

Bills Recommended for Support

1. **VA - HB1914** Public health practitioners; requirements for issuing prescriptions, exceptions.
Primary Sponsor: [Delegate Charniele L. Herring](#)
Summary: Requirements for issuing prescriptions; exceptions for public health practitioners. Authorizes practitioners contracted by the Department of Health and practitioners employed or contracted by a local health department to prescribe antibiotic therapy to the sexual partner of a patient diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease without the physical examination normally required. Under current law, only employees of the Department of Health are so authorized. Additionally, the bill authorizes a practitioner, who is an employee of or contracted by the Department of Health or a local health department, to prescribe Schedule VI antibiotics and antiviral agents to other persons in close contact with a diagnosed patient without a bona-fide practitioner-patient relationship with the diagnosed patient when emergency treatment is necessary to prevent imminent risk of death, life-threatening illness, or serious disability.
2. **VA - SB1113** School calendar; local school board in No. Va. responsible for setting opening day of school year.
Primary Sponsor: [Senator Barbara A. Favola \(D\)](#)
Summary: School calendar; opening day of the school year. Provides that the local school board of a school division located in Planning District 8 shall be responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening day of the school year.
3. **VA - SB1200** Minimum wage; increase to \$10 per hour effective July 1, 2019.
Primary Sponsor: [Senator Rosalyn R. Dance](#)
Cosponsor: [Senator Richard L. Saslaw](#)
Summary: Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$10 per hour effective July 1, 2019, to \$13 per hour effective July 1, 2020, and to \$15 per hour effective July 1, 2021, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The measure also provides that the Virginia minimum wage applies to persons whose employment is covered by the FLSA and to persons employed by the Commonwealth, its agencies or political subdivisions, or a public body.
4. **VA - SJ270** United States Constitution; ratifies Equal Rights Amendment.
Primary Sponsor: [Senator Richard L. Saslaw](#)
Cosponsors: [Senator Lionell Spruill, Sr.](#), [Senator Janet D. Howell](#), [Delegate Vivian E. Watts](#), [Senator John S. Edwards](#), [Delegate Mark D. Sickles](#), [Senator Jennifer L. McClellan](#), [Senator George L. Barker](#), [Senator Mamie E. Locke](#), [Delegate Charniele L. Herring](#), [Delegate Patrick A. Hope](#), [Senator David W. Marsden](#), [Senator Barbara A. Favola \(D\)](#), [Delegate Marcus B. Simon \(D\)](#), [Delegate Paul E. Krizek](#), [Senator Jeremy S. McPike](#), [Delegate Hala S. Ayala](#).

[Delegate Karrie K. Delaney](#)

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5. **VA - SJ284** Constitution of the United States; Equal Rights Amendment.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Glen H. Sturtevant, Jr.](#)

Cosponsors: [Senator Adam P. Ebbin](#), [Senator Rosalyn R. Dance](#), [Senator Jennifer L. McClellan](#), [Senator George L. Barker](#), [Senator Scott A. Surovell](#), [Delegate Luke E. Torian](#), [Senator Bill R. DeSteph, Jr.](#), [Senator Siobhan S. Dunnavant](#), [Delegate Hala S. Ayala](#), [Delegate Jennifer Carroll Foy](#)

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Bills Recommended to Oppose

6. **VA - SJ275** Reaffirming equal protection under the law.

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Amanda F. Chase](#)

Summary: Reaffirming equal protection under the law. Reaffirms that all persons residing in Virginia are afforded equal protection under the law. The resolution cites numerous guarantees of equality that currently exist in both federal and state law while refuting the necessity, utility, and viability of the Equal Rights Amendment.