exceeds such locality's rent stabilization allowance. The bill defines "rent stabilization allowance" as the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, for the region in which the locality sits, from March in the preceding year to March in the current year, plus two percent. Finally, the bill requires any rent stabilization ordinance to include a procedure by which a landlord may apply for an exemption if the net operating income generated by the rental dwelling unit has not been maintained due to escalating operating expenses or for other appropriate reasons as established by the locality.
HB755	Industrial and commercial areas; civil penalties for certain local property violations.	Delegate Wendell S. Walker	Civil penalties for certain local property violations; industrial and commercial areas. Allows localities by ordinance to charge enhanced civil penalties for certain local property violations on property that is zoned or utilized for industrial or commercial purposes.

HB764	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; early termination of rental agreement.	Delegate Karrie K. Delaney (D)	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; early termination of rental agreement; victims of sexual abuse or criminal sexual assault. Provides that a tenant who is a victim of family abuse, sexual abuse, or other criminal sexual assault may terminate such tenant's obligations under a rental agreement if the tenant (i) has obtained a protective order and has given proper written notice of termination during the period of the protective order or any extension thereof or (ii) as evidence of such abuse or criminal sexual assault, has obtained (a) records or files from a federal or state agency, law-enforcement agency, or court; (b) documentation from a domestic violence or sexual assault program; (c) documentation from a duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed minister of any religious denomination who provides proper proof of his credentials as outlined in the bill; or (d) documentation from a medical professional licensed by the Board of Medicine or Board of Nursing or a mental health service provider and has given written notice of termination. Under current law, there must be a family abuse protective order or a conviction before the tenant may terminate such obligations under a rental agreement.
HB776	Law-enforcement officers; minimum qualifications, citizenship, waiver.	Delegate Charniele L. Herring (D)	Minimum qualifications for law-enforcement officers; citizenship; waiver. Allows individuals who are lawfully admitted for permanent residence who have resided in the United States for no less than 60 months and who are both eligible for and have applied for United States citizenship to qualify for the positions of chief of police and all police officers of any locality, all deputy sheriffs and jail officers in the Commonwealth, and all law-enforcement officers. The bill allows any agency or department employing law-enforcement officers to hire, recruit, or refer an individual who is a citizen of the United States over another individual who meets such qualifications if such individuals are equally qualified. rent law only allows citizens of the United States to qualify for the named positions; the citizenship requirement can only be waived for good cause upon request of a sheriff or chief of police or the director or chief executive of any agency or department employing law-enforcement officers to the Department of Criminal Justice Services.
HB805	Sales and use tax, local; additional tax authorized in all counties & cities to support schools.	Delegate Sam Rasoul (D)	Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum. Authorizes all counties and cities to impose an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent with the revenue used only for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools if such levy is approved in a voter referendum. Under current law, only Charlotte, Gloucester, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Patrick, and Pittsylvania Counties and the City of Danville are authorized to impose such a tax.

HB841	Elections; allows for any local or constitutional office to be conducted by ranked choice voting.	Delegate Patrick A. Hope	<p>Elections; conduct of election; ranked choice voting; locally elected offices; report. Allows elections for any local or constitutional office to be conducted by ranked choice voting. Under current law, only elections of members of a county board of supervisors or a city council are allowed to be conducted by ranked choice voting. The bill also clarifies requirements for conducting elections using ranked choice voting and requires results for elections conducted by ranked choice voting to be reported along with other results reported on election night, except that such results must clearly be identified as preliminary and based on the first rankings in a ranked choice voting election. The bill provides that final tabulation for an election for a local or constitutional office that is not shared by more than one county or city is required to be conducted on the same day as other results are canvassed by the local electoral board and that final tabulation for an election for a local or constitutional office that is shared by more than one county or city is required to be conducted at a centralized facility under the supervision of the Department of Elections. The bill specifies that ranking data is required to be made publicly available by the Department and requires the State Board of Elections to provide standards and to approve vote tabulating software for use with existing voting systems in elections conducted by ranked choice voting. The bill also limits a risk-limiting audit of an election conducted using ranked choice voting to the first choice rankings reported on voting systems. Finally, the bill directs the Department to review the testing and approval framework for voting equipment in the Commonwealth and submit a report of such review no later than the first day of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.</p>
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HB893	Standards for attorneys appointed to represent parents or guardians; child dependency cases.	Delegate Adele Y. McClure	<p>Standards for attorneys appointed to represent parents or guardians; child dependency cases; compensation; Virginia Parent Advocacy Commission established. Requires the Judicial Council of Virginia, in conjunction with the Virginia State Bar, on or before June 30, 2025, to adopt standards for the qualification and performance of attorneys appointed to represent a parent or guardian of a child when such child is the subject of a child dependency case, as defined in the bill. The bill also requires the Judicial Council of Virginia, beginning July 1, 2025, to maintain a list of attorneys admitted to practice law in Virginia who are qualified to be appointed to represent indigent parents involved in a child dependency case. The bill also requires the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, in conjunction with the Virginia State Bar and the Office of the Children's Ombudsman, on or before June 30, 2025, to develop initial qualifying educational programs on the standards of practice for attorneys representing parents and guardians of a child who is the subject of a child dependency case and educational programs for judges, guardians ad litem, and agency attorneys regarding such standards for qualification and practice.</p> <p>The bill provides that an attorney appointed by the court to represent a parent, guardian, or other adult in a child dependency case shall be compensated pursuant to existing law governing compensation of court-appointed counsel. Additionally, the bill provides that counsel appointed by the court to represent a parent in the appeal of a termination of his parental rights in the Court of Appeals shall be compensated the same manner as counsel appointed to represent a defendant who is appealing a felony conviction. The bill also establishes the Virginia Parent Advocacy Commission and enumerates the Commission's powers, duties, and membership.</p>
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HB894	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings.	Delegate Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker (D)	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings. Amends the number of all-virtual public meetings that public bodies, with certain exceptions, may convene in a calendar year to no more than two times per calendar year or 50 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. Current law limits the number of all-virtual public meetings to no more than two times per calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. The bill also provides that with respect to all-virtual public meetings, when audio-visual technology is available, a member of a public body shall, for purposes of a quorum, be considered absent from any portion of the meeting during which visual communication with the member is voluntarily disconnected or otherwise fails or during which audio communication involuntarily fails.
HB905	Photo speed monitoring devices; location.	Delegate Irene Shin (D)	Photo speed monitoring devices; location. Authorizes the governing body of any county, city, or town to provide by ordinance for the placement and operation of photo speed monitoring devices in any location deemed necessary by the locality for the purposes of recording violations resulting from the operation of a vehicle in excess of the speed limit. The bill provides the same requirements for such devices, information collected from such devices, and any enforcement actions resulting from information collected from such devices as current law applies to the use of such devices in school crossing zones and highway work zones. The bill requires that two signs, rather than one, be placed warning of such device if the device is placed somewhere other than a school crossing zone or highway work zone.
HB914	Local historic district; locality to establish one or more.	Delegate Irene Shin (D)	Creation of local historic district. Allows a locality to, by ordinance, establish one or more historic districts for the purpose of increasing awareness and support for historic conservation in the locality. The locality may in each historic district provide incentives for the conservation and renovation of certified historic structures, as defined in the bill, and grant tax incentives and provide certain regulatory flexibility within the limits of the Constitutions of Virginia and of the United States.
HB930	Zoning ordinances; adequate public facilities.	Delegate Mark L. Earley, Jr.	Zoning ordinances; adequate public facilities. Allows a locality to determine the timing of development by considering the adequacy of public facilities when making zoning decisions. The bill provides that a locality that makes a determination of inadequate facilities may reject or defer a rezoning application based solely on that determination.
HB939	Elections administration; prohibits possession of firearm within 100 feet of certain locations.	Delegate Irene Shin (D)	Elections administration; possession of firearm within 100 feet of locations used for certain voting-related and elections-related activities; penalty. Prohibits any person, with certain exceptions, from knowingly possessing a firearm within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, the building used by the local electoral board to meet to ascertain election results, or the building used to conduct a recount of an election. Under current law, this prohibition applies within 40 feet of such entrances. The bill extends the prohibition to additional locations used for certain voting-related and elections-related activities, including voter registration sites, voter satellite offices, central absentee voter precincts, and election certification meeting sites for the State Board of Elections.

