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Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
Broadband/Telecommunications			
HB1923	Electric utilities; broadband capacity pilot program. Expands an existing pilot program under which Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power are authorized to provide or make available broadband capacity to Internet service providers in areas of the Commonwealth that are unserved by broadband to include municipal Internet service providers. The current program is restricted to nongovernmental Internet service providers.	Ayala	1/18/21: House - Subcommittee recommends reporting (11-Y 0-N)
HB2214	Commonwealth Broadband Chief Advisor; broadband service territory maps. Requires the Commonwealth Broadband Chief Advisor to develop and maintain a map of private broadband provider service territories, including accurate average broadband speeds in such territories. The map shall be updated yearly and be made available to the public.	O'Quinn	1/13/21: House - Referred to Communications, Technology and Innovation
SB1334	Pilot program for broadband capacity; municipal broadband authorities. Expands the existing broadband pilot program to allow for the participation of municipalities and government-owned broadband authorities in order to provide broadband service to unserved areas of the Commonwealth.	Edwards	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to Commerce and Labor
SB1413	Provision of broadband capacity by Phase I or Phase II electric utilities. Makes permanent the pilot program under which a Phase I or Phase II electric utility is permitted to petition the State Corporation Commission to provide broadband capacity to unserved areas of the Commonwealth. The bill provides that investor-owned electric utilities may recover costs of and revenue generated from providing broadband capacity that serves as an electric grid transformation project in areas unserved by broadband, as defined in the bill. The bill also consolidates the State Corporation Commission petition approval process into one hearing.	Boysko	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to Commerce and Labor
HB1800 114#6h	VATI Pilot for Broadband Authorities (language only). This amendment creates a one-year pilot that will allow public broadband authorities to compete for funds from the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative program.	Tyler	Member Request
HB1800 114#9h	New Pilot Extending Internet Access. This amendment establishes a new pilot program at the Department of Housing and Community Development focused on extending internet access through small projects.	Runion	Member Request
HB1800 114#10h	VATI Eligibility Language (language only). This amendment would enable a broadband authority, or other public body, or non-profit organization to be eligible to receive Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) funds and also be the broadband service provider.	Hurst	Member Request
HB1800 114#12h	Statewide Broadband Maps. This amendment provides \$500,000 to the Chief Broadband Advisor and the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a statewide broadband map pursuant to the passage of legislation during the 2021 General Assembly Session. This is a placeholder amendment until a final fiscal impact statement is produced.	O'Quinn	Member Request
HB1800 114#14h	Increase Private Sector Match Requirement for VATI Funds (language only). This amendment requires a private sector partner to provide a minimum match of 35 percent of the total grant request in order to receive funding from the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative. Current program guidelines set the match requirement at ten percent.	Reid	Member Request

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<i>Economic Development</i>			
HB1881	Enterprise zone job creation grants. Provides that, for purposes of wage requirements for the enterprise zone job creation grant program, the minimum wage shall be the higher of the state minimum wage or the federal minimum wage. The bill also reduces the percentage of the minimum wage that grant eligible jobs must meet. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022.	Heretick	1/14/21: House - Reported from Labor and Commerce (21-Y 1-N) 1/18/21: House - Read second time and engrossed
HB2253	Economic Development Access Program, bonded projects. Imposes a 48-month moratorium on the repayment of funds allocated to a locality for a bonded project pursuant to the Economic Development Access Program, provided that the conditions of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's economic development access policy are met. The bill has an emergency clause.	Wampler	1/17/21: House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Innovations and General Topics
HJ529	Study; Department of Labor and Industry; apprenticeship programs; report. Requests the Department of Labor and Industry to study the need for apprenticeship training programs in Virginia, including (i) the future workforce needs of the construction industry; (ii) the economic impacts of a lack of highly skilled, well-trained craft personnel; (iii) construction industry workforce needs in the Commonwealth in response to potential large-scale investments in infrastructure by the federal government; (iv) what role apprenticeship programs will play in the development and acceleration of new industries, such as renewable energy; (v) whether the expansion of apprenticeships would contribute to greater diversity in construction workforce participation from women and people of color; and (vi) how expanding apprenticeship training programs would affect job security and workplace safety in the Commonwealth. In addition, the Department is requested to undertake an in-depth study of best practices used by state governments and convene a stakeholder advisory group to discuss expansion of critically needed apprenticeship training programs in the Commonwealth's construction industry.	Simonds	1/8/21: House - Referred to Rules
SB1253	Funds for access roads to economic development sites; criteria for use of funds. Directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board, in consultation with the Secretaries of Transportation and Commerce and Trade, to develop criteria to be used in the award of funds for access roads to economic development sites. The criteria shall take into account job creation, capital investment, and other relevant economic development considerations.	McPike	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to Transportation
SB1314	Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment established; workforce and higher education alignment. Directs the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to establish an Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment (the Office) to coordinate data analysis on workforce and higher education alignment and translate data to partners. The Office shall provide a unified, consistent source of information or analysis for policy development and implementation related to talent development and shall partner with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, institutions of higher education, the Virginia Employment Commission, GO Virginia, and other relevant entities to offer resources and expertise related to education and labor market alignment.	Hashmi	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to General Laws and Technology
HB1800 114#4h	Create the Virginia Community Development Financial Institution Fund. This amendment creates and capitalizes the Community Development Financial Institution Fund to provide grants and loans to community lending institutions that will deploy funds to support small business development and community revitalization efforts.	Reid	Member Request

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HB1800 115#1h	Additional Funding for the Enterprise Zone Program. This amendment restores \$250,000 in each year from the general fund for an increase to the Enterprise Zone grant program to help avoid grant proration of real estate awards from the program.	Price	Member Request
HB1800 128#2h	Small Business Assistance and Youth Entrepreneurship Pilot Program. This amendment provides \$1.5 million in the first year from the general fund to support a comprehensive Small Business Assistance and Youth Entrepreneurship Pilot Program in Hampton Roads. It is a collaboration between Portsmouth Public Schools' Minority and Women Business Enterprise Advisory Committee, the Virginia Community College System, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the Faith Based Community to provide essential tools in economic development to start, sustain and grow a business.	Ward	Member Request
Education			
HJ549	Study; JLARC; impact of COVID-19 on Virginia's public schools, students, and school employees; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the impact of COVID-19 on Virginia's public schools, students, and school employees, including (i) examining and determining reasons for barriers to student success in virtual and hybrid models as well as the overall impact of COVID-19 face-to-face learning restrictions on previously existing student achievement gaps, student achievement, and student well-being, including any disproportionate impact on at-risk populations; (ii) determining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on staffing levels, including the impact of teacher and school employee retirements and resignations on delivery of instruction and the ability of local school boards to fully staff their needs, employment levels, and local budgets; (iii) determining the short-term and projected long-term changes in student enrollment in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of such changes on funding levels; (iv) determining the impact of implementing COVID-19 health and safety measures in public schools; (v) evaluating public schools' level of emergency preparedness to face another pandemic or statewide crisis and making recommendations to help guide planning for such events and (vi) examining programs that can address learning loss and identifying barriers to implementing those programs, including resource gaps.	Guy	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to Rules
SB1170	Additional local sales and use tax to support schools. Adds Isle of Wight County to the list of localities that, under current law, are authorized 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.	Norment	1/8/21: Senate - Referred to Finance and Appropriations
SJ294	Study; JLARC; costs of education; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the true cost of education in the Commonwealth and provide an accurate assessment of the costs to implement the Standards of Quality.	Lewis	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to Rules

