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Bill	Summary	Introduced By	Status
Coastal Protection/Sea Level Rise			
HB1964	Secretary for Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation. Creates the position of Secretary for Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation (the Secretary). The Secretary shall be responsible for consolidating into a single office the resources for coastal flooding threats and adaptation. The Secretary also shall be the lead in providing direction, ensuring accountability, and developing a statewide coastal flooding adaptation strategy. The Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Natural Resources, shall identify sources of funding for needed implementation of strategies for coastal protection and flooding adaptation.	Stolle	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HB2018	Virginia Alternative Energy and Coastal Protection Act. Requires the Governor to seek to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or other carbon trading program with an open auction of carbon allowances. The Department of Environmental Quality is directed to establish a carbon dioxide cap and trade program to reduce emissions released by electric generation stations. The revenues from the sale of carbon allowances are to be deposited in the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund, a revolving fund established in 2016 for the purposes of mitigating future flood damage and creating a low-interest loan program to help residents and businesses that are subject to recurrent flooding.	Villanueva	02/08/17 House: Left in Commerce and Labor
HJ672	Study; JLARC; coastal flooding adaptation and resiliency report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the ongoing efforts throughout the Commonwealth with regard to coastal flooding adaptation and resiliency and to (i) assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the Commonwealth's coastal flooding and adaptation development programs; (ii) assess how effectively the state and local governments	Stolle	01/26/17 House: Tabled in Rules by voice vote

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	develop, manage, and oversee coastal flooding and adaptation practices and strategies; and (iii) examine best practices and strategies used by the public and private sectors in other states and other countries to manage water through successful coastal flooding and adaptation strategies.		
SB1349	Secretary for Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation. Creates the position of Secretary for Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation (the Secretary). The Secretary shall be responsible for consolidating into a single office the resources for coastal flooding threats and adaptation. The Secretary also shall be the lead in providing direction, ensuring accountability, and developing a statewide coastal flooding adaptation strategy. The Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Natural Resources, shall identify sources of funding for needed implementation of strategies for coastal protection and flooding adaptation.	Lewis	01/31/17 Senate: Read third time and defeated by Senate (19-Y 21-N)
SB1471	Virginia Alternative Energy and Coastal Protection Act. Requires the Governor to seek to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or other carbon trading program with an open auction of carbon allowances. The Department of Environmental Quality is directed to establish a carbon dioxide cap and trade program to reduce emissions released by electric generation stations. The revenues from the sale of carbon allowances are to be deposited in the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund, a revolving fund established in 2016 for the purposes of mitigating future flood damage and creating a low-interest loan program to help residents and businesses that are subject to recurrent flooding.	Locke	02/02/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (7-Y 8-N)
SB1496	Virginia Alternative Energy and Coastal Protection Act. Requires the Governor to seek to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or other carbon trading program with an open auction of carbon allowances. The Department of Environmental Quality is directed to establish a carbon dioxide cap and trade program to reduce emissions released by electric generation stations. The revenues from the sale of carbon allowances are to be deposited in the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund, a revolving fund established in 2016 for the purposes of mitigating future flood damage and creating a low-interest loan program to help residents and businesses that are subject to recurrent flooding.	Lewis	01/26/17 Senate: Incorporated by Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (SB1471-Locke) (15-Y 0-N)
SJ297	Study; JLARC; coastal flooding adaptation and resiliency. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the ongoing efforts throughout the Commonwealth with regard to coastal flooding adaptation and resiliency and to determine the effectiveness of such efforts and issue appropriate recommendations.	Wagner	02/02/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Rules by voice vote

Budget Bill – Amendment Summaries: HB1500 & SB900

Item	Summary	Patron	Fund Information
383#2c	Fund State Match for Hampton Roads and Northern Neck Flooding Study Page 376, line 3, strike "\$647,093" and insert "\$1,147,093". Page 376, after line 23, insert: "C. Included in the appropriation for this item is \$500,000 the second year from the general fund for the Commonwealth's nonfederal cost match requirement to accomplish the United States Corps of Engineers Regional Reconnaissance Flood Control Study for both the Hampton Roads and Northern Neck regions as authorized by the U.S. Congress."	Stolle	Second Year – FY18: \$500,000 (from \$1 million 383#2h) Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Last Action: Conference report