HB942	Polling places and voter satellite offices; locations, restrictions, requirements, & considerations.	Delegate Irene Shin (D)	Polling places and voter satellite offices; locations; restrictions, requirements, and considerations. Prohibits the placement of a polling place or a voter satellite office within a police station or sheriff's office, but permits the placement in a public building that houses multiple offices that include a police station or sheriff's office. The bill sets out certain factors to be considered by a governing body when setting the locations for voter satellite offices, including a location's proximity to public transportation and the equitable distribution of locations within the locality's boundaries. The bill also provides for the establishment and operation of a polling place on the tribal reservation of any recognized Indian tribe in the Commonwealth on the day of a general election and for the establishment and operation of a voter satellite office on the tribal reservation of any such tribe on the first and second Saturday immediately preceding the day of a general election. Such establishment and operation shall be done at the request of the tribal council or the chief of the Indian tribe and such request must be made no later than 180 days before the general election. The bill includes technical amendments to consolidate related provisions of law.
HB950	Energy efficiency standards; more stringent energy efficiency requirements.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Energy efficiency standards; more stringent energy efficiency requirements. Allows a locality by ordinance to create and require stretch codes, as defined in the bill, as energy efficiency standards that are in addition to or more stringent than those in the Uniform Statewide Building Code, and use them as an alternative means of compliance with a locality's building requirements. The bill requires periodic review of the codes and allows the locality to make amendments.
HB951	Building service employees; public contracting.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Building service employees; public contracting. Permits any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth to provide for certain requirements concerning incumbent and successor building service employers, defined in the bill, by local ordinance or resolution. For example, such local ordinance or resolution may require that successor building service employers retain incumbent employees during a transition period of 90 days. Under the bill, building service employees are those who perform work in connection with the care or maintenance of property, services at an airport, or food preparation services at schools. The bill provides that a building service employer that violates the provisions of a local ordinance or resolution enacted pursuant to the bill may be subject to a civil action and monetary damages.
HB953	Local Environmental Impact Fund; localities to create a permanent and perpetual fund.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Local Environmental Impact Fund. Allows localities to create a permanent and perpetual fund to be known as the Local Environmental Impact Fund. The bill provides that the Fund shall consist exclusively of appropriated local moneys and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf, and that the Fund is to be created for the purpose of granting funds to residents or locally owned businesses for the mitigation of environmental impacts. Such grants from the Fund shall be used only for the purchase of energy efficient (i) lawn care and landscaping equipment, (ii) home appliances, (iii) HVAC equipment, or (iv) micromobility devices. The Fund shall be administered and managed by the locality.
HB954	VA Human Rights Act; prohibits discrimination on the basis of citizenship or immigration status.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Virginia Human Rights Act; prohibits discrimination on the basis of citizenship or immigration status. Adds citizenship or immigration status to the classes protected from unlawful discrimination in the Virginia Human Rights Act.

HB955	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; summary of rental agreement provisions.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; summary of rental agreement provisions. Requires landlords to include a summary page with any written rental agreement offered to a prospective tenant that includes the duration of the lease, the amount of rent and the date upon which such rent shall be due, an explanation of any deposits and late fees that may be charged, and any termination provisions. The bill also requires any landlord who owns more than four rental dwelling units or more than a 10 percent interest in more than four rental dwelling units, whether individually or through a business entity, in any locality in the Commonwealth that regularly provides official government communications in languages other than English to provide such summary page in any of such languages.
HB957	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; tenant's assertion, condemnation of leased premises.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; tenant's assertion; condemnation of leased premises; remedies. Provides a rebuttable presumption of a landlord's material noncompliance with the rental agreement if the leased premises was condemned by an appropriate state or local agency due to the landlord's or his agent's refusal or failure to remedy a condition for which he was served a condemnation notice, unless such condition was caused by an act of God. The bill requires a court, when such rebuttable presumption is established, to award the tenant the amount of three months' rent, any prepaid rent, and any security deposit paid by the tenant.
HB960	Historic rehabilitation; maximum amount of tax credit.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Historic rehabilitation tax credit; maximum amount of tax credit. Increases from \$5 million to \$10 million the maximum amount of the historic rehabilitation tax credit, including amounts carried over from prior taxable years, that may be claimed by a taxpayer in any taxable year beginning in taxable year 2024.
HB962	Noncitizens of the United States; removes term aliens throughout Code.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Noncitizens of the United States; terminology. Removes the term "alien" as it pertains to persons who are not citizens or nationals of the United States and replaces it with synonymous language, as appropriate, throughout the Code of Virginia.
HB965	Virginia Public Procurement Act; consideration of best value concepts for construction services.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Virginia Public Procurement Act; consideration of best value concepts for construction services. Permits public bodies to consider best value concepts when procuring construction services. Under current law, public bodies may consider best value concepts only when procuring goods and nonprofessional services.
HB967	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; mandatory fees.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; Department of Housing and Community Development; mandatory fees. Requires advertisements for rental units and rental agreements to include any mandatory fees that will be charged to a tenant in excess of the rent. The bill directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to collect data regarding the type and amount of mandatory fees tenants are required to pay and to include such data in its annual report to the General Assembly.
HB968	Virginia Green Infrastructure Bank; created, report.	Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez	Virginia Green Infrastructure Bank; created. Creates the Virginia Green Infrastructure Bank, an authority to promote and catalyze investment in qualified projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, assist climate-impacted communities, and promote environmental justice. The bill requires the Bank to be governed by a board of directors with the authority to hire a president and create a nonstock corporation to carry out the powers and duties of the bank.