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SJ308	Study; JLARC; impact of COVID-19 on Virginia's public schools, students, and school employees; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the impact of COVID-19 on Virginia's public schools, students, and school employees, including (i) examining and determining reasons for barriers to student success in virtual and hybrid models as well as the overall impact of COVID-19 face-to-face learning restrictions on previously existing student achievement gaps, student achievement, and student well-being, including any disproportionate impact on at-risk populations; (ii) determining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on staffing levels, including the impact of teacher and school employee retirements and resignations on delivery of instruction and the ability of local school boards to fully staff their needs, employment levels, and local budgets; (iii) determining the short-term and projected long-term changes in student enrollment in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of such changes on funding levels; (iv) determining the impact of implementing COVID-19 health and safety measures in public schools; (v) evaluating public schools' level of emergency preparedness to face another pandemic or statewide crisis and making recommendations to help guide planning for such events and (vi) examining programs that can address learning loss and identifying barriers to implementing those programs, including resource gaps.	Lucas	1/15/21: Senate - Referred to Rules
HB1800 145#14h	Virginia School Construction Fund. This amendment provides \$50.0 million in the second year from the general fund for an initial deposit to the proposed Virginia School Construction Fund, contingent on the passage of legislation establishing such fund during the 2021 Regular Session.	O'Quinn	Member Request
Emergency Management/COVID-19			
HB2015	Essential workers; hazard pay; personal protective equipment; civil penalty. Requires, that following the declaration by the Governor of a state of emergency that includes or is followed by any additional executive order in furtherance of such declaration that includes a stay-at-home or shelter-in-place order, employers shall (i) compensate each of their essential workers at a rate not less than one and one-half times the essential worker's regular rate of pay for any hours worked during the closure order and (ii) provide their essential workers with personal protective equipment related to the state of emergency and recommended for the relevant work site or job task by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, the State Department of Health, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The bill defines "essential worker" as an individual employed as a health care provider, home care provider, or airport worker or by an essential retail business, as specified in the bill. The bill subjects violators to the same civil penalties, and provides the same cause of action for an employer's failure to pay the required hazard pay, as are currently imposed for failing to pay wages generally.	Ayala	1/14/21: House - Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #1
HB2066	Public health emergency; reports of suspected violations of orders and regulations; penalty; emergency. Provides that any system created by the Department of Health to receive information regarding an alleged violation of an order or regulation of the Board of Health or the Commissioner of Health enacted in response to a public health emergency related to a communicable disease of public health threat shall require, for each report received, the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the individual making the report. The bill makes knowingly making a false report of such violation a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill contains an emergency clause.	Webert	1/12/21: House - Referred to Health, Welfare and Institutions

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HB2085	Emergency Services and Disaster Law; local and interjurisdictional emergency operations plans. Requires local and interjurisdictional agencies to include provisions in their emergency operations plans to ensure that such plans are applied equitably and that the needs of minority and vulnerable communities are met during emergencies.	Askew	1/15/21: House - Reported from Public Safety (20-Y 1-N) 1/18/21: House - Read first time
HB2087	Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders. Limits the duration of any executive order issued by the Governor pursuant to his powers under the Emergency Services and Disaster Law to no more than 45 days from the date of issuance. The bill provides that if the General Assembly does not take any action on the rule, regulation, or order within the 45 days during which the rule, regulation, or order is effective, the Governor shall thereafter be prohibited from issuing the same or a similar rule, regulation, or order relating to the same emergency. Under current law, once issued, such executive orders are effective until June 30 following the next regular session of the General Assembly.	1/12/21: House - Prefiled	1/12/21: House - Referred to Public Safety
HB2116	Certain declared states of emergency; essential workers; funeral service licensees; emergency. Provides that in any case in which the Governor has declared a state of emergency related to a communicable disease of public health threat, funeral service licensees shall be considered essential workers and shall be included in any group afforded priority with regard to (i) access to personal protective equipment and (ii) administration of any vaccination against such communicable disease of public health threat during such emergency. The bill contains an emergency clause.	Mugler	1/12/21: House - Referred to Health, Welfare and Institutions
HB2149	Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders. Limits the duration of any rule, regulation, or order issued by the Governor pursuant to his powers under the Emergency Services and Disaster Law to no more than 60 days from the date of issuance. The bill provides that if the General Assembly does not take any action on such rule, regulation, or order within the 60 days during which the rule, regulation, or order is effective, the Governor shall thereafter be prohibited from issuing the same or a similar rule, regulation, or order relating to the same emergency. Under current law, once issued, such executive orders are effective until June 30 following the next regular session of the General Assembly.	Adams	1/12/21: House - Referred to Public Safety

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HB2184	<p>Pandemic Remediation Task Force established. Establishes the 22-member Pandemic Remediation Task Force (the task force) as an advisory task force in the executive branch of state government, to be administered by the Department of Education, for the purpose of making recommendations on strategies for improving public education in the Commonwealth in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that can be implemented in each region and local school division in order to achieve a measure of uniformity in such improvements across the Commonwealth. The bill requires the task force to (i) develop recommendations for policies and funding that would assist public elementary and secondary school students impacted by school closures and the remote learning environment during the COVID-19 pandemic to adequately obtain core educational material that they may not have otherwise successfully retained during the course of such pandemic; (ii) develop a uniform strategy for public elementary and secondary schools to effectively identify students in need of remediation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide remediation coursework and resources to such students; (iii) consider the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student achievement gaps and make recommendations on the interventions and additional services, such as tutoring, mentoring, and services from private educational service providers, that may be necessary to ensure that such gaps do not widen further beyond pre-pandemic levels; and (iv) submit to the Governor and the General Assembly, no later than December 1, an annual report on its work. The task force has a sunset date of July 1, 2024.</p>	Wilt	1/12/21: House - Referred to Education
HB2251	<p>Emergency Services and Disaster Law; Commissioner of Health; emergency orders and regulations; limitations; civil penalty. Provides that neither the Board of Health nor the Commissioner of Health shall make any emergency order or regulation unless, on the basis of the evidence available to the Board, (i) such order or regulation is necessary to suppress a nuisance dangerous to the public health or a communicable, contagious, or infectious disease or other danger to the public life and health; (ii) no alternatives to the proposed order or regulation that are reasonable in light of the impact on quality of life and economic well-being exist; and (iii) the provisions of such order or regulation are narrowly tailored to address the nuisance dangerous to the public health or a communicable, contagious, or infectious disease or other danger to the public life and health. The bill also provides that the Governor shall not issue any emergency rule, regulation, or order unless, on the basis of the evidence available to the Governor, (a) such rule, regulation, or order is necessary to address a compelling circumstance; (b) no alternatives to the proposed rule, regulation, or order that are reasonable in light of the impact on quality of life and economic well-being exist; and (c) the provisions of such rule, regulation, or order are narrowly tailored to address the compelling circumstance.</p>	LaRock	1/13/21: House - Assigned Health, Welfare and Institutions sub: Health
SB1131	<p>Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders. Limits the duration of any executive order issued by the Governor pursuant to his powers under the Emergency Services and Disaster Law to no more than 45 days from the date of issuance. The bill provides that if the General Assembly does not take any action on the rule, regulation, or order within the 45 days during which the rule, regulation, or order is effective, the Governor shall thereafter be prohibited from issuing the same or a similar rule, regulation, or order relating to the same emergency. Under current law, once issued, such executive orders are effective until June 30 following the next regular session of the General Assembly.</p>	Suettlerlein	12/31/20: Senate - Referred to General Laws and Technology