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	This amendment provides \$500,000 the second year from the general fund for the nonfederal match to complete studies of flood control in the Hampton Roads and Northern Neck regions as authorized by the U.S. Congress to be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Both studies will evaluate each region's recurrent flooding patterns and hydrology; identify and score several high impact regional flood control projects; identify costs and benefits of mitigating high impact regional flood control projects; and make recommendations for comprehensive and coordinated regional flood mitigation to obtain federal funding for future projects. Without these studies, Hampton Roads and the Northern Neck are poorly positioned to accept federal funds from emergency appropriations that generally follow events like Hurricanes Isabelle, Irene, Matthew, and Super Storm Sandy.		
363 #1s	Creation of Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaptation Secretary Position This amendment creates the position of Secretary for Coastal Protection and Flooding Adaption within the Office of Natural Resources	Lewis	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved

Economic Development			
HB1624	Host Cities Economic Development Incentive and Host Cities Transportation Support Funds. Creates the Host Cities Economic Development Incentive Fund, administered by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, to support economic development, growth of existing businesses, and job creation related to the Port of Virginia in one or more host cities. The bill also creates the Host Cities Transportation Support Fund, administered by the Secretary of Transportation, to support transportation projects and facilities related to the Port of Virginia in one or more host cities. Summary: Focus on the fiscally stressed host cities of the Port of Virginia - Newport News, Norfolk, and Portsmouth. Host communities lose valuable waterfront property and bear the brunt of transportation issues associated with Port operations. The bill establishes a grant program similar to the State of Good Repair Program for Bridges where funding is dedicated to a specific need. In this case, the funds would be used to pay for any projects that alleviate and/or mitigate congestion created by increased rail activities and concentrated traffic linked to Port-related activities.	James	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HB1752	Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority (VEDP); grants and other economic incentive programs administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; waiver. Provides that notwithstanding any provision of law or applicable VEDP guidelines, a political subdivision or eligible business, as the case may be, may request a waiver that permits it to use no more than one-quarter of the grant or loan from any fund administered by VEDP for a purpose indirectly related to the economic development project for which the grant or loan was awarded. The bill provides that any request for a waiver shall be submitted to the VEDP or the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, as appropriate, for approval and provides that no such waiver shall be granted unless also approved by the Governor. The bill contains technical amendments.	Davis	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HB1970	Creation of economic revitalization zones in counties. Grants counties authority to create economic revitalization zones. The zones shall be for the purpose of providing incentives to private entities to purchase	Landes	02/01/17 House: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)

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	real property and interests in real property to assemble parcels suitable for economic development. Each county establishing an economic revitalization zone may grant incentives and provide regulatory flexibility. This authority currently exists for cities.		02/17/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 384 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0384)
HB1973	Economic Development Access Program; bonded projects. Imposes a 36-month moratorium on the repayment of funds allocated to a locality for a bonded project pursuant to the Economic Development Access Program. The bill contains an emergency clause.	O'Quinn	02/02/17 House: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (95-Y 0-N) 02/17/17 Senate: Passed Senate with amendment (40-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 House: VOTE: ADOPTION EMERGENCY (96-Y 0-N) 03/16/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 531 (effective 7/1/17)
HB2013	Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; board of directors; qualifications. Adds the Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority and the Vice President of Economic Development for the Virginia Port Authority, or their designees, as ex officio voting members of the board of directors of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority and commensurately reduces the number of appointees from 18 to 16. The bill sets out required areas of expertise for the 16 members appointed variously by the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Senate Committee on Rules, with such appointment requirements applying to appointments made on and after July 1, 2017.	Yancey	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HB2055	Rural Coastal Virginia Economic Development Authority. Establishes the Rural Coastal Virginia Economic Development Authority, consisting of the 12 counties within the Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula, and Accomack-Northampton planning districts. The Authority is created for the purpose of serving as a regional economic development body and represents a partnership of the Commonwealth, the planning districts, and the 12 counties of the coastal region. The Authority shall be governed by a 17-member board. The Authority may seek and approve loans and solicit donations, grants, and any other funding from the Commonwealth, the federal government, and regional, local government, and private entities, and distribute such money for projects to (i) assist the region in obtaining necessary job training or employment-related education, leadership and civic development, and business development, especially entrepreneurship for the coastal region; (ii) provide special assistance to distressed and underdeveloped counties within the coastal region; and (iii) fund demonstration projects, and conduct research, evaluations, and assessments of the coastal region's assets and needs.	Hodges	02/01/17 House: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N) 02/17/17 Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (39-Y 1-N) 02/21/17 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (96-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 388 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0388)
HB2347	Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund; limitation on use of moneys from the Fund. Provides that unless an exception has been granted by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, moneys in the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund shall not be used for any economic development project involving a business that relocates or expands its operations in one or more Virginia localities while	Byron	02/03/17 House: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (95-Y 0-N) 02/16/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