HB998	Electoral board to meet to ascertain results; permitted period of adjournment.	Delegate Bonita G. Anthony (D)	Conduct of elections; electoral board to meet to ascertain results; permitted period of adjournment. Permits local electoral boards, when meeting after an election to ascertain the results of such election, to adjourn as needed for a period not to exceed seven calendar days from the deadline for timely postmarked absentee ballots to be returned in order to be counted. Under current law, the local electoral boards are permitted to adjourn for a period not to exceed seven calendar days from the date of the election. The bill contains technical amendments for organizational purposes.
HB1011	Land use proceedings; disclosure, statewide application.	Delegate Ian T. Lovejoy (R)	Disclosure in land use proceedings; statewide application. Alters certain land use disclosure requirements applicable to officials in any county with the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) by replacing "relationship of employee-employer, agent-principal, or attorney-client" with the broader phrase of "business or financial interest." The bill makes the same change to existing provisions that currently apply only to Loudoun County and applies the change statewide.
HB1028	Affordable housing; assisted living facilities.	Delegate Atoosa Reaser (D)	Affordable housing; assisted living facilities. Allows localities that have adopted an affordable housing program to require that affordable rental units be included for any proposed licensed assisted living facility that is the subject of an application for a special exception or special use permit. Such ordinance shall apply to applications approved on or after January 1, 2025.
HB1032	Photo speed monitoring device; establishes a default process for collection of civil penalties.	Delegate Robert S. Bloxom, Jr. (R)	Photo speed monitoring device; civil penalty; default process. Establishes a default process for the collection of civil penalties from residents of the Commonwealth who fail to respond to a summons for a speed violation issued based on evidence collected from a photo speed monitoring device. Current law requires personal service on such person who fails to respond.
HB1037	Law-enforcement purposes; installation, etc., of devices in highway right-of-way.	Delegate Robert S. Bloxom, Jr. (R)	Installation, maintenance, and operation of devices in highway right-of-way for law-enforcement purposes; regulation authority; civil penalty. Authorizes the Department of State Police or the chief law-enforcement officer of a locality to install devices for law-enforcement purposes in the right-of-way of highways under state jurisdiction. The bill defines law-enforcement purposes as an active felony investigation, an effort to prevent a targeted act of violence, or an attempt to locate missing, endangered, or wanted persons by law enforcement through the identification of a motor vehicle and excludes from the definition the enforcement of speed limits, traffic laws, tolling requirements, or high-occupancy vehicle requirements. The bill authorizes entering into agreements with private entities for the maintenance and operation of such devices. The bill requires the data collected to be maintained for no more than 30 days following its collection and limits the data and information collected to data and information about (i) the make, model, condition, location, and color of a vehicle and the information on the vehicle's license plate and (ii) the date and time the data and information was collected.

HB1040	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definition of "caregiver," remote participation in meetings.	Delegate Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker (D)	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definition of "caregiver;" remote participation in meetings by persons with disabilities and caregivers; remote voting. Provides that for purposes of determining whether a quorum is physically assembled, an individual member of a public body who is a person with a disability or a caregiver, defined in the bill, and uses remote participation counts toward the quorum as if the individual was physically present. The bill also provides that the participation policy adopted by a public body, as required by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, shall not prohibit or restrict any individual member of a public body who is participating in an all-virtual meeting or who is using remote participation from voting on matters before the public body. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.
HB1053	Abandoned watercraft; destruction and disposal by localities and state agencies.	Delegate Barry D. Knight	Destruction and disposal of abandoned watercraft by localities and state agencies. Allows localities and state agencies to apply, under certain conditions, to the Department of Wildlife Resources for an authorization to destroy and dispose of an abandoned watercraft.
HB1062	Net energy metering; eligible customer-generators and agricultural customer-generators.	Delegate Rodney T. Willett (D)	Net energy metering; eligible customer-generators and eligible agricultural customer-generators. Provides that no contract, lease, or arrangement by which a third party owns, maintains, or operates an electrical generating facility on an eligible-customer generator's property shall constitute the sale of electricity or cause the customer-generator or the third party to be considered an electric utility by virtue of participating in net energy metering. The bill prohibits an eligible customer-generator or eligible agricultural customer-generator from being required to provide proof of liability insurance or to purchase additional liability insurance as a condition of interconnection. The bill exempts eligible customer-generators and eligible agricultural customer-generators that operate a battery storage device of capacity commensurate with and equal to or greater than that of the electrical generating facility and in conjunction with the electrical generating facility from standby charges. The bill provides that any eligible customer-generator or eligible agricultural customer-generator may participate in demand response, energy efficiency, or peak reduction from dispatch of onsite battery service, provided that the compensation received is in exchange for a distinct service that is not already compensated by net metering credits for electricity exported to the electric distribution system or compensated by any other utility program or tariff.
HB1071	Speed limits; expands authority of any locality to reduce limit to less than 25 miles per hour.	Delegate Betsy B. Carr (D)	Reduction of speed limits; local authority. Expands the current authority of any locality to reduce the speed limit to less than 25 miles per hour, but not less than 15 miles per hour, on highways within its boundaries that are located in a business district or residence district to include highways within the state highway system, provided that such reduced speed limit is indicated by lawfully placed signs.

HB1077	Bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, etc.; exception to stopping requirement.	Delegate Betsy B. Carr (D)	Exception to stopping requirement; bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or motorized skateboard or scooter. Authorizes the operator of a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or motorized skateboard or scooter to yield instead of stop at an intersection of two highways controlled by a stop sign if (i) each intersecting highway has no more than three motor vehicle travel lanes; (ii) the operator is at least 15 years old or accompanied by an adult; (iii) the operator slows to a reasonable speed based on existing highway conditions; and (iv) before proceeding into the intersection, the person yields the right-of-way to any pedestrian lawfully within the crosswalk and to the driver of another vehicle approaching or entering such intersection from another direction.
HB1093	Unfunded mandates; delay of implementation.	Delegate Delores Oates	Unfunded mandates; delay of implementation. Allows a county, city, or town, in its discretion, to delay implementing an unfunded mandate until the next fiscal year after the fiscal year in which any unfunded mandate became effective. The locality shall do so by ordinance that states with specificity the unfunded mandate that the locality seeks to delay implementing and the date on which the unfunded mandate shall become effective after the delay. The bill defines "unfunded mandate" as an act that imposes on a locality the responsibility of providing funding for new programs or increased levels of service under existing programs and for which the Commonwealth does not provide sufficient funding to cover the required costs of such new programs or increased services, whether by appropriation or other means.
HB1105	Zoning for Housing Production Fund; created, affordable dwelling unit policy incentives, report.	Delegate Betsy B. Carr (D)	Housing; Zoning for Housing Production Fund created; affordable dwelling unit policy incentives; report. Creates the Zoning for Housing Production Fund to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The bill requires moneys from the Fund to be awarded as grants to localities by application to the Department for the purpose of creating and maintaining affordable housing in mixed-income communities, as defined in the bill. To be eligible for a grant from the Fund, a locality is required to make a change to its zoning ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the bill. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2029.
HB1113	Virginia Public Procurement Act; job order contracting, limitations.	Delegate Betsy B. Carr (D)	Virginia Public Procurement Act; job order contracting; limitations. Increases from \$6 million to \$15 million the maximum threshold above which the sum of all jobs performed in a one-year job order contract term shall not exceed. The bill also increases the maximum threshold amount for any individual job order from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million. Finally, the bill increases from two to four the number of additional one-year terms for which job order contracts may be renewable and the bill shall only apply to contracts entered into on or after the bill's effective date.
HB1116	Virginia Public Procurement Act; methods of procurement, certain construction projects.	Delegate Betsy B. Carr (D)	Virginia Public Procurement Act; methods of procurement; certain construction projects. Allows a public body to establish purchase procedures, if adopted in writing, not requiring competitive sealed bids or competitive negotiation for single or term contracts for non-transportation-related construction projects if the aggregate or the sum of all phases is not expected to exceed \$400,000. Current law places the limit at \$200,000.