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SB1208	Continuity of government. Extends from six to 12 months the period of time after an enemy attack or other disaster that a locality may, by ordinance, provide for a method to assure continuity in its government and requires the ordinance to provide a method for the locality to resume normal governmental authority by the end of that 12-month period.	Barker	1/18/21: Senate - Reported from Local Government (14-Y 1-N)
SB1222	Virginia Public Procurement Act; purchase of personal protective equipment. Requires a state agency, whenever purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) for public use, to purchase such PPE from a Virginia-based company or manufacturer or a manufacturer that uses materials made in the United States. The bill provides that if a state agency is unable to purchase PPE from such company or manufacturer, it may purchase from another company or manufacturer, pending the results of independent laboratory testing of the PPE.	DeSteph	1/11/21: Senate - Referred to General Laws and Technology
SB1237	Certain emergency and quarantine orders; additional procedural requirements. Provides that any person who is affected by an order of quarantine may file an appeal in the circuit court for the city or county in which he resides or is located or the circuit court for the jurisdiction or jurisdictions for any affected area; currently, only a person who is subject to an order of quarantine may appeal the order. The bill also provides that in any case in which the Governor has issued an emergency order that includes any measure that closes schools or businesses or restricts the movement of healthy persons within the area to which the order applies, all of the rights, protections, and procedures applicable in the case of an order of quarantine issued by the Commissioner of Health shall apply.	Petersen	1/11/21: Senate - Referred to Education and Health
SB1296	State Coordinator of Emergency Management; establishment of Emergency Management Equity Working Group. Provides for the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to establish an Emergency Management Equity Working Group to ensure that emergency management programs and plans provide support to at-risk individuals and populations disproportionately impacted by disasters.	Spruill	1/11/21: Senate - Referred to General Laws and Technology
SB1302	Crisis call center; Crisis Call Center Fund established. Provides that the crisis call center, which under current law is administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department), shall be designated as the 9-8-8 Crisis Hotline Center for purposes of participating in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The bill directs the Department, in its development of the crisis call center, community care teams, and mobile crisis teams, to comply with any applicable requirements of the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020, and to provide for consistency with federal guidelines promulgated under such law. The bill increases from \$0.75 to \$0.94 the wireless E-911 surcharge and increases from \$0.50 to \$0.63 the prepaid wireless E-911 charge. The bill provides that part of the revenue attributable to the increase would be distributed to the Crisis Call Center Fund, established by the bill, to fund the Department's costs in establishing and administering the call center, and that the remainder of the revenue would be distributed to public safety answering points (PSAPs).	McPike	1/18/21: Senate - Assigned Education sub: Health
SB1362	Employers; reporting outbreaks of COVID-19; emergency. Requires employers to report for each worksite with 30 or more employees, or for any multi-employer worksite with 30 or more combined employees, to the local health department when the worksite has had three or more confirmed cases of COVID-19. The employer is required to make such report within 24 hours of becoming aware of such cases. The bill requires the State Department of Health to compile such reports and to make a weekly report available to the public with the compiled information. The bill contains an emergency clause.	Lewis	1/18/21: Senate - Assigned Education sub: Health

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SB1378	Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders. Limits the duration of any rule, regulation, or order issued by the Governor pursuant to his powers under the Emergency Services and Disaster Law to no more than 30 days from the date of issuance. The bill provides that if the General Assembly does not take any action on the rule, regulation, or order within the 30 days during which the rule, regulation, or order is effective, the Governor may once again issue the same rule, regulation, or order but shall thereafter be prohibited from issuing the same or a similar rule, regulation, or order relating to the same emergency. Under current law, once issued, such executive orders are effective until June 30 following the next regular session of the General Assembly.	Newman	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to General Laws and Technology
HB1800 372#1h	Carbon Sequestration Workgroup (language only). This amendment directs the Secretary of Natural Resources to convene a workgroup to study carbon sequestration in Virginia.	Lopez	Member Request
HB1800 410#1h	Emergency Shelter Upgrade Assistance Fund. This amendment provides \$2.5 million the second year from the general fund for the Emergency Shelter Upgrade Assistance Fund to provide additional aid to local governments in the preparation and upgrade of emergency shelters on an ongoing basis. The additional funding is in addition to the \$2.5 million provided in Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Session of the General Assembly.	Scott	Member Request
HB1800 410#3h	Equity and Inclusion in Disaster Response. This amendment provides \$96,000 the second year for a program manager position that will be responsible for the creation and coordination of a formalized Partners in Preparedness Program and community outreach campaign. This position will work to ensure that the agency thoroughly engages with partners that can promote and enhance programs and communication by serving as trusted messengers within their communities. These partners come from all industries including but not limited to advocacy groups; education; business/commerce; faith-based; health care; nonprofits; and government agencies. This program will be data-driven and provide critical resources and support needed to be prepared and resilient, including but not limited to preparedness brochures, real-time emergency information, and access to disaster-focused webinars, forums, town halls, and other events. The position would be responsible for engaging with all VDEM divisions and the Virginia Emergency Support Team to ensure response and recovery plans and procedures take equity and inclusion into consideration and serve as a liaison during disasters to vulnerable communities by working with the trusted community partners.	Price	Member Request
HB1800 410#7h	Emergency Preparedness Plans. This amendment provides \$50,000 the second year for the costs of requiring that all VDEM and local emergency management plans to contain provisions which ensure that plans are applied equitably, and to ensure that the needs of minority and vulnerable communities are met during emergencies. This amendment is a placeholder until a final fiscal impact statement for the bill is produced.	Price	Member Request
HB1800 477#4h	Provide Hazard Pay and PPE to Essential Employees. This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2022 pursuant to legislation enacted during the 2021 General Assembly Session which provides hazard pay and PPE equipment to essential employees. The funding requested in this amendment is a placeholder until a detailed cost estimate is developed.	Ayala	Member Request
Energy			
HB1834	Electric utilities; closure of carbon-emitting generating units. Requires each owner of a large carbon-emitting power plant to provide a facility retirement study every 18 months. The bill requires that whenever a generation asset owner makes the decision to close a plant, such owner must provide notice to relevant localities and state agencies within 14 days of making that decision.	Subramanyam	1/14/21: House - Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #3

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HB1855	Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. Renames the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy as the Department of Energy. Within the Department, the bill renames the Division of Mined Land Reclamation as the Division of Mined Land Repurposing and renames the Division of Energy as the Division of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. The bill makes substantive changes, removing the requirement that the Chief of the Division of Mines be appointed by the Governor and authorizing an employee other than the Virginia Gas and Oil Inspector to serve as the principal executive of the staff of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board. The bill also provides that the Chief Clean Energy Policy Advisor shall be appointed by the Governor. The bill removes or updates outdated language, changing the title of the head of the Division Mined Land Repurposing from Commissioner to Director and changing the identity of the division overseeing permits for certain mining operations from the Division of Mined Land Repurposing to the Division of Mineral Mining.	Sullivan	1/13/21: House - Reported from ACNR (18-Y 4-N) 1/18/21: House - Amendment from Del. Sullivan agreed to; engrossed.
HB1859	Local financing of clean energy and other programs; when owner costs are incurred. Changes the parameters for local ordinances authorizing loan contracts for the installation by property owners of clean energy, resiliency, or stormwater management improvements. The bill provides that if the property owner incurred the costs of improvements to be refinanced or reimbursed within the two years prior to the closing date of the financing, the loan amount may include the total costs of the improvements to be refinanced or reimbursed. The bill removes the requirement that the applicable local ordinance include the proposed interest rate for the loan program and the maximum aggregate dollar amount that may be financed with respect to a property, and it provides that no loan offered under the program shall be used to improve a residential dwelling that contains fewer than five dwelling units or a residential condominium. The bill alters the fee options available to the locality and provides that the placement of a voluntary special assessment lien does not require a new assessment of the value of the real property. The bill contains technical amendments.	Guy	1/15/21: House - Reported from CC&T with substitute (16-Y 6-N) 1/18/21: House - Read first time
HB1919	Local green banks. Authorizes a locality, by ordinance, to establish a green bank to promote the investment in clean energy technologies in its locality and provide financing for clean energy technologies, defined in the bill. The bill establishes certain powers and functions of a green bank, including developing rules and procedures, financing and providing loans for clean energy projects, and stimulating demand for renewable energy. The bill requires the green bank to be a public entity, quasi-public entity, or nonprofit entity and requires the locality to hold a hearing and publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation prior to establishing the green bank.	Kory	1/10/21: House - Committee referral pending
HB1925	Virginia Brownfield and Coal Mine Renewable Energy Grant Fund and Program; handbook. Establishes the Virginia Brownfield and Coal Mine Renewable Energy Grant Fund and Program (the Fund and Program). The bill provides that no allocation of funds shall be made to the Fund or Program unless federal funds are available to cover the cost of such allocation. The Fund and Program shall be administered by the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy for the purpose of awarding grants to renewable energy projects that are located on brownfields or previously coal mined lands, both defined in the bill. Grants are to be awarded on a basis of \$500 per kilowatt of nameplate capacity from renewable energy sources that are located on previously coal mined lands and \$100 per kilowatt of nameplate capacity from renewable energy sources that are located on brownfields.	Kilgore	1/18/20: House - Subcommittee recommends reporting (10-Y 0-N)