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	simultaneously closing its operations or substantially reducing the number of its employees in another Virginia locality. Under current law, this limitation on the use of the Fund is stated as a general policy rather than as a requirement. The bill also requires the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to provide written notice to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees at least 48 hours prior to the final approval of the grant or loan. Currently, the notice must be provided promptly, and a time frame is not specified.		03/20/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 663 (effective 7/1/17)
HJ673	Study; JLARC recommendations regarding VEDP; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study how best to implement the recommendations of the 2016 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission review of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.	Massie	01/26/17 House: Tabled in Rules by voice vote
HJ836	Commending Hampton Roads Community Action Program.	Price	02/03/17 House: Agreed to by House by voice vote 02/09/17 Senate: Agreed to in Senate by voice vote
SB15	Local economic development. Provides that the Virginia income tax net revenue and sales and use tax generated by certain corporations or limited liability companies within a qualified locality be transferred to the qualified locality under certain conditions. A qualified locality is one that (i) has made application to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority for a Major Employment and Investment Project Site Planning Grant and has been rejected for such grant and (ii) has expended local funds for the economic development purposes specified in the requirements for such grant provided by statute and in guidelines of the Authority. The bill provides that the total amount eligible to be returned to a qualified locality shall not exceed \$5 million for any single economic development project.	Garrett (resigned 1/3)	12/02/16: Senate: Left in Finance
SB1013	Host Cities Economic Development Incentive and Host Cities Transportation Support Funds. Creates the Host Cities Economic Development Incentive Fund, administered by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, to support economic development, growth of existing businesses, and job creation related to the Port of Virginia in one or more host cities. The bill also creates the Host Cities Transportation Support Fund, administered by the Secretary of Transportation, to support transportation projects and facilities related to the Port of Virginia in one or more host cities. Summary: Focus on the fiscally stressed host cities of the Port of Virginia - Newport News, Norfolk, and Portsmouth. Host communities lose valuable waterfront property and bear the brunt of transportation issues associated with Port operations. The bill establishes a grant program similar to the State of Good Repair Program for Bridges where funding is dedicated to a specific need. In this case, the funds would be used to pay for any projects that alleviate and/or mitigate congestion created by increased rail activities and concentrated traffic linked to Port-related activities.	Lucas	02/03/17: Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (28-Y 11-N) 02/21/17 House: Left in Appropriations
SB1203	Working waterfront development areas; establishment. Authorizes localities, by ordinance, to establish a working waterfront development area and grant certain incentives and regulatory flexibility to private entities for the development of working waterfronts in such area.	Lewis	01/30/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/14/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)

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			02/23/17 Governor: Approved by Governor – Chapter 216 (effective 7/1/17)
SB1591	Economic Development Access Program; bonded projects. Imposes a 36-month moratorium on the repayment of funds allocated to a locality for a bonded project pursuant to the Economic Development Access Program.	Carrico	02/03/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/20/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 Senate: House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/16/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 558 (effective 7/1/17)
SJ281	Study; long-term economic viability of working waterfronts; report. Requests the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to study the long-term economic viability of working waterfronts including a projection of the economic viability of preserving waterfront locations for new and existing water-dependent uses, and restoring working waterfront structures.	Lewis	02/02/17 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Rules by voice vote