HB1128	Children's advocacy centers; definitions, investigations by local departments of social services.	Delegate Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker (D)	Children's advocacy centers; definitions; investigations by local departments of social services. Replaces the term "child advocacy center" with "children's advocacy center" and defines such term. The bill provides that if during the course of an investigation of child abuse by a local department of social services a local multidisciplinary team determines that an interview of the child by a children's advocacy center is needed and such interview cannot be completed within the jurisdiction within 14 days, the local department of social services may facilitate the interview with another trained child forensic interviewer. The bill also provides that if it is determined during a human trafficking assessment that a forensic interview of the child is needed, such interview may be conducted by a children's advocacy center within the jurisdiction; however, if the interview cannot be completed within 14 days, the forensic interview may be conducted by a children's advocacy center located in another jurisdiction or another trained child forensic interviewer.
HB1162	Law-enforcement agencies; security camera monitoring.	Delegate Daniel W. Marshall, III (R)	Security camera monitoring by law-enforcement agencies. Provides that any law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction over criminal law enforcement or regulatory violations may establish a program to allow for the monitoring or reviewing of security cameras, as defined in the bill, for the purpose of tracking and reducing crime by such law-enforcement agency. The bill requires that any law-enforcement agency establishing such program shall develop a policy for how such security cameras will be monitored and how such data from such security cameras will be used and maintained.
HB1181	Virginia Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program and Fund; established.	Delegate Amy J. Laufer (D)	Virginia Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program and Fund; firearm and ammunition tax. Establishes the Virginia Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program (the Program) and redirects funds from the Virginia Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund (the Fund) to support such program. The bill requires the Program be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (the Department) to distribute grants to localities and organizations for the purpose of improving public health and safety by supporting effective violence reduction initiatives in communities that are disproportionately impacted by violence, particularly homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults. The bill provides that funds may also be used to finance the hiring of counselors in public elementary and secondary schools and research initiatives that have the objective of reducing gun violence. The bill provides that the Department shall issue grants on a competitive basis. As a condition of receiving a grant, a locality or organization must commit a cash or in-kind contribution equivalent to the amount of the grant, with waivers allowed for good cause, and report on its progress toward achieving the grant's objectives. The bill requires the Department to provide public access to such reports. The bill imposes a 5 percent tax on the sale of any firearm or ammunition, with all revenue from the tax accruing to the Fund. Under the bill, firearm and ammunition sales to state or local agencies or law-enforcement officers are exempt from such tax.
HB1238	Local electoral boards; certification and abstract of results, extends deadline.	Delegate Mark D. Sickles	Local electoral boards; certification and abstract of results; deadline. Extends the deadline for local electoral boards to meet after an election for the purpose of certifying the election results and submitting the abstract of results to the State Board of Elections from seven days after the date of the election to 10 days after such date.

HB1253 Affordable dwelling unit ordinances; accessible units for persons with a physical disability. Delegate Adele Y. McClure

Affordable dwelling unit ordinances; accessible units. Provides that any locality that has adopted an affordable dwelling unit ordinance may require under such ordinance that a set percentage of the units built by a developer are compliant with the appropriate requirements of the American National Standards for Building and Facilities for Type A units or with any other standards adopted as part of regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development providing accessibility and usability for persons with a physical disability.

HB1287 Towing companies; local authority. Delegate Adele Y. McClure

Towing companies; local authority. Clarifies that the provisions of existing law authorizing localities in Planning District 8 to require towing companies that tow from the county to a storage or release location outside of the locality to obtain a permit to do so do not restrict or modify the authority of the locality to require that towing companies that tow and store or release vehicles within the county, city, or town to obtain from the locality a permit to do so.

HB1330 Absentee voting; persons confined awaiting trial or for conviction of a misdemeanor. Delegate Jeion A. Ward (D)

Absentee voting; persons confined awaiting trial or for conviction of a misdemeanor. Provides that any registered voter who is confined while awaiting trial or for having been convicted of a misdemeanor may vote by absentee ballot and requires the institution or facility in which such voter is confined to (i) provide the means and opportunity for such voter to complete and submit a timely application for an absentee ballot and to properly mark his absentee ballot and (ii) ensure such voter's marked absentee ballot is returned in accordance with law. The bill further provides that such voter shall be permitted to vote absentee in person or at the polling place on election day if the deadline for making an application has passed and directs the institution or facility to facilitate the safe and secure transport of the voter to do so.

HB1336 Crisis stabilization services; facilities licensed by DBHDS, nursing homes. Delegate Mark D. Sickles

Crisis stabilization services; facilities licensed by Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; nursing homes; dispensing and administration of drugs; emergency. Permits facilities licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services that provide crisis stabilization services to maintain a stock of Schedules II through VI controlled substances necessary for immediate treatment of patients admitted to such facility. Under current law, maintenance of a stock of Schedule VI controlled substances is allowed under certain conditions, but a stock of Schedules II through V controlled substances may be maintained only if authorized by federal law and Board of Pharmacy regulations. The bill also allows automated drug dispensing systems and remote dispensing systems to be used by state facilities established pursuant to Title 37.2 (Behavioral Health and Developmental Services), facilities that provide crisis stabilization services, nursing homes, and other facilities authorized by the Board of Pharmacy that meet certain conditions. The bill contains an emergency clause and directs the Board of Pharmacy to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

HB1338	Courthouse and website posting	Delegate Patrick A. Hope	<p>Courthouse and website posting of notices. Provides that, effective July 1, 2025, if any notice, summons, order, or other official document of any type is required to be posted pursuant to a provision of the Code on or at the front door of a courthouse or on a public bulletin board at a courthouse, it shall constitute compliance with this requirement if such document is (i) posted on the public government website of the locality served by the court or the website of any court, court clerk, sheriff, or commissioner of accounts of the locality or (ii) posted with such other documents at or near the principal public entrance to the courthouse in a location that is conspicuous to the public and approved by the chief judge of the circuit in which the courthouse is situated. Under the law as it currently will become effective July 1, 2025, for the website posting the document must be posted on either the public government website of the locality served by the court or the website of the circuit court clerk.</p>
HB1354	Cats; prohibition on declawing, civil penalty.	Delegate Marty Martinez (D)	<p>Declawing cats; prohibition; civil penalty. Makes unlawful the practice of declawing cats except as necessary for a therapeutic purpose, as defined in the bill, and creates a civil penalty of \$500 for the first violation, \$1,000 for the second violation, and \$2,500 for the third or any subsequent violation. The bill also entitles any animal control officer, humane investigator, or state or local law-enforcement officer to bring a civil action for a violation of this section.</p>
HB1355	Information Technology Access Act; numerous organizational changes to Act.	Delegate Kathy K.L. Tran	<p>Information Technology Access Act; digital accessibility. Makes numerous organizational changes to the Information Technology Access Act. The bill defines "information and communications technology" as it relates to digital accessibility, defined in the bill, for all persons with disabilities. The bill permits the head of each covered entity, defined in the bill, to designate an employee to serve as such covered entity's digital accessibility coordinator and provides that such digital accessibility coordinator is responsible for developing and implementing such covered entity's digital accessibility policy. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2025.</p>
HB1361	Virginia Public Procurement Act; Virginia resident preference.	Delegate Michael B. Feggans (D)	<p>Virginia Public Procurement Act; Virginia resident preference. Provides preference as it relates to procurement for a bidder who is a resident of Virginia and then a bidder whose goods are produced in the United States. The bill gives the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder who is a resident of Virginia the option to match the price of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder who is a resident of another state. The bill exempts a public body from the provisions of the bill if such public body is rendered ineligible to receive federal funding due to the provisions of the bill.</p>