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HB1937	<p>Green New Deal Act. Establishes a moratorium, effective January 1, 2022, on approval by any state agency or political subdivision of any approval required for (i) electric generating facilities that generate fossil fuel energy through the combustion of a fossil fuel resource; (ii) import or export terminals for fossil fuel resources; (iii) certain maintenance activities relating to an import or export terminal for a fossil fuel resource; (iv) gathering lines or pipelines for the transport of any fossil fuel resource that require the use of eminent domain on private property; (v) certain maintenance activities relating to such gathering lines or pipelines; (vi) refineries of a fossil fuel resource; and (vii) exploration for any type of fossil fuel, unless preempted by applicable federal law. The measure also requires that at least 80 percent of the electricity sold by a retail electric supplier in calendar years 2028 through 2035 be generated from clean energy resources. In calendar year 2036 and every calendar year thereafter, 100 percent of the electricity sold by a retail electric supplier is required to be generated from clean energy resources. The clean energy mandates apply to a public utility or other person that sells not less than 1,000 megawatt hours of electric energy to retail customers or generates not less than 1,000 megawatt hours of electric energy for use by the person. The Director of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy is authorized to bring actions for injunctions to enforce these requirements. The measure requires the Department to adopt a Climate Action Plan that addresses all aspects of climate change, including mitigation, adaptation, resiliency, and assistance in the transition from current energy sources to clean renewable energy. The measure provides that any retail electric supplier that fails to meet any goal or benchmark is liable for a civil penalty equal to twice the cost of the financial investment necessary to meet such goal or mandate that was not achieved, or three times the cost of the financial investment necessary to meet such goal or benchmark that was not achieved if not met in an environmental justice community.</p>	Rasoul	1/11/21: House - Committee referral pending
HB2023	<p>Solar and wind farms; reporting of acreage by locality. Requires each locality to provide to the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy information about the amount of land formerly in production agriculture or silviculture that has been approved for development into or has been developed into solar or wind farms. The bill requires the Division of Energy to establish a database to collect and maintain figures on the amount of land formerly in production agriculture or production silviculture that has been approved for development into or has been developed into solar or wind farms. The bill also requires localities, in adopting ordinances for and approving the development of solar and wind farm projects, to consider certain effects of such projects.</p>	Poindexter	1/14/21: House - Assigned CC&T sub: Land Use
HB2067	<p>Solar facilities; permit by rule. Lowers from 150 to 50 megawatts the maximum generation capacity of an electrical generation facility that generates electricity only from sunlight to qualify for issuance of a permit by rule.</p>	Webert	1/15/21: House - Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources
HB2148	<p>Small renewable energy projects; energy storage. Includes in the definition of a "small renewable energy project" certain energy storage facilities and projects that include storage facility components. Such facilities are eligible for special permitting, review, and inspection requirements. The bill directs the Department of Environmental Quality to promulgate initial regulations to implement the provisions of the bill by January 1, 2022.</p>	Willett	1/15/21: House - Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources

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HB2201	Solar and energy storage projects; siting agreements throughout the Commonwealth. Expands existing provisions related to siting agreements for solar projects located in an opportunity zone to include energy storage projects and makes the provisions statewide. The bill provides that its provisions shall not apply to any energy storage project that has received zoning and site plan approval, preliminary or otherwise, from the host locality before January 1, 2021. The bill also provides that its provisions shall not become effective with respect to energy storage projects unless the General Assembly approves legislation that authorizes localities to adopt an ordinance for taxation of energy storage projects such as solar projects with a local option for machinery and tools tax or solar revenue share. The bill further provides that a locality may grant a special exception for an energy storage project.	Jones	1/13/21: House - Referred to Counties Cities and Towns
HB2265	Regulation of electric utilities; development of renewable energy facilities; powers of Air Pollution Control Board; powers of State Corporation Commission. Repeals provisions (i) requiring the Air Pollution Control Board to adopt regulations to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from any electricity generating unit in the Commonwealth and authorizing the Board to establish an auction program for energy allowances; (ii) prohibiting the State Corporation Commission from approving any new utility-owned generation facilities that emit carbon dioxide as a by-product of energy generation, in certain circumstances; (iii) declaring that statutory allowances for energy derived from sunlight, onshore wind, offshore wind, and storage facilities are in the public interest; and (iv) relating to the development of solar and wind generation and energy storage capacity, development of offshore wind capacity, and generation of electricity from renewable and zero carbon sources. The bill provides that planning and development activities for new nuclear generation facilities are in the public interest.	Freitas	1/13/21: House - Referred to Labor and Commerce
HB2269	Revenue share for solar energy projects. Provides that every five years the maximum amount of the revenue share that a locality may impose on certain solar energy projects shall be adjusted by the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, for the most recent calendar year exceeds the CPI-U published at the close of the 12-month period ending on December 31, 2020. The bill also provides that the locality may substitute the Marshall and Swift Building Cost Index, or any successor index, for the CPI-U in its calculation of the adjustment.	Heretick	1/13/21: House - Referred to Labor and Commerce
HB2281	Virginia Clean Economy Act; non-bypassable charges; energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) industries. Defines EITE industries as companies that are constrained in their ability to pass through carbon costs due to international competition, companies that engage in importation of products that cause emission leakage, and critical infrastructure facilities identified by certain federal agencies. The bill directs the State Corporation Commission to establish an EITE customer exemption program for non-bypassable charges in certain provisions of the Virginia Clean Economy Act related to generation of electricity from renewable and zero carbon sources and development of offshore wind capacity.	Ware	1/15/21: House - Presented

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HB2292	Fossil fuel projects moratorium. Establishes a moratorium, effective January 1, 2022, on any approval by any state agency or political subdivision required for (i) electric generating facilities that generate fossil fuel energy through the combustion or use of a fossil fuel resource; (ii) import or export terminals for fossil fuel resources; (iii) modification of an import or export terminal for a fossil fuel resource; (iv) gathering lines or pipelines for the transport of any fossil fuel resource that requires the use of public land or eminent domain on private property; (v) modification of such gathering lines or pipelines; (vi) refineries of a fossil fuel resource; (vii) any facilities that change the physical state of fossil fuels for the purposes of transporting such fuel; and (vii) exploration for any type of fossil fuel, unless preempted by applicable federal law. The measure requires the establishment of job training programs and energy worker protections, transitional assistance for workers in the fossil fuel industry and affected communities, and environmental justice protections.	Cole	1/15/21: House - Committee referral pending
SB1207	Solar and energy storage projects; siting agreements throughout the Commonwealth. Expands existing provisions related to siting agreements for solar projects located in an opportunity zone to include energy storage projects and makes the provisions statewide. The bill provides that its provisions shall not apply to any energy storage project that has received zoning and site plan approval, preliminary or otherwise, from the host locality before January 1, 2021. The bill also provides that its provisions shall not become effective with respect to energy storage projects unless the General Assembly approves legislation that authorizes localities to adopt an ordinance for taxation of energy storage projects such as solar projects with a local option for machinery and tools tax or solar revenue share.	Barker	1/18/21: Senate - Rerferred to Finance and Appropriations
SB1258	Solar projects; erosion and sediment control. Requires the State Water Control Board to administer a Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program (VESCP) on behalf of any locality that notifies the Department of Environmental Quality that it has chosen not to administer a VESCP for any solar photovoltaic (electric energy) project with a rated electrical generation capacity exceeding five megawatts. The provisions of the bill become effective only when an appropriation effectuating funding of one full-time position to carry out the purposes of the bill on behalf of the State Water Control Board is included in a general appropriation act.	Marsden	1/11/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
SB1282	Greenhouse gas emissions inventory; regulations. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct a statewide baseline and projection inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions and to update such inventory every four years. The bill requires that the inventory be published and included in the annual report of the State Air Pollution Control Board. The bill also authorizes the Board to adopt regulations, to become effective no later than January 1, 2022, necessary to collect data needed to conduct, update, and maintain the inventory.	Morrissey	1/11/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR

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SB1284	Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy. Establishes the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy, replacing the Commonwealth Energy Policy. The bill sets out the energy policy and objectives of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy, which include: (i) the Commonwealth recognizes that effectively addressing climate change and enhancing resilience will advance the health, welfare, and safety of the residents of the Commonwealth and that addressing climate change requires reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the Commonwealth's economy sufficient to reach net-zero emission by 2045 in all sectors, including the electric power, transportation, industrial, agricultural, building, and infrastructure sectors; (ii) the Commonwealth recognizes the need to promote environmental justice and ensure that it is carried out throughout the Commonwealth and the need to address and prevent energy inequities in historically economically disadvantaged communities; and (iii) the Commonwealth must continue to prioritize economic competitiveness and workforce development in an equitable manner.	Favola	1/11/21: Senate - Referred to Commerce and Labor
SB1295	Electric utilities; procurement. Requires a utility, in the construction of certain offshore wind, onshore wind, solar, and energy storage facilities, to procure, subject to a competitive process, equipment from a Virginia-based or United States-based manufacturer using materials or product components made in Virginia or the United States, if available.	DeSteph	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to Commerce and Labor
SB1374	Carbon Sequestration Task Force; report. Directs the Secretary of Natural Resources, jointly with the Secretary of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to convene a task force for the purpose of studying carbon sequestration in the Commonwealth and submit a report of its findings before the first day of the 2022 Session of the General Assembly. The bill directs the task force to (i) consider possible methods of increasing carbon sequestration within the natural environment through state land and marine resources use policies; agricultural, aquacultural, and silvicultural practices; and other practices to achieve restoration of natural resources and long term conservation; (ii) recommend short-term and long-term benchmarks for increasing carbon sequestration; (iii) develop a standardized methodology to establish baseline carbon levels and account for increases in carbon sequestration over time; (iv) identify existing carbon markets and considerations relevant to potential participation by the Commonwealth; and (v) identify other potential funding mechanisms to encourage carbon sequestration practices in the Commonwealth.	Lewis	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
HB1800 114#13h	Local Citing for Solar and Energy Storage Projects. This amendment provides \$50,000 in each year from the general fund for the Department of Housing and Community Development's Commission on Local Government related to any costs associated with legislation in the 2021 General Assembly session to amending local siting agreements of solar and energy storage projects. This is a placeholder amendment until a final fiscal impact statement is produced.	Jones J.C.	Member Request
HB1800 125#2h	Expansion of Shared Solar Program. This amendment provides \$50,000 the second year from the general fund to expand DMME's shared solar program. This amendment is a placeholder until a final fiscal impact statement for the draft legislation is produced.	Jones J.C.	Member Request
HB1800 125#3h	Green New Deal Act. This amendment provides \$1.0 million each year from the general fund for the costs of implemented the Green New Deal, pursuant to legislation to be considered by the 2021 Session of the General Assembly. This amendment is a placeholder until a final fiscal impact for the introduced legislation is produced.	Rasoul	Member Request

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HB1800 125#4h	Transitioning Workers Fund. This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the non general fund the second year for administration of the Transitioning Workers Fund, pursuant to legislation to be considered by the 2021 General Assembly which would establish the Fund from 20 percent of revenues received from the Green New Deal Act in order provide training and assistance to individuals and communities affected by the transition away from fossil fuel industries. This is a placeholder amendment until a final fiscal impact statement for the bill can be produced.	Rasoul	Member Request
HB1800 220#1h	VCCS - Solar Hands-On Instructional Network of Excellence (SHINE), Southside Virginia Community College. This amendment requests funding for Southside Virginia Community College to implement the Solar Hands-On Instructional Network of Excellence (SHINE) initiative. The initiative is a public-private partnership that provides training for those seeking employment opportunities in the solar industry. The program identifies the timing and location of solar project development in Virginia and uses that information to focus its training toward job openings as they become available. This targeted approach to workforce training/development maximizes SHINE's ability to connect program graduates with sought-after jobs upon completion of the program.	Carr	Member Request
<i>Environment/Recycling</i>			
HB1801	Disposing of litter; penalty. Increases the fine for dumping or disposing of litter, trash, or other unsightly matter on public or private property from a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$2,500 to a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$5,000. The bill also increases the mandatory minimum period of community service in lieu of confinement in jail from 10 hours to 40 hours.	Edmunds	1/12/21: House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Innovations and General Topics
HB1965	State Air Pollution Control Board; low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle program. Directs the State Air Pollution Control Board to implement a low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle program for motor vehicles with a model year of 2025 and later. Regulations adopted by the Board to implement the program are exempt from the Administrative Process Act and shall not become effective prior to January 1, 2024.	Bagby	1/11/21: House - Referred to ACNR
HB2159	Release of balloon prohibited; civil penalty. Prohibits any individual 13 years of age or older or other person, including a corporation, from intentionally releasing, discarding, or causing to be released or discarded any nonbiodegradable balloon outdoors and provides that any person convicted of such violation is liable for a civil penalty of \$25 per balloon, to be paid into the Game Protection Fund. Current law prohibits a person from knowingly releasing 50 or more such balloons within an hour and sets the civil penalty at \$5 per balloon, with the proceeds deposited into the Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Endowment Fund.	Guy	1/15/21: House - Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources
HB2173	Advanced recycling; definition. Defines "advanced recycling" as a manufacturing process for the conversion of post-use polymers and recovered feedstocks into basic hydrocarbon raw materials and other materials. The bill also defines "gasification," "post-use polymer," and other terms related to advanced recycling.	Plum	1/15/21: House - Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources
HJ527	Study; Department of Conservation and Recreation and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; invasive plant species work group; report. Requests the Department of Conservation and Recreation, jointly with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to establish a work group to study the sale and use of invasive plant species. The resolution requests that the departments work with several state agencies, conservation nonprofits, and plant industry and agriculture groups to develop recommendations regarding statutory and regulatory changes intended to reduce or eliminate the sale and use of invasive plant species in the Commonwealth and promote the sale and use of native plants.	Bulova	1/7/21: House - Referred to Rules

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HJ538	Access to water; human right. Recognizing that access to clean, potable, and affordable water is a necessary human right.	Aird	1/10/21: House - Referred to Rules
SB1164	Advanced recycling; not considered solid waste management; definition. Defines "advanced recycling" as a manufacturing process for the conversion of post-use polymers and recovered feedstocks into basic hydrocarbon raw materials and other materials. The bill provides that advanced recycling shall not be considered solid waste management. The bill also defines "gasification," "post-use polymer," and other terms related to advanced recycling.	Hanger	1/8/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
SB1290	ConserveVirginia program; established. Establishes in the Department of Conservation and Recreation a data-driven Geographical Information Systems model to prioritize potential conservation areas across the Commonwealth that would provide quantifiable benefits to the citizens of Virginia, known as ConserveVirginia. Aspects of the program include (i) the synthesis of multiple mapped data inputs, divided into categories, each representing a different overarching conservation value, and periodic revision of such values; (ii) access to the model by the public and all state and federal agencies; and (iii) incorporation of the model into acquisition or grant decisions when appropriate. The bill requires the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation to report on the success of the program and incorporate the program into needs assessments for expenditures from the Virginia Land Conservation Fund.	Mason	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
SB1319	Waste control and recycling; permits. Prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) and the Virginia Waste Management Board from issuing any permit for the construction, modification, or expansion of a new or existing municipal solid waste landfill that will accept 3,500 tons or more of municipal solid waste per day until the General Assembly enacts legislation incorporating the findings and recommendations of the Waste Diversion and Recycling Task Force (the Task Force), and requests the Department to continue through 2022 and expand the scope of the Task Force.	Hashmi	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
HB1800 373#2h	Environmental Literacy. This amendment restores \$170,000 from the general fund the second year that was unallotted in Chapter 1289 for the environmental education experiences identified in Item 373, Paragraph K. This request recognizes the commitment Virginia made to its students and the importance environmental education plays developing and nurturing watershed stewards. These funds provide for meaningful interactions and learning opportunities for students throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.	Bloxom	Member Request
HB1800 374#1h	Sale of Invasive Plant Species Workgroup. This amendment provides \$50,000 the second year from the general fund for the costs of establishing a workgroup to study the sale of invasive plant species pursuant to a House Joint Resolution to be considered during the 2021 Session of the General Assembly. This is a placeholder amendment until a final fiscal impact statement for the resolution is provided.	Bulova	Member Request
Environmental Justice			
HB2074	Environmental justice; interagency working group. Establishes the Interagency Environmental Justice Working Group as an advisory council in the executive branch of state government to further environmental justice in the Commonwealth and directs each of the Governor's Secretaries to designate at least one environmental justice coordinator to represent the secretariat as a member of the Working Group. The bill directs the Working Group to focus its work during its first year on the environmental justice of current air quality monitoring practices in Virginia and provides that the Working Group shall expire on July 1, 2031.	Simonds	1/15/21: House - Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources

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HB2221	Environmental permits; community and environmental justice outreach. Requires the applicant for any (i) new or major modified stationary air pollution source, (ii) new landfill or transfer station, (iii) certification of site approval for a hazardous waste facility, (iv) new individual Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, (v) new individual Virginia Water Protection permit, (vi) new individual Virginia Stormwater Management Program permit, (vii) new individual Virginia Pollution Abatement permit, or (viii) individual ground water withdrawal permit for a new ground water withdrawal to complete certain public notice requirements, including (a) holding a public hearing; (b) publishing notices in English and Spanish in a newspaper, on social media, and on signage at the site location at least 60 days prior to such public meeting; (c) mailing notices to interested parties; (d) accepting written comments; (e) transcribing meeting information; and (f) responding to community concerns to the satisfaction of the Department of Environmental Quality. The bill removes an exemption for applicants for a permit to operate a new captive industrial landfill or a new construction-demolition-debris landfill from certain provisions relating to new landfills or transfer stations. The bill also removes an exemption from certain public notice requirements granted to local government or public authority applicants for a permit to operate a landfill or transfer station.	Hayes	1/13/21: House - Referred to ACNR
HB556	Constitutional amendment (first reference); environmental justice. Establishes that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to follow the principles of environmental justice in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies and to ensure that no population, especially minority, low-income, or historically economically disadvantaged communities, faces higher levels or greater impacts of pollution and climate change than other populations.	Lopez	1/15/21: House - Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments
SB1318	Environmental justice; interagency working group. Establishes the Interagency Environmental Justice Working Group as an advisory council in the executive branch of state government to further environmental justice in the Commonwealth and directs each of the Governor's Secretaries to designate at least one environmental justice coordinator to represent the secretariat as a member of the Working Group. The bill provides that the Working Group shall expire on July 1, 2031. The bill directs each state agency, no later than October 1, 2021, to adopt an agency-specific environmental justice policy that requires an evaluation of the environmental justice consequences of any covered agency action, requires a consideration of the environmental justice consequences or cumulative impacts of the administration of regulations, and contains other features, including robust public participation plans for residents of environmental justice communities and fenceline communities potentially affected by a covered agency action.	Hashmi	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to General Laws and Technology

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SB1373	Environmental permits; community and environmental justice outreach. Requires the applicant for any (i) new or major modified stationary air pollution source, (ii) new landfill or transfer station, (iii) certification of site approval for a hazardous waste facility, (iv) new individual Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, (v) new individual Virginia Water Protection permit, (vi) new individual Virginia Stormwater Management Program permit, (vii) new individual Virginia Pollution Abatement permit, or (viii) individual ground water withdrawal permit for a new ground water withdrawal to complete certain public notice requirements, including (a) holding a public hearing; (b) publishing notices in English and Spanish in a newspaper, on social media, and on signage at the site location at least 60 days prior to such public meeting; (c) mailing notices to interested parties; (d) accepting written comments; (e) transcribing meeting information; and (f) responding to community concerns to the satisfaction of the Department of Environmental Quality. The bill removes an exemption for applicants for a permit to operate a new captive industrial landfill or a new construction-demolition-debris landfill from certain provisions relating to new landfills or transfer stations. The bill also removes an exemption from certain public notice requirements granted to local government or public authority applicants for a permit to operate a landfill or transfer station.	McClellan	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
HB1800 410#4h	Community Outreach Activities. This amendment provides \$2.0 million the second year to administer a pass-through grant program to provide funding for developing, enhancing, and sustaining communications efforts, particularly to communities disproportionately impacted, communities of color, those with access and functional needs, limited English proficiency, and others most at risk.	Price	Member Request
<i>Housing</i>			
HB2072	Virginia Housing Development Authority; work group to establish Virginia Good Neighbor Next Door program. Directs the Virginia Housing Development Authority to convene a stakeholder work group to establish a plan for the creation of a Virginia Good Neighbor Next Door program, similar to the Good Neighbor Next Door program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide financial incentives for law-enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, and teachers to purchase homes within designated revitalization areas in the localities in which they are employed. The bill requires the work group to report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative recommendations, to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology no later than July 1, 2022.	Convirs-Fowler	1/17/21: House - Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection
HB1800 113#3h	Increase Support for the Housing Trust Fund. This amendment adds \$9.3 million in the first year and \$15.0 million in the second year from the general fund for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.	Lopez	Member Request
<i>Retirement</i>			
HB2181	Virginia Retirement System; technical amendments. Makes technical amendments to provisions of the Code of Virginia relating to the Virginia Retirement System to reflect recent changes to federal law and conform terminology to federal law.	King	1/15/21: House - Assigned App. Sub: Compensation & General Government
SB1251	Virginia Retirement System; technical amendments. Makes technical amendments to provisions of the Code of Virginia relating to the Virginia Retirement System to reflect recent changes to federal law and conform terminology to federal law.	Newman	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to Finance and Appropriations

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Water Resources: Flooding and Resiliency			
HB1836	Secretary of Natural Resources. Renames the Secretary of Natural Resources as the Secretary of Natural and Cultural Resources. The bill also designates the Secretary as the Chief Resilience Officer and removes the Virginia Museum of Natural History from the purview of the Secretary.	Plum	1/13/21: House - Reported from ACNR (17-Y 5-N). 1/18/21: House - Read second time and engrossed
HB2187	Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency; study topics. Directs the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency to (i) undertake certain topics of study to assist the Commonwealth and achieve the mission of the Center, (ii) oversee the development of a Flood Resiliency Clearinghouse Program, (iii) research and provide recommendations for solutions that manage both water quality and flooding and emphasize nature-based solutions, and (iv) make final recommendations for solutions to be approved for flood mitigation that are deemed appropriate for permitting by certain agencies of the Commonwealth.	Hodges	1/18/21: House - Subcommittee recommends referring to Appropriations
HB2188	Department of Health; Department of Environmental Quality; pilot program; engineered septic systems. Requires the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, to initiate a three-year pilot program designed to study the use of engineered septic systems that house and treat sewage effluent in an elevated, self-contained unit suitable for areas with high water tables and susceptible to flooding in Coastal Virginia.	Hodges	1/18/21: House - Subcommittee recommends referring to Appropriations
HJ552	Study: joint subcommittee to study recurrent inland and urban flooding across the Commonwealth; report. Establishes a two-year joint subcommittee, consisting of eight legislative members and five nonlegislative citizen members, to study the development of a comprehensive and coordinated planning effort to address recurrent flooding in inland and urban areas across the Commonwealth. The joint subcommittee shall complete its work by November 30, 2022, and submit its findings and recommendations by the first day of the 2023 Session of the General Assembly.	Levine	1/13/21: House - Referred to Rules
SB1309	Local stormwater assistance; flood mitigation and protection. Authorizes grants from a local Stormwater Management Fund to be used for measures that are part of a comprehensive flood mitigation and protection plan adopted by the locality, including floodproofing, flood protection products, and grading. Current law allows such funds to be used only for the construction, improvement, or repair of a stormwater management facility or for erosion and sediment control.	Ebbin	1/18/21: Senate - Committee substitute printed
SB1352	Flood control; Department of Flood Control and Commonwealth Flood Control Board established; report. Creates the 14-member Commonwealth Flood Control Board (the Board) as a policy board in the executive branch of state government with various duties coordinating and implementing existing and new flood control programs and measures in Virginia, including flood control components of other state agency programs. The 10 nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor to five-year terms, initially staggered as provided in the bill.	Lewis	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
HB1800 114#8h	Elevated Septic System Pilot Project in Rural Coastal Virginia. This amendment provides \$120,000 over the biennium from the general fund to fund an elevated specific system pilot program at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission. Septic systems in coastal Virginia suffer from a constant threat of sea level rise, storm surges, and chronic flooding which can cause catastrophic failures of in ground septic systems due to water inundation.	Hodges	Member Request