HB1371	Virginia Public Procurement Act; local arbitration agreements.	Delegate Marcus B. Simon (D)	Virginia Public Procurement Act; local arbitration agreements. Allows a participating locality, for any procurement solicitation or contract exceeding \$10,000 for goods and services, to require the bidder or offeror to disclose certain information regarding pre-dispute arbitration clauses, defined in the bill, in employment, civil rights, and certain consumer disputes, and provides that a locality may consider the policies and practices related to arbitration of each bidder and offeror. The bill also provides that a participating locality shall require the bidder or offeror to provide written or electronic submissions to allow the locality to ascertain (i) whether the bidder or offeror requires persons with whom it is in a work relationship or prospective work relationship to sign or otherwise enter into a contract containing a pre-dispute arbitration clause that would cover an employment or civil rights dispute and (ii) whether the bidder or offeror requires consumers to sign or otherwise enter into a contract containing a pre-dispute arbitration clause as a condition of downloading mobile applications or using websites to pay a school district for goods, services, or fees. The bill authorizes a participating locality to cancel, terminate, or suspend, in whole or in part, the contract of any contractor that has violated a provision of the bill and to declare the contractor ineligible for further contracts with such locality for up to five years.
HB1398	Preservation of affordable housing; definitions; civil penalty.	Delegate Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker (D)	Preservation of affordable housing; definitions; civil penalty. Creates a framework for localities to preserve affordable housing by exercising a right of first refusal on publicly supported housing, defined in the bill. The bill authorizes localities to implement an ordinance that requires an owner to accept a right of first refusal offer by the locality or qualified designee, defined in the bill, in order to preserve affordable housing for a period of not less than 15 years. The bill requires that any locality adopting such an ordinance to preserve affordable housing submit an annual report to the Department of Housing and Community Development by December 31.
HB1409	Crash reports; contracted service providers.	Delegate David A. Reid	Crash reports; contracted service providers. Authorizes law-enforcement agencies to utilize a contracted service provider to maintain and disseminate copies of certain crash reports as authorized by law. The bill authorizes the release of nonpersonally identifiable vehicle information from crash reports to a contracted entity.
HB1412	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exemption for complainant personal contact information.	Delegate Mike A. Cherry (R)	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exemption for complainant personal contact information. Amends an existing exemption from mandatory disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for names, addresses, and phone numbers of complainants furnished in confidence with respect to an investigation of individual zoning enforcement complaints or complaints relating to the Uniform Statewide Building Code or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code made to a local governing body to exempt personal contact information of such complainants as defined in the bill.
HB1486	Vacant buildings; registration.	Delegate Joshua E. Thomas (D)	Vacant building registration; civil penalty.
HB1488	Local government; standardization of public notice requirements for certain meetings, hearings.	Delegate Rozia "J.R." Henson, Jr. (D)	Local government; standardization of public notice requirements for certain meetings, hearings, or intended actions.

HB1521	Civil cases; payment of jurors.	Delegate Geary Higgins (R)	Civil cases; payment of jurors. Provides that jurors in all civil cases shall be paid by one or both of the parties at the discretion of the presiding judge. Under current law, such payment is made by the political subdivision in which the summons is issued.
HJ1	Constitutional amendment; fundamental right to reproductive freedom (first reference).	Delegate Charniele L. Herring (D)	Constitutional amendment (first reference); fundamental right to reproductive freedom. Provides that every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom and that the right to make and effectuate one's own decisions about all matters related to one's pregnancy cannot be denied, burdened, or otherwise infringed upon by the Commonwealth, unless justified by a compelling state interest and achieved by the least restrictive means. The amendment prohibits the Commonwealth from penalizing, prosecuting, or otherwise taking adverse action against an individual for exercising the individual's right to reproductive freedom or for aiding another individual in the exercise of such right, unless justified by a compelling state interest.
HJ2	Constitutional amendment; qualifications of voters, right to vote, persons not entitled to vote.	Delegate Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker (D)	Constitutional amendment (first reference); qualifications of voters; right to vote; persons not entitled to vote. Provides that every person who meets the qualifications of voters set forth in the Constitution of Virginia shall have the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth and that such right shall not be abridged by law, except for persons who have been convicted of a felony and persons who have been adjudicated to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting. A person who has been convicted of a felony shall not be entitled to vote during any period of incarceration for such felony conviction, but upon release from incarceration for that felony conviction and without further action required of him, such person shall be invested with all political rights, including the right to vote. Currently, in order to be qualified to vote a person convicted of a felony must have his civil rights restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority. The amendment also provides that a person adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction as lacking the capacity to understand the act of voting shall not be entitled to vote during this period of incapacity until his capacity has been reestablished as prescribed by law. Currently, the Constitution of Virginia provides that a person who has been adjudicated to be mentally incompetent is not qualified to vote until his competency is reestablished.
HJ9	Constitutional amendment; marriage between two individuals.	Delegate Mark D. Sickles	Constitutional amendment (first reference); marriage between two individuals; repeal of same-sex marriage prohibition; affirmative right to marry. Repeals the constitutional provision defining marriage as only a union between one man and one woman as well as the related provisions that are no longer valid as a result of the United States Supreme Court decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. 644 (2015). The amendment provides that the right to marry is a fundamental right inherent in the liberty of persons and prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from denying the issuance of a marriage license to two parties contemplating a lawful marriage on the basis of sex, gender, or race of such parties. The Commonwealth and its political subdivisions are required to recognize any lawful marriage between two parties and to treat such marriages equally under the law, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such parties. The amendment provides that religious organizations and clergy acting in their religious capacity have the right to refuse to perform any marriage.

HJ45	Constitutional amendment (second reference); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses.	Delegate Kathy K.L. Tran	Constitutional amendment (second reference); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty. Expands the current tax exemption for real property available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty with a Line of Duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense.
SB2	Assault firearms & certain ammunition, etc.; purchase, possession, sale, transfer, etc., prohibited.	Senator R. Creigh Deeds (D)	Purchase, possession, sale, transfer, etc., of assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices prohibited; penalty. Creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person who imports, sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses, transports, or transfers an assault firearm, as that term is defined in the bill, and prohibits a person who has been convicted of such violation from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm for a period of three years from the date of conviction. The bill provides that an assault firearm does not include any firearm that is an antique firearm, has been rendered permanently inoperable, is manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action, or was manufactured before July 1, 2024. The bill also prohibits the sale of a large capacity ammunition feeding device, as that term is defined in the bill. The bill provides that any person who willfully and intentionally (i) sells an assault firearm to another person or (ii) purchases an assault firearm from another person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and that any person who imports, sells, barbers, or transfers a large capacity ammunition feeding device is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person younger than 21 years of age to import, sell, manufacture, purchase, possess, transport, or transfer an assault firearm regardless of the date of manufacture of such assault firearm.
SB4	Constitutional amendment; property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses (voter referendum).	Senator Jeremy S. McPike (D)	Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty. Provides for a referendum at the November 5, 2024, election to approve or reject an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia that would expand the real property tax exemption that is currently available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action to be available to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty with a Line of Duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense.
SB7	Hate crimes and discrimination; ethnic animosity, penalties.	Senator Bryce E. Reeves (R)	Hate crimes and discrimination; ethnic animosity; penalties. Provides that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to safeguard all individuals within the Commonwealth from unlawful discrimination in employment and in places of public accommodation because of such individual's ethnic origin. The bill also adds victims who are intentionally selected because of their ethnic origin to the categories of victims whose intentional selection for a hate crime involving assault, assault and battery, or trespass for the purpose of damaging another's property results in a higher criminal penalty for the offense. The bill also provides that no provider or user of an interactive computer service on the Internet shall be liable for any action voluntarily taken by it in good faith to restrict access to material that the provider or user considers to be intended to incite hatred on the basis of ethnic origin.

SB12	Children's advocacy centers; definitions, investigations by local departments of social services.	Senator Barbara A. Favola (D)	Children's advocacy centers; definitions; investigations by local departments of social services. Replaces the term "child advocacy center" with "children's advocacy center" and defines such term. The bill provides that if during the course of an investigation of child abuse by a local department of social services a local multidisciplinary team determines that an interview of the child by a children's advocacy center is needed and such interview cannot be completed within the jurisdiction within 14 days, the local department of social services may facilitate the interview with another trained child forensic interviewer. The bill also provides that if it is determined during a human trafficking assessment that a forensic interview of the child is needed, such interview may be conducted by a children's advocacy center within the jurisdiction; however, if the interview cannot be completed within 14 days, the forensic interview may be conducted by a children's advocacy center located in another jurisdiction or another trained child forensic interviewer.
SB14	Sales and use tax, local; additional tax authorized in all counties & cities to support schools.	Senator Jeremy S. McPike (D)	Additional local sales and use tax to support schools; referendum. Authorizes all counties and cities to impose an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent with the revenue used only for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools if such levy is approved in a voter referendum. Under current law, only Charlotte, Gloucester, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Patrick, and Pittsylvania Counties and the City of Danville are authorized to impose such a tax.
SB39	Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program; established.	Senator Barbara A. Favola (D)	Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program established. Establishes the Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program to promote and support placements of children with relatives by local boards of social services 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.
SB48	Vacant buildings; registration.	Senator Mamie E. Locke (D)	Vacant buildings; registration. Permits any county, city, or town to require, by ordinance, the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and (i) that meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law, (ii) that meets the definition of "criminal blight" in relevant law, or (iii) in which a locality has determined a person is living without the authority of the owner to register such building annually. Under current law, any city and certain towns are permitted to require the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law to register such building annually. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.
SB49	Community revitalization fund; expanding use for all localities.	Senator Mamie E. Locke (D)	Community revitalization fund; expanding use for all localities. Expands the current provisions of law allowing for the establishment of a community revitalization fund for the purpose of preventing neighborhood deterioration to apply to all localities. Currently, only the City of Richmond is authorized to establish such a fund. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.>

SB73	Photo-monitoring system for traffic signals; retired law-enforcement officials to review violations.	Senator Christie New Craig (R)	Photo-monitoring system for traffic signals; proof of violation; retired law-enforcement officials. Allows a locality to employ a retired sworn law-enforcement officer, as defined in the bill, to review photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or other recorded images produced by the locality's traffic light signal violation monitoring system or traffic control device violation monitoring system. The bill allows such review to serve as prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein.
SB85	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definition of "caregiver," remote participation in meetings.	Senator Barbara A. Favola (D)	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definition of "caregiver;" remote participation in meetings by persons with disabilities and caregivers; remote voting. Provides that for purposes of determining whether a quorum is physically assembled, an individual member of a public body who is a person with a disability or a caregiver, defined in the bill, and uses remote participation counts toward the quorum as if the individual was physically present. The bill also provides that the participation policy adopted by a public body, as required by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, shall not prohibit or restrict any individual member of a public body who is participating in an all-virtual meeting or who is using remote participation from voting on matters before the public body. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.
SB93	Animal cruelty registries, local; any locality allowed to establish registry for public accession.	Senator William M. Stanley, Jr. (R)	Local animal cruelty registries. Allows any locality to establish an animal cruelty registry for public access on the website of such locality or its local police department. The bill provides that such registry may include the names and relevant information of persons convicted of certain felony offenses for animal cruelty and that a person on such registry may request removal of his name after 15 years, provided that he has no additional felony convictions of an animal cruelty offense. The bill directs that all costs relating to a locality's animal cruelty registry shall be borne by such locality.
SB99	Assault firearms; carrying in public areas prohibited, penalty.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	Carrying assault firearms in public areas prohibited; penalty. Prohibits the carrying of certain semi-automatic center-fire rifles, pistols, and shotguns on any public street, road, alley, sidewalk, or public right-of-way or in any public park or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public. Under current law, the current prohibition on carrying certain shotguns and semi-automatic center-fire rifles and pistols applies to a narrower range of firearms, only in certain localities, and only when such firearms are loaded.

SB100	Plastic firearms and unfinished frames, etc.; manufacture, import, etc. prohibited, penalties.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	<p>Manufacture, import, sale, transfer, or possession of plastic firearms and unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms prohibited; penalties. Creates a Class 5 felony for any person who knowingly manufactures or assembles, imports, purchases, sells, transfers, or possesses any firearm that, after removal of all parts other than a major component, as defined in the bill, is not detectable as a firearm when subjected to inspection by the types of detection devices, including X-ray machines, commonly used at airports, government buildings, schools, correctional facilities, and other locations for security screening. The bill updates language regarding the types of detection devices that are used at such locations for detecting plastic firearms. Under current law, it is unlawful to manufacture, import, sell, transfer, or possess any plastic firearm and a violation is punishable as a Class 5 felony.</p> <p>The bill also creates a Class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable as a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense, making it unlawful for any person to knowingly import, purchase, sell, offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any completed or unfinished frame or receiver, unless the completed or unfinished frame or receiver (i) is deemed to be a firearm pursuant to federal law and (ii) is imprinted with a valid serial number. The bill creates a Class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable as a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense, making it unlawful for any person to manufacture or assemble, cause to be manufactured or assembled, import, purchase, sell, offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any firearm that is not imprinted with a valid serial number. The portions of the bill prohibiting unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2025.</p>
SB101	Marriage lawful regardless of sex, gender, or race of parties; issuance of marriage license.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	<p>Marriage lawful regardless of sex, gender, or race of parties; issuance of marriage license. Provides that no person authorized to issue a marriage license shall deny the issuance of such license to two parties contemplating a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of the parties. The bill also requires that such lawful marriages be recognized in the Commonwealth regardless of the sex, gender, or race of the parties. The bill provides that religious organizations or members of the clergy acting in their religious capacity shall have the right to refuse to perform any marriage.</p>
SB121	Trees; conservation during land development process in certain localities.	Senator Suhas Subramanyam	<p>Conservation of trees during land development process in certain localities. Expands authority of certain localities to adopt an ordinance providing for the planting and replacement of trees during the development process by allowing a tree canopy fund that currently applies to the planting of trees on public property to include maintenance of trees on public property and planting and maintenance of trees on private property. The bill removes a provision that requires that any funds collected for the purposes of the tree canopy fund be returned to the original contributor if not spent within five years but maintains the requirement that such funds be spent within five years. The bill also includes an expansion of the canopy credit and a provision that will require a local tree conservation ordinance to meet the standards set out in the statute.</p>

SB157	Legal notices and publications; online-only news publications, requirements.	Senator Jennifer B. Boysko	Legal notices and publications; online-only news publications; requirements. Provides that, where any ordinance, resolution, notice, or advertisement is required by law to be published in a newspaper, such ordinance, resolution, notice, or advertisement instead may be published in an online-only news publication subject to certain requirements specified in the bill. The bill sets out a process by which an online-only news publication shall petition the circuit court of the appropriate jurisdiction to publish such ordinances, resolutions, notices, or advertisements and authorizes the court to grant such online-only news publication the authority to publish such ordinances, resolutions, notices, or advertisements for a period of one year. The bill also describes the process by which an online-only news publication may continue renewing such authority to publish each successive year.
SB162	Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program; established, placement of children with relatives.	Senator Ryan T. McDougle	Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program established. Establishes the Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program to promote and support placements of children with relatives by local boards of social services 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.
SB242	Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation, exceptions to contractual terms.	Senator Jeremy S. McPike (D)	Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation; exceptions to contractual terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal. Removes the prohibition on a public body from requiring an offeror to state in a proposal any exception to any liability provisions contained in a Request for Proposal for information technology. The bill also requires an offeror to state any exception to any contractual terms or conditions in writing at the beginning of negotiations, which exception shall be considered during negotiations, but prohibits the public body from basing the scoring or evaluation on such exceptions when selecting offerors for negotiations. Current law only prohibits a public body from requiring an offeror to state in a proposal any exception to the liability provisions of the Request for Proposal. This bill is a recommendation from the Public Body Procurement Work Group.
SB247	Building service employees; public contracting.	Senator Jeremy S. McPike (D)	Building service employees; public contracting. Permits any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth to provide for certain requirements concerning incumbent and successor building service employers, defined in the bill, by local ordinance or resolution. For example, such local ordinance or resolution may require that successor building service employers retain incumbent employees during a transition period of 90 days. Under the bill, building service employees are those who perform work in connection with the care or maintenance of property, services at an airport, or food preparation services at schools. The bill provides that a building service employer that violates the provisions of a local ordinance or resolution enacted pursuant to the bill may be subject to a civil action and monetary damages.