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Water Resources - Stormwater/Water Supply/Water Quality			
HB1982	Nutrient credits; use by facility with certain stormwater discharge permit. Authorizes a facility that has been issued a Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permit regulating stormwater discharges to acquire, use, and transfer nutrient credits for compliance with any waste load allocation established as an effluent limitation in its VPDES permit so long as the credits meet several requirements. Current law allows only a facility registered under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit to use nutrient credits for such purpose.	Bulova	1/11/21: House - Referred to ACNR
HB2129	Chesapeake Bay; wastewater treatment; Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program. Requires the State Water Control Board to adopt by June 30, 2022, regulations establishing a Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program (ENRC Program), consisting of a number of total nitrogen and total phosphorous waste load allocation reductions assigned to particular water treatment facilities with schedules for compliance. The bill provides that the ENRC Program shall operate in lieu of certain Chesapeake Bay waste load regulations. The bill directs the Board to modify affected discharge permits to incorporate the provisions of the ENRC Program and requires certain compliance plans due from treatment works by February 1, 2023, to address the requirements of the ENRC Program.	Lopez	1/15/21: House - Assigned ACNR sub: Chesapeake
HB2257	Hampton Roads Sanitation District. Makes numerous changes to the enabling act for the Hampton Roads Sanitation District related to the addition of Northampton and Accomack Counties to the district, including realignment of the residency requirements for Commissioners. Other changes include (i) defining the term "associated water system" and inserting it as appropriate throughout the bill; (ii) amending certain eminent domain powers related to procurement of lands contiguous to the site of an existing sewage disposal system for construction and operation of an expanded sewage disposal system to meet new regulatory requirements, including nutrient removal technology; (iii) altering authority related to rates; and (iv) making various technical and clarifying updates.	Bloxom	1/13/21: House - Referred to CC&T
SB1210	Environmental permit fees. Directs the Virginia Waste Management Board to adopt regulations to collect from any person operating certain facilities permitted for the disposal, storage, or treatment of nonhazardous solid waste such annual fees as are necessary to provide funding for the total direct costs of the nonhazardous solid waste management program when aggregated and combined with other existing fees. The bill also directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations specifying permit maintenance fees that each permitted facility shall pay to the Board for certain water quality or withdrawal permits. The bill requires the fee amounts to be set at an amount that is necessary to collect no less than 40 percent and no greater than 50 percent of the direct costs required for the administration, compliance, and enforcement of such permits. The bill contains enactment clauses that (i) direct the relevant Boards to adopt such regulations by January 1, 2022, and (ii) provide for the expiration of existing provisions for similar permit fees contingent upon the adoption of such regulations.	Petersen	1/11/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR

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SB1311	Water quality standards; modification of permits and certifications. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) to revise the applicable erosion and sediment control plan or stormwater management plan when a stop work order has been issued for violations related to certain pipelines to ensure compliance with state water quality standards. The bill changes from the Department to the State Water Control Board (the Board) the entity that approves such water quality standards and specifications for certain pipelines. The bill requires an applicant seeking modification or revocation of certain approvals or conditions from another state or federal agency that is likely to result in an adverse impact to state water quality to submit to the Board a copy of the request for such modification or revocation along with certain information.	McClellan	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
SB1354	Chesapeake Bay; wastewater treatment; Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program. Requires the State Water Control Board to adopt by June 30, 2022, regulations establishing a Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program (ENRC Program), consisting of a number of total nitrogen and total phosphorous waste load allocation reductions assigned to particular water treatment facilities with schedules for compliance. The bill provides that the ENRC Program shall operate in lieu of certain Chesapeake Bay waste load regulations. The bill directs the Board to modify affected discharge permits to incorporate the provisions of the ENRC Program and requires certain compliance plans due from treatment works by February 1, 2023, to address the requirements of the ENRC Program.	Hanger	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
SB1396	Sewage; Onsite Sewage Indemnification Fund; Wastewater Infrastructure Policy Working Group; report. Authorizes the State Board of Health to use the Onsite Sewage Indemnification Fund to provide grants and loans to property owners with income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines to repair failing onsite sewage systems or install onsite sewage systems on properties that lack adequate sewage disposal. The bill provides that no expenses shall be paid from the Fund to support the program for training and recognition of onsite soil evaluators, or to provide grants or loans to repair failing onsite sewage systems or install onsite sewage systems on properties that lack adequate sewage disposal in lieu of payment to any owner or owners qualified to receive payment from the Fund. The bill also directs the Board to adopt regulations that include consideration of the impacts of climate change on proposed treatment works. The bill sets out the policy of the Commonwealth regarding wastewater infrastructure and establishes the four-member Wastewater Infrastructure Policy Working Group as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government to continually assess wastewater infrastructure needs and develop policy recommendations. The bill provides that the Working Group shall expire in 2030. The bill also directs the Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health and in consultation with stakeholders, to estimate and report every four years the amount of wastewater infrastructure funding that is necessary to meet policy goals but is not eligible to be covered by grant funding pursuant to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Act of 1997.	Hashmi	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
SB1404	Stormwater Local Assistance Fund; grant requirements. Authorizes grants from the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund awarded for projects related to Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load (TMDL) requirements to take into account total phosphorus reductions or total nitrogen reductions. The bill authorizes grants awarded for eligible projects in localities with high or above average fiscal stress as reported by the Commission on Local Government to account for more than 50 percent of the costs of a project.	Lewis	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR

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HB1800 307#2h	Study of Certain Substances in Drinking Water. This amendment provides \$60,000 from the general fund each year for the work of the Virginia Department of Health Office of Drinking Water to continue its study of the occurrence of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), and other perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the Commonwealth's public drinking water and to develop recommendations for specific maximum contaminant levels for PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS for inclusion in regulations of the Board of Health applicable to waterworks.	Guzman	Member Request
HB1800 377#4h	SLAF Scoring Criteria. This amendment directs the Department of Environmental Quality to evaluate the criteria used to assess Stormwater Local Assistance Fund project proposals to include projects that address local stormwater resiliency and capacity needs.	Herring	Member Request
HB1800 377#6h	Research to Reduce Salt in Surface and Groundwater Resources. This amendment provides \$175,000 the second year for a field test of using native plants to capture and remove salt from paved surface stormwater runoff.	Krizek	Member Request
HB1800 377#7h	Harmful Algae Bloom Mitigation (language only). This amendment directs DEQ, VDACS, and VDH to convene a joint workgroup to provide a report on the prevalence of harmful algae blooms in Virginia waters and strategies to address their occurrence.	McGuire	Member Request
HB1800 379#1h	Annual Sewer Rate Increases (language only). This amendment authorizes DEQ to consider sewer rate increases as part of the determination of reasonable sewer cost as part of Water Quality Improvement Fund grant agreements.	Cole J.	Member Request
HB1800 C- 70#1h	Stormwater Local Assistance Fund. This amendment requests additional tax-supported bonds for stormwater quality retrofits/upgrades to provide funding based on the 2020 Needs Assessment from the Department of Environment Quality in order to meet Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan.	Bulova	Member Request
HB1800 C- 70#2h	Nutrient Removal Grants. This amendment requests additional tax-supported bonds for wastewater treatment plant upgrades driven by regulatory requirements from the Department of Environment Quality.	Bulova	Member Request
Water Resources - Other			
HB1983	Wetland and stream mitigation banks; proximity of impacted site. Provides that when a water protection permit applicant is required to purchase wetland or stream mitigation bank credits but no credits are available (i) in any mitigation provider's primary service area or (ii) at a cost of less than 200 percent of the price of credits available from a fund dedicated to achieving no net loss of wetland acreage and functions, the applicant may purchase or use credits from a mitigation provider's secondary service area. The bill provides certain requirements that the permit applicant must comply with in order to purchase or use such credits from a secondary service area, including minimum tree canopy requirements.	Bulova	1/11/21: House - Referred to ACNR
HB2042	Replacement and conservation of trees during development. Gives a locality the ability to exceed general requirements in its tree replacement and conservation ordinances in specific circumstances, including development that impacts stormwater permit requirements, recurrent flooding, formerly redlined areas, and comprehensive plan compliance.	Guy	1/14/21: House - Assigned CC&T sub: Land Use
SB1143	Extension of certain wetlands permits through 2021. Retroactively extends until January 1, 2022, certain wetlands permits set to expire between March 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021.	Cosgrove	1/5/21: House - Referred to ACNR