SB305	Gas-powered leaf blowers; local prohibition or regulation, civil penalty.	Senator Saddam Azlan Salim (D)	Local prohibition or regulation of gas-powered leaf blowers; civil penalty. Provides that any locality may by ordinance prohibit or regulate the use of gas-powered leaf blowers. The bill provides that the ordinance may include provisions for a civil penalty and that the funds from such civil penalties may be used by the locality to assist with the purchase of nonprohibited leaf blowers by residents and local businesses.
SB336	Photo speed monitoring devices; high-risk intersection segments.	Senator Danica A. Roem (D)	Photo speed monitoring devices; high-risk intersection segments. Permits a state or local law-enforcement agency to place and operate a photo speed monitoring device at a high-risk intersection segment, defined in the bill, located within the locality for the purpose of recording violations resulting from the operation of a vehicle in excess of the speed limit, provided that such law-enforcement agency certifies that a traffic fatality has occurred since January 1, 2014, in such segment. The bill provides the same requirements for such devices, information collected from such devices, and any enforcement actions resulting from information collected from such devices as current law applies to the use of such devices in school crossing zones and highway work zones.
SB343	Military centered community zones; local designation.	Senator Aaron R. Rouse (D)	Military centered community zones; local designation. Allows localities to establish, by ordinance, one or more military centered community zones, defined in the bill as a community that has a significant presence of military personnel living or working in the designated area and where such presence drives, or has the potential to drive, significant economic activity. The bill provides that a locality, or another political subdivision acting on behalf of the locality, may offer unique benefits to businesses looking to locate within a zone for the purpose of serving the needs of the military personnel, including reduction of certain fees and taxes. In addition, the bill provides that local governing bodies are authorized to enter into agreements for the payment of economic development incentive grants to such businesses. The bill also allows a governing body to provide for certain regulatory flexibility and incentives and provides that the establishment of a military centered community zone shall not preclude the area from also being designated as an enterprise zone or from receiving support under the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program.
SB363	Firearm; removing, altering, selling, etc., or possessing w/removed, etc., serial number, penalty.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	Removing, altering, etc., serial number on firearm; selling, giving, etc., or possessing firearm with removed, altered, etc., serial number; penalties. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person, firm, association, or corporation to knowingly possess any pistol, shotgun, rifle, machine gun, or any other firearm, except for an antique firearm, that has a serial number that has been removed, altered, changed, destroyed, or obliterated in any manner. The bill also makes it a Class 6 felony for any person, firm, association, or corporation to knowingly sell, give, or distribute any pistol, shotgun, rifle, machine gun, or any other firearm, except for an antique firearm, that has a serial number that has been removed, altered, changed, destroyed, or obliterated in any manner.

SB364	Elections; protection of election officials, penalty.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	<p>Elections; protection of election officials; penalty. Adds current or former status as an election official or employee of an election official to the categories of victims whose intentional selection for a hate crime involving assault, assault and battery, or trespass for the purpose of damaging another's property results in a higher criminal penalty for the offense. The bill also adds current or former status as an election official or employee of an election official to the categories of hate crimes that are to be reported to the central repository of information regarding hate crimes maintained by the Virginia State Police. The bill provides that a person who is subjected to acts of intimidation or harassment, violence directed against his person, or vandalism to his real or personal property, where such acts are motivated by current or former status as an election official or employee of an election official, may bring a civil action to recover his damages. The bill also provides that no provider or user of an interactive computer service on the Internet shall be liable for any action voluntarily taken by it in good faith to restrict access to material that the provider or user considers to be intended to incite hatred on the basis of current or former status as an election official or employee of an election official. The bill also adds to the list of protected voters any election official or employee of an election official. Protected voters are permitted by law to provide on the application for voter registration, in addition to the voter's residence street address, a post office box address located within the Commonwealth, which would be the address included on (i) lists of registered voters and persons who voted, (ii) voter registration records made available for public inspection, and (iii) lists of absentee voter applicants. The bill also makes it a Class 5 felony to hinder or prevent an election official or employee of an election official from administering elections. Under current law, it is only a Class 5 felony to hinder or prevent an officer of election at a location being used for voting from holding an election.</p>
SB366	Local anti-rent gouging authority; civil penalty.	Senator Jennifer B. Boysko	<p>Local anti-rent gouging authority; civil penalty. Provides that any locality may by ordinance adopt anti-rent gouging provisions. The bill provides for notice and a public hearing prior to the adoption of such ordinance and specifies that all landlords who are under the ordinance may be required to give at least two months' written notice of a rent increase and cannot increase the rent by more than the locality's calculated allowance, described in the bill as the maximum amount a landlord can increase a tenant's rent during any 12-month period, in effect at the time of the increase. The bill sets such allowance as equal to the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index or seven percent, whichever is less, states that such allowance is effective for a 12-month period beginning July 1 each year, and requires the locality to publish such allowance on its website by June 1 of each year. Certain facilities, as outlined in the bill, are exempt from such ordinance. The bill also allows a locality to establish an anti-rent gouging board that will develop and implement rules and procedures by which landlords may apply for and be granted exemptions from the rent increase limits set by the ordinance. Finally, the bill provides that a locality may establish a civil penalty for failure to comply with the requirements set out in the ordinance.</p>

SB369	Fowl or companion animals; maiming, killing, or poisoning, penalty.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	Maiming, killing, or poisoning fowl or companion animals; penalty. Makes it a Class 5 felony for any person to maliciously shoot, stab, or wound, or otherwise cause bodily injury to, or administer poison to or expose poison with intent that it be taken by, any fowl or companion animal of another, or do any of the foregoing acts to any fowl or companion animal of his own with intent to defraud any insurer of such fowl or animal. Under current law, such offenses are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor for the first offense and a Class 6 felony for a second or subsequent offense provided certain conditions are met.
SB372	Combined sewer overflow outfalls; compliance with regulations, Chesapeake Bay Watershed.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	Combined sewer overflow outfalls; compliance with regulations; Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Extends from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026, the date by which certain combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls that discharge into the Chesapeake Bay Watershed must be in compliance with Virginia law, the federal Clean Water Act, and the Presumption Approach described in the EPA CSO Control Policy, unless a higher level of control is necessary to comply with a total maximum daily load.
SB409	Energy efficiency and climate standards; more stringent energy efficiency and climate requirements.	Senator Jennifer B. Boysko	Energy efficiency and climate standards; more stringent energy efficiency and climate requirements. Allows a locality by ordinance to adopt and require compliance with stretch codes, as defined in the bill, for the construction or rehabilitation of buildings within the locality that are in addition to or more stringent than those in the Uniform Statewide Building Code, and use them as an alternative means of compliance with a locality's building requirements. The bill requires periodic review of the codes and allows the locality to make amendments.
SB412	Off-premises animal vaccination and microchip services; releasing agencies.	Senator Jennifer B. Boysko	Off-premises animal vaccination and microchip services; releasing agencies. Authorizes releasing agencies, in conjunction with rabies clinics conducted pursuant to state law, to administer certain vaccinations for dogs and cats and insert microchips into animals, provided that all vaccinations and microchips are administered in accordance with a protocol approved by a licensed veterinarian. Any such releasing agencies must (i) provide the owner or custodian of the animal with an individual record of the vaccinations administered or the microchip type, microchip number, and location of the microchip placement; (ii) ensure that a licensed veterinary facility retains a copy of the individual record; and (iii) upon the request of an animal's owner or custodian, an animal control officer, a law-enforcement official, the State Veterinarian or his representative, or an official of the Department of Health, provide the name and contact information of the licensed veterinary facility where a copy of the individual record is retained.
SB422	VA Residential Landlord & Tenant Act; prohibited provisions in rental agreements, prohibited fees.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; prohibited provisions; fees for maintenance and periodic payments. Prohibits landlords subject to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act from charging a tenant (i) any fee for the maintenance or repair of any dwelling unit unless necessitated by the tenant's violation of a requirement of the Act or (ii) any fee to submit periodic rent payments or other amounts due, regardless of the method of payment.