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SB1291	Virginia Water Protection Permit; withdrawal of surface water or ground water; plans for water auditing and leak detection and repair. Requires that any application for a permit to withdraw surface water or ground water include a water auditing plan and a leak detection and repair plan that comply with regulations adopted by the State Water Control Board pursuant to the provisions of the bill. The provisions of the bill shall not become effective until 30 days after the adoption by the Board of such regulations.	Mason	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
SB1393	Replacement and conservation of trees during development. Gives a locality the ability to exceed general requirements in its tree replacement and conservation ordinances in specific circumstances, including development that impacts stormwater permit requirements, recurrent flooding, formerly redlined areas, and comprehensive plan compliance.	Marsden	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to Local Government
HB1800: 107#1h	Tree Conservation Workgroup (language only). This amendment directs the Department of Forestry to convene a stakeholder workgroup to provide recommendations for policies which encourage increased tree cover in communities, and the preservation of mature trees and tree cover on sites being developed.	Hope	Member Request
HB1800 168#2h	VIMS - Manage Aquatic Diseases. This amendment requests funding to provide science-based guidance on the management of existing and emerging disease threats to critical fishery and aquaculture resources in the Commonwealth and Chesapeake Bay region.	Hodges	Member Request
HB1800 168#3h	VIMS - Saltwater Fisheries Survey. This amendment requests funding to provide scientific data for the management of saltwater fisheries in the Commonwealth of Virginia.	Hodges	Member Request
HB1800 377#5h	Study of Albemarle-Pamlico Watershed. This amendment directs the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct a comprehensive study of the Albemarle-Pamlico Watershed in Virginia.	Convirs-Fowler	Member Request
Other			
HB1752	Golf carts and utility vehicles; Town of Smithfield. Authorizes the governing body of the Town of Smithfield to, by ordinance, authorize a golf cart or utility vehicle to be operated on a designated public highway where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. The bill authorizes a golf cart or utility vehicle in the Town of Smithfield to cross any highway marked as a golf cart crossing by the Department of Transportation.	Brewer	12/14/20: House - Referred to Counties, Cities and Towns
HB1804	State parks; Department of Conservation and Recreation; recommendations for funding. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to develop recommendations for dedicated sources of funding for state parks that will be relatively stable from year to year. The Department shall submit its recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by November 1, 2021.	Orrock	1/12/21: House - Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources
HB2122	Golf carts and utility vehicles; Town of Ivor. Adds the Town of Ivor to the list of towns that may authorize the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on designated public highways despite not having established their own police departments.	Brewer	1/17/21: House - Assigned Transportation sub: Motor Vehicles

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HB2158	Retail sales and transient occupancy taxes on room rentals; Destination Marketing Fund created. Provides that retail sales and hotel taxes on transient room rentals shall be computed on the basis of the total charges or the total price paid for the use or possession of the room. For those cases in which a hotel or similar establishment contracts with an intermediary to facilitate the sale of the room and the intermediary charges the customer for the room and such facilitation efforts, the bill requires the intermediary to separately state the taxes on the bill or invoice provided to the customer and to collect the taxes based upon the total charges or the total price paid for the use or possession of the room. The bill provides that tax revenue attributable to the charge for the service provided by the intermediary, whether accruing to the state or a locality, shall be dedicated to destination marketing. The funds accruing to the state shall be deposited into the Destination Marketing Fund, created in the bill. Half of such funds shall be distributed by the Virginia Tourism Authority in the form of grants to local tourism authorities and the other half shall be expended by the Authority.	Watts	1/16/21: House - Assigned Finnace sub: #1
HB2217	Liability of public access authorities. Grants public access authorities, including the land holdings and facilities of such authorities, certain liability protections that are currently given to localities in relation to parks, recreational facilities, and playgrounds.	Hodges	1/13/21: House - Referred to Counties Cities and Towns
SB1141	Hampton Roads area refuse collection authority; financial planning. Changes various requirements of the Southeastern Public Service Authority (the Authority) when budgeting or incurring debt, including (i) changing the required five-year overall strategic plan to a financial plan, (ii) specifying that detailed financial plans be made only when incurring long-term debt or issuing new debt, (iii) authorizing other qualified financial consultants instead of a certified public accountant to assist in the creation of the detailed financial plan, (iv) changing from the Authority's Board of Directors to the Authority the body that performs a due diligence investigation of the appropriateness of issuing new debt, and (v) and raising the permissible threshold for the executive director of the authority to execute or commit the authority to a contract, memorandum of agreement, or memorandum of understanding without acquiring Board approval.	Cosgrove	1/18/21: Senate - Reported from Local Government (13-Y 0-N 1-A)
SB1186	Landfill siting; historic preservation. Prohibits the construction of any new municipal solid waste landfill within three miles of any designated historic district, building, structure, object, or site.	Hashmi	1/10/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
SB1200	Waste disposal; local approval. Requires any application (i) to store, provide treatment for, or dispose of hazardous waste or (ii) for a new solid waste management facility permit, except for a noncaptive industrial landfill, to include certification from the governing body for each locality within a five-mile radius of the facility, other than the locality in which the facility is or will be located, granting approval of the facility or activity.	Hashmi	1/11/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
SB1270	Eminent domain; notice of intent to file certificate. Provides that the notice required to be sent to a landowner prior to an authorized condemnor recording a certificate of take or certificate of deposit shall state that (i) the certificate of take or certificate of deposit will be recorded between 30 and 45 days from the date of the notice and (ii) that the property will transfer to the condemnor upon recordation and that the owner has the right to petition the court for distribution of the funds represented in the certificate.	Cosgrove	1/18/21: Senate - Reported from Judiciary (14-Y 0-N)

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SB1274	Government planning; wildlife corridors. Directs various agencies to consider and incorporate, where applicable, wildlife corridors and any recommendation of the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan. The bill directs the Department of Wildlife Resources to assist state agencies and political subdivisions, and by request any federal agency, in considering and incorporating, where applicable, wildlife corridors and the recommendations of the Plan when developing any governmental strategic plan, map, or action.	Marsden	1/12/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
SB1298	Tourism improvement districts. Authorizes any locality to create a local tourism improvement district plan, consisting of fees charged to businesses and used to fund tourism promotion activities and capital improvements. Under the bill, the locality is authorized to contract with a nonprofit entity to administer the activities and improvements.	Bell	1/18/21: Senate - Rerferred to Finance and Appropriations
SB1398	Retail sales and transient occupancy taxes on room rentals. Provides that retail sales and hotel taxes on transient room rentals shall be computed on the basis of the total charges or the total price paid for the use or possession of the room. For those cases in which a hotel or similar establishment contracts with an intermediary to facilitate the sale of the room and the intermediary charges the customer for the room and such facilitation efforts, the bill requires the intermediary to separately state the taxes on the bill or invoice provided to the customer and to collect the taxes based upon the total charges or the total price paid for the use or possession of the room. The bill provides that tax revenue attributable to the charge for the service provided by the intermediary, whether accruing to the state or a locality, shall be dedicated to tourism promotion.	Norment	1/13/21: Senate - Referred to Finance and Appropriations
HB1800 114#2h	Restore Increase for Planning District Commissions. This amendment restores additional support for Virginia's Planning District Commissions.	Bulova	Member Request
HB1800 410#2h	Hampton Roads Communications Staff. This amendment provides \$96,000 the second year to hire a full time staffer to serve Hampton Roads on a full-time basis in order to maintain communications campaigns and outreach events tailored for the region. Currently communications campaigns are maintained by staff in Richmond for all Virginia localities.	Price	Member Request