SB428	Elections; allows for any local or constitutional office to be conducted by ranked choice voting.	Senator Schuyler T. VanValkenburg (D)	Elections; conduct of election; ranked choice voting; locally elected offices; report. Allows elections for any local or constitutional office to be conducted by ranked choice voting. Under current law, only elections of members of a county board of supervisors or a city council are allowed to be conducted by ranked choice voting. The bill also clarifies requirements for conducting elections using ranked choice voting and requires results for elections conducted by ranked choice voting to be reported along with other results reported on election night, except that such results must clearly be identified as preliminary and based on the first rankings in a ranked choice voting election. The bill provides that final tabulation for an election for a local or constitutional office that is not shared by more than one county or city is required to be conducted on the same day as other results are canvassed by the local electoral board and that final tabulation for an election for a local or constitutional office that is shared by more than one county or city is required to be conducted at a centralized facility under the supervision of the Department of Elections. The bill specifies that ranking data is required to be made publicly available by the Department and requires the State Board of Elections to provide standards and to approve vote tabulating software for use with existing voting systems in elections conducted by ranked choice voting. The bill also limits a risk-limiting audit of an election conducted using ranked choice voting to the first choice rankings reported on voting systems. Finally, the bill directs the Department to review the testing and approval framework for voting equipment in the Commonwealth and submit a report of such review no later than the first day of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.
SB516	All-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles; seizure, impounding, and disposition.	Senator Angelia Williams Graves (D)	All-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles; seizure, impounding, and disposition. Authorizes the governing body of any city to provide by ordinance for the lawful seizure, impounding, and disposition of an illegally operated all-terrain vehicle or off-road motorcycle operated on a highway or sidewalk within such city.
SB538	Uniform Statewide Building Code; violations, increases fines.	Senator Lamont Bagby	Uniform Statewide Building Code; violations; fines. Increases from \$2,500 to \$5,000 the minimum amount and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum amount that any person, firm, or corporation shall be fined when convicted of a third or subsequent offense of violating the provisions of the Building Code committed within 10 years of another such offense after having been at least twice previously convicted of such an offense. The bill also adds penalties for similar violations committed by owners of a blighted multifamily property.
SB556	Historic rehabilitation tax credit; increase.	Senator Angelia Williams Graves (D)	Historic rehabilitation tax credit; increase. Increases from \$5 million to \$10 million, beginning in taxable year 2024, the maximum amount of the historic rehabilitation tax credit, including amounts carried over from prior taxable years, that may be claimed by a taxpayer in any taxable year. In addition, should the taxpayer incur expenses toward the rehabilitation of a certified historic structure in a locality that has a designated enterprise zone, as defined in relevant law, the taxpayer may claim up to an additional \$10 million in any taxable year.

SB570	Virginia Human Rights Act; definitions of "person" and "employer."	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	Virginia Human Rights Act; definitions of "person" and "employer." Waives the Commonwealth's sovereign immunity to a civil action under the definition of "person" in relevant law and makes the waiver retroactive to July 1, 2020. The bill also expands the definition of "employer" as it relates to the requirement to provide reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities under the Virginia Human Rights Act to include any government or political subdivision, or agent of such government or political subdivision, employing more than five employees for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year. The bill also reduces the number of employees from 15 to six for the definition of employer of domestic workers.
SB596	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; noncompliance with rental agreement; emergency.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; noncompliance with rental agreement; emergency eviction process. Reduces from 15 to seven the number of days, after the date upon which a tenant is served a landlord's intent to terminate the tenancy due to certain illegal activities by the tenant, within which the initial hearing on the landlord's action for immediate possession of the premises shall be held. The bill also reorganizes certain provisions of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to consolidate language and organize the structure of certain provisions of the Act.
SB597	Affordable housing; local zoning ordinance authority; comprehensive plan.	Senator Jeremy S. McPike (D)	Affordable housing; local zoning ordinance authority; comprehensive plan. Authorizes any locality in the Commonwealth to provide for an affordable housing dwelling unit program by amending the zoning ordinance of such locality. Current law restricts such authorization to counties with an urban county executive form of government or county manager plan of government and certain other localities. This bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2025.
SB642	Firearms; purchase, etc., following an assault and battery against person in dating relationship.	Senator Russet Perry (D)	Purchase, possession, or transportation of firearm following an assault and battery against a person in a dating relationship with the alleged offender, penalty. Provides that any person who knowingly and intentionally purchases, possesses, or transports any firearm following a misdemeanor conviction for an offense that occurred on or after July 1, 2024, for the offense of assault and battery against a person in a dating relationship, as defined in the bill, with the alleged offender or an offense substantially similar under the laws of any other state or of the United States is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
SB650	Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program.	Senator Aaron R. Rouse (D)	Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program. Creates the Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program to provide funding to local government employee responders who were exposed to toxic materials when responding to emergencies declared by the Commonwealth or a locality. The bill directs the Department of Fire Programs to convene a work group to assess eligibility for funding, qualifying emergencies, and other criteria and directs the work group to submit a report to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2024. The bill includes a reenactment clause for the provisions of the bill creating the Fund and Program.
SB677	Real property tax; notice of assessment changes.	Senator Tara A. Durant (R)	Real property tax; notice of assessment changes.
SB687	Careless driving and infliction of injury or death on vulnerable road users; penalty.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	Careless driving and infliction of injury or death on vulnerable road users; penalty. Defines driving in a careless manner and distracted manner for purposes of the Class 1 misdemeanor of operating a motor vehicle in a careless or distracted manner such that such operation is the proximate cause of serious bodily injury or death of a vulnerable road user lawfully present on the highway at such time.

SB734	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings.	Senator David W. Marsden	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings. Amends the number of all-virtual public meetings that public bodies, with certain exceptions, may convene in a calendar year to no more than two times per calendar year or 50 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. Current law limits the number of all-virtual public meetings to no more than two times per calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. The bill also provides that with respect to all-virtual public meetings, when audio-visual technology is available, a member of a public body shall, for purposes of a quorum, be considered absent from any portion of the meeting during which visual communication with the member is voluntarily disconnected or otherwise fails or during which audio communication involuntarily fails.
SJ3	Constitutional amendment; property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses (second reference).	Senator Jeremy S. McPike (D)	Constitutional amendment (second reference); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty. Expands the current tax exemption for real property available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty with a Line of Duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense.
SJ28	Study; JLARC; funding needs in certain transit systems; report.	Senator Adam P. Ebbin (D)	Study; JLARC; funding needs in certain transit systems; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study long-term, sustainable, dedicated funding and cost-containment controls and strategies to ensure the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Virginia Railway Express, and all Northern Virginia transit systems meet the growing needs of public transit in the region.