Budget Bill – Amendment Summaries: HB1500 & SB900

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109#1c	Restore Go Virginia This amendment restores funding to the regional economic development activities of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board and reflects reductions in a central reversion account.		First Year – FY17: \$5.6 million Second Year – FY18: \$10.7 million Department of Housing and Community Development Last Action: Conference report
110 #1c	Restore Funding for Enterprise Zone Program This amendment restores \$1.0 million from the general fund of the \$1.8 million from the general fund reduction proposed in the Governor's introduced budget. The Enterprise Zone Program is consistently oversubscribed with qualified recipients receiving prorated grant awards. The Real Property Improvement Grants portion of the Enterprise Zone Program was prorated at 69 percent in fiscal year 2014 and 67 percent in fiscal year 2015 (the most recent annual report available). This action mitigates the need to prorate grant awards and is consistent with the recommendations of the Enterprise Zone Program study just completed at the request of the General Assembly by the VCU Center for Urban and Regional Analysis.		First Year – FY17: \$500,000 Second Year – FY18: \$500,000 Commerce and Trade Department of Housing and Community Development Last Action: Conference report
348#1c	TANF Funds for Community Employment & Training Programs Page 347, line 48, strike "\$34,555,789" and insert "\$42,055,789". Page 350, after line 11, insert: "M.1. Out of this appropriation, \$7,500,000 from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant the second year shall be provided for competitive grants for community		Second Year – FY18: \$7.5 million NGF Department of Social Services Last Action: Conference report

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	<p>employment and training programs designed to move low-income individuals out of poverty through programs designed to assist TANF recipients in obtaining and retaining competitive employment with the prospect of a career path and wage growth and other supportive services designed to break the cycle of poverty and permanently move individuals out of poverty. Of this amount, \$2.0 million shall be provided for competitive grants provided through Employment Services Organizations (ESOs).</p> <p>2. The Department of Social Services shall award grants to qualifying programs through a memorandum of understanding which articulates performance measures and outcomes including the number of individuals participating in services, number of individuals hired into employment, the number of unique employers hiring individuals through organizational programs and activities, the average starting wage of individuals hired, reductions in the rate of poverty, as well as process measures such as how the program targets improvement in poverty over a 3-5 year period and fits in with long term community goals for reducing poverty. Grants shall require local matching funds of at least a 25 percent, including in-kind services.</p> <p>3. Community employment and training programs and ESOs shall report on annual program performance and outcome measures contained in the memorandum of understanding with the Department of Social Services. The department shall report on the implementation of the programs and any performance and outcome data collected through the memorandum of understanding by June 1, 2018."</p> <p>This amendment provides 7.5 million in fiscal year 2018 from federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant for community employment and training programs, of which \$2.0 million is directed at grants to Employment Services Organizations (ESOs). Funds will be allocated to qualifying programs through a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Social Services which sets out performance measures and outcomes such as number of participants, number of participants hired into employment, number of unique employers hiring individuals through the programs and the average starting salary of participants hired among others. In addition, funding is contingent upon local match of at least 25%, including in-kind services. Language requires community programs and ESOs to report on program performance and outcome measures contained in the memorandum of understanding with the Department of Social Services. A report on the implementation of the programs and performance and outcome measure is required by June 1, 2018 to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.</p>		
109 #4h	<p>Enterprise Zone Program. This amendment increases funding by \$2 million from the general fund the first year and \$1,835,533 from the general fund the second year for the Enterprise Zone Program by restoring the biennium amounts to Chapter 780 levels and provides an additional \$1,000,000 each year to reduce pro-ration of the real property improvement grant, per the recent study conducted by the VCU Center for Urban and Regional Analysis.</p>	James	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved

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348#4h	TANF Funds for Employment and Training This amendment provides \$5.0 million in fiscal year 2018 from federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant for local community employment and training programs for TANF recipients to help move them out of poverty on a permanent basis. Language requires the Department of Social Services to condition grants on the measurement of outcomes that reduce TANF dependence and help recipients to obtain and retain employment that will help move them out of poverty on a permanent basis. The department is required to report on the grant program by the end of fiscal year 2018.	Sickles	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved
436 #3H	Host Cities Transportation Support Fund This amendment provides \$5.0 million from the general fund in the second year to establish a new transportation fund to support projects to help Port host cities address roadway degradation and congestion directly associated with activity at the ports of Virginia. The Fund would be established pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 1624, 2017 Session of the General Assembly.	James	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved
105 #1s	Host Cities Economic Development Incentive Fund This amendment provides \$1.0 million GF in the second year for the creation of the Host Cities Economic Development Incentive Fund to support economic development related projects in the host localities to the Port of Virginia. A companion amendment in the Secretary of Transportation establishes the Host Cities Transportation Support Fund.	Lucas	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved

Education			
HB400	Virginia Student Loan Refinancing Authority established. Establishes the Virginia Student Loan Refinancing Authority, to be governed by a 10-member board, for the purpose of developing and implementing a program by which each individual who incurred qualified education loan debt as a Virginia student at an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth and who is eligible, on the basis of criteria established by the Authority that are substantially similar to criteria used by private lenders in the Commonwealth to evaluate student eligibility for an unsecured personal loan at market rates, may receive a loan from the Authority to refinance all or part of his qualified education loans, as that term is defined in relevant federal law.	Simon	12/01/16 House: Left in Commerce and Labor
HB1019	Educational improvement scholarships tax credit program; pre-kindergarten eligibility. Modifies the educational improvement scholarships tax credit program by including as eligible scholarship recipients children enrolled in or attending nonpublic pre-kindergarten programs. The maximum annual scholarship that a child enrolled in or attending a nonpublic pre-kindergarten program will receive is the lesser of the child's actual educational expenses or the state share of the grant per child under the Virginia Preschool Initiative for the locality in which the child resides.	Massie	12/01/16 House: Left in Finance
HB1410	Certain educational institutions; designation of governing boards; financial assistance; enrollment. Renames as boards of trustees the boards of visitors of certain educational institutions in the Commonwealth, including baccalaureate public institutions of higher education. The bill prohibits public institutions of higher education from using (i) tuition revenue from any Virginia student to provide financial assistance to any Virginia student or non-Virginia student and (ii) more than five percent of tuition revenue from non-Virginia students to provide financial assistance to non-Virginia students. The bill also requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education, except the Virginia Military Institute, Norfolk State University, and Virginia	Albo	02/07/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N) 02/16/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Education and Health (7-Y 8-N)

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	State University, to ensure that at least 75 percent of the undergraduate students enrolled at the institution have established domicile in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the governing boards of public institutions that do not meet such 75 percent threshold to submit to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia a plan to incrementally increase enrolled undergraduate Virginia students each academic year to ensure compliance no later than the 2020-2021 academic year.		
HB1434	Tuition Assistance Grant Program; eligible institutions; student speech and expression. Requires each nonprofit private institution of higher education otherwise eligible to participate in the Tuition Assistance Grant Program to guarantee in writing, in its student handbook or a similar publication, freedom of speech and expression for enrolled students in order to be considered an eligible institution for the Program.	Head	02/01/17 House: Tabled in Education by voice vote
HB1690	Virginia Preschool Initiative; local matching funds. Removes the requirement for local governing bodies to commit to providing the required matching funds in order to qualify for grants under the Virginia Preschool Initiative.	Dudenhefer	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HB1721	State Board for Community Colleges; reduced rate tuition and mandatory fee charges; certain students who are active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Permits the State Board for Community Colleges to charge reduced rate tuition and mandatory fees to any student who is (i) an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States; (ii) enrolled in a degree program at a comprehensive community college, provided that any such comprehensive community college that offers online degree programs is a member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity; and (iii) enrolled in training that leads to a Military Occupational Specialty in the Army or Marine Corps, an Air Force Specialty Code, or a Navy Enlisted Classification.	Anderson	02/07/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N) 02/14/17 Senate: Passed Senate (37-Y 3-N) 02/24/17 Governor: Governor's recommendation received by House 02/25/17 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (96-Y 0-N)
HB1724	Eligibility for in-state tuition charges; members of the Virginia National Guard who reside in the Commonwealth. Declares eligible for in-state tuition charges any member of the Virginia National Guard who resides in the Commonwealth, regardless of the domicile of such individual. The bill removes the current requirement that guard members be mobilized or on temporary active orders for 180 days or more in order to be eligible for in-state tuition charges.	Anderson	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HB1756	Education improvement scholarships tax credit; eligibility requirements. Eliminates the requirement that a student currently or recently have attended public school in order to qualify for a scholarship from a scholarship foundation that provides tax-credit-derived scholarships. The bill increases the maximum annual scholarship amount from 100 percent of the per pupil amount distributed to the local school division as its share of standards of quality costs (i) for a student with a disability, to 400 percent of such amount and (ii) for a student who has an autism spectrum disorder, to \$26,000. The bill adds to the definition of "qualified educational expenses" expenditures made in connection to summer education.	Davis	02/07/17 House: Left in Finance
HB1805	Certain school divisions; plan to fund and phase in full-day kindergarten. Requires each local school board that does not offer a full-day kindergarten program for each kindergarten student in the school division to develop a plan to fund and phase in a full-day kindergarten program for each kindergarten student in the school division and submit the plan to the General Assembly in advance of the 2018 Regular Session of the	Bell	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations

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HB1838	Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credits; Board of Education. Changes the process of allocating credits to neighborhood organizations submitting education proposals. The bill directs the Board of Education to develop regulations that would allow credits to be prioritized for proposals benefiting underperforming school districts in the Commonwealth, that would allow for the input of local leaders regarding the education needs of localities in which the proposed programs are located, and that would require the inclusion of performance and accountability measures in the proposals. The bill also requires the Board of Education to adopt regulations for the administration of the program that would replace the current practice of the adoption of guidelines by the Department of Education	Orrock	02/02/17 House: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (95-Y 0-N) 02/17/17 Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (95-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 317 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0317)
HB1848	Comprehensive community colleges; tuition grants. Provides that certain Virginia students who were in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or considered a special needs adoption and are enrolled in a noncredit workforce credential training program in a comprehensive community college may qualify for a grant for the payment of tuition and fees.	Hester	02/07/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N) 02/20/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 318 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0318)
HB1887	Public institutions of higher education; tuition assistance for non-Virginia students; proceeds from state debt and revenues generated from state taxes and fees. Prohibits each public institution of higher education from using any proceeds from state debt or revenues generated from state taxes and fees that are appropriated to such institution to offer any form of tuition assistance to any non-Virginia student and requires each public institution of higher education to separately account for such proceeds and revenues and provide a report of expenditures from such account to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance upon the request of such committees.	Hugo	02/03/17 House: Incorporated by Appropriations (HB1410-Albo) by voice vote
HB1892	Governing board of public institution of higher education; independent audit. Requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to submit the annual financial statements for the fiscal year ending the preceding June 30 and the accounts and status of any ongoing capital projects to a certified public accounting firm for the independent audit of such statements at the expense of the institution.	Miyares	02/07/17 House: Left in Education
HB1895	Virginia Student Loan Refinancing Authority; refinancing loan guaranty program. Establishes the Virginia Student Loan Refinancing Authority (the Authority), to be governed by a 10-member board, for the purpose of developing and implementing a program by which the Authority may guarantee the obligations of an individual who incurred qualified education loan debt as a Virginia student at an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth under loans that refinance such education loan debt. The measure limits eligibility to individuals who have not received, and are not eligible to receive, relief under applicable federal student loan repayment or loan forgiveness programs. The Authority is authorized to issue bonds to finance its obligations	Price	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations

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	under such loan guarantees.		
HB1923	Virtual Virginia; availability. Requires that the Virtual Virginia program, established by the Department of Education, be made available to all public middle and high schools. The bill provides that such program may be made available to all public elementary schools. Under current law, Virtual Virginia is required to be made available to public high schools only. The bill also replaces the term "statewide electronic classroom" with "online learning program" to more accurately reflect the Virtual Virginia program.	Bagby	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HB1962	Education Improvement Scholarships tax credit. Increases the Education Improvement Scholarships tax credit from 65 percent to 90 percent of the value of donations made to nonprofit scholarship foundations, beginning in taxable year 2018.	Massie	02/02/17 House: Engrossment refused by House
HB1963	Educational Improvement Scholarships tax credit; pre-kindergarten eligibility. Expands the educational improvement scholarships tax credit program by including as eligible scholarship recipients children enrolled in or attending nonpublic pre-kindergarten programs. The maximum annual scholarship that a child enrolled in or attending a nonpublic pre-kindergarten program will receive is the lesser of the child's actual educational expenses or the state share of the grant per child under the Virginia Preschool Initiative for the locality in which the child resides. Under current law, tax credits are awarded to individuals and businesses making donations to nonprofit scholarship foundations using the donated funds to award scholarships to certain students in grades K-12 attending nonpublic schools. Eligible scholarship recipients are students in grades K-12 with a finalized individualized education program (IEP) in place or whose annual household income is not in excess of 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The bill defines an eligible pre-kindergarten child as a child who is (i) a resident of Virginia, (ii) an at-risk four-year-old unserved by Head Start programs, and (iii) enrolled in or attending a nonpublic pre-kindergarten program. In addition, the family of the child (a) cannot have annual household income in excess of 300 percent of the current poverty guidelines or 400 percent of such guidelines if an IEP has been written and finalized for the child, (b) must be homeless as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 11302, or (c) must include parents or guardians of the child who are school dropouts. The bill defines a nonpublic pre-kindergarten program as a preschool program designed for child development and kindergarten preparation (1) that complies with nonpublic school accreditation requirements administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE) or (2) that is participating in Virginia Quality (a partnership between the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and the Office of Early Childhood Development of the Department of Social Services) with a current designation of at least Level 3 under such rating system. The bill includes several other curriculum and administrative requirements that must be met by	Massie	02/01/17 House: Tabled in Finance by voice vote

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	a nonpublic pre-kindergarten program in order for children attending the program to be eligible to receive scholarships under the tax credit program. Under the bill, VCPE or the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation will certify nonpublic pre-kindergarten programs meeting such curriculum and administrative requirements.		
HB1965	Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program; Expected Family Contribution. Broadens eligibility for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program by including students whose Expected Family Contribution, as calculated by the federal government using the family's financial information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), is no more than \$12,000. Currently the program is available only to students whose Expected Family Contribution is no more than \$8,000. The bill does not affect additional eligibility requirements for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program.	Massie	01/30/17 House: Vote: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N) 02/16/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/03/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 297 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0297)
HB1966	Education improvement scholarships tax credit; eligibility requirements and benefits for students with a disability. Expands the education improvement scholarships tax credit program by removing the requirement that a child with a disability be a student enrolled or recently enrolled in public school in order to be eligible. The bill reduces the penalty for failure to fully disburse all donations received from 200 percent to 100 percent of unused donations. The bill increases the scholarship amount available for an eligible child with a disability from 100 percent to 400 percent of the per-pupil amount distributed to the local school division as the state's share of the standards of quality costs.	Massie	01/30/17 House: Stricken from docket by Finance by voice vote
HB1981	School Divisions of Innovation. Requires the Board to promulgate regulations for the designation of School Divisions of Innovation in which the local school board in the local school division so designated shall, pursuant to a plan of innovation, be exempted from certain regulatory and statutory provisions and be permitted to adopt alternative policies for school administrators, teachers, and staff to meet the diverse needs of students and to improve student learning; educational performance; and college, career, and citizenship readiness skills in each school in the local school division.	Greason	02/07/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N) 02/17/17 Senate: Passed Senate with amendment (40-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (96-Y 0-N) 03/24/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 760
HB2015	DRIVE SMART Virginia Education Fund. Establishes a method by which holders of an account for an electronic toll collection device that is the property of the Commonwealth may opt in to make a voluntary contribution through electronic means to the DRIVE SMART Virginia Education Fund (the Fund), created by the bill. The bill requires that contributions to the Fund be used solely for the purposes of supporting educational projects through DRIVE SMART Virginia.	Villanueva	01/31/17 House: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N) 02/20/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/16/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 533 (effective 7/1/17)
HB2041	Department of Social Services; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Scholarship Pilot Program. Directs the Department of Social Services (the Department) to establish and administer a three-year Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Scholarship Pilot Program (the Program) for the purpose of providing access to postsecondary educational opportunities to students living in poverty. The Program would provide prepaid scholarships to select community colleges in the amount of \$2,000 per year, to be applied toward the	Murphy	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations

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	costs of tuition and books, to 50 to 75 selected students who meet TANF eligibility requirements. The Program would be funded by the unexpended balance in federal TANF block grant funds. The bill directs the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services to report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1 of each year regarding the effectiveness of and other information about the Program.		
HB2250	Bonds for institutions of higher education. Authorizes issuance of bonds in an amount up to \$13,637,000 for revenue-producing capital projects at institutions of higher education. The bill has an emergency clause.	Jones	02/03/17 House: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (95-Y 0-N) 02/15/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/16/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 611 (effective 7/1/17)
HB2299	Comprehensive community colleges; tuition grants. Provides that certain Virginia students who were in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or considered a special needs adoption and are enrolled in a noncredit workforce credential training program in a comprehensive community college may qualify for a grant for the payment of tuition and fees.	LaRock	02/07/17 House: Left in Education
HB2342	Public schools; regional charter school divisions. Authorizes the Board of Education (Board) to establish regional charter school divisions consisting of two or more existing school divisions in regions in which one or more of the underlying school divisions have an enrollment of more than 3,000 students and one or more schools that have accreditation denied status for two out of the past three years. The bill requires such regional charter school divisions to be supervised by a school board that consists of eight members appointed by the Board and one member appointed by the localities of each of the underlying divisions. The bill authorizes the school board, after a review by the Board, to review and approve public charter school applications in the regional charter school divisions and to contract with the applicant. The bill requires the state share of Standards of Quality per pupil funding of the underlying school district in which the public charter school is physically located transferred to such school.	Landes	02/07/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (55-Y 42-N) 02/20/17 Senate: Passed Senate (21-Y 19-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Vetoed by Governor
HB2426	Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program; eligibility; renewal; amount of grants. Changes the student eligibility criteria for Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program grants by removing the requirement that the recipient be a dependent and by requiring the recipient to be enrolled full time. The bill places the following condition of renewal of Program grants: (i) no recipient shall receive a subsequent grant until he has satisfied the requirements to advance to the next class level; (ii) no recipient shall receive more than one year of support per class level for a maximum total of two years of support at an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education or more than one year of support per class level for a maximum total of four years of support at a baccalaureate public institution of higher education; and (iii) no recipient shall receive more than a combined lifetime total of four years of support. The bill permits public institutions of higher education to use Program funds to provide larger awards to students in a higher class level or to students who enroll in 15 or more credit hours per semester. The provisions of the bill become effective beginning with the	Sickles	02/01/17 House: Incorporated by Appropriations (HB2427-Cox) by voice vote

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	first-time entering freshman class of the fall 2018 academic year.		
HB2427	Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program; grants. Makes several changes to the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program (Program), including adding requirements that (i) each student eligible for the Program receive a grant from the institution's appropriations for undergraduate student financial assistance before grants are awarded to students with equivalent remaining need, (ii) each eligible student receive a Program grant in an amount greater than other grants awarded to students with equivalent remaining need, (iii) each eligible student receive a Program grant in an amount greater than the grant of each eligible student with equivalent remaining need in the next-lowest class level, and (iv) each Program grant be determined by a proportionate award schedule adopted by each institution and vary according to each student's remaining need and the total of tuition, fees, and other necessary charges, including books.	Cox	02/07/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N) 02/16/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 325 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0325)
HB2434	Department of Education; community schools. Requires the Department of Education to establish an interagency taskforce composed of state and local agencies and entities in the areas of early childhood development, health, social services, community engagement, family engagement, higher education, and workforce development for the purpose of developing a pilot program for the establishment of community schools whereby public elementary and secondary schools serve as centers for the provision of such community programs and services to students and their families as may be necessary based on the unique needs of the student population to be served. The bill requires such pilot program to include a process by which school boards and community partnerships may apply to the Department of Education to designate an elementary or secondary school in the local school division as a community school. The bill also establishes a special nonreverting fund in the state treasury for the purpose of providing planning grants for school boards who seek to apply to the Department of Education through such pilot program for community school designation.	Rasoul	02/07/17 House: Left in Education
HJ679	Study; Joint Committee to Study the Future of Public Elementary and Secondary Education in the Commonwealth; experiential learning and workforce development opportunities in high-demand fields; report. Directs the Joint Committee to Study the Future of Public Elementary and Secondary Education in the Commonwealth to study experiential learning and workforce development opportunities for high school students in high-demand fields.	Filler-Corn	01/26/17 House: Tabled in Rules by voice vote
HJ791	Early childhood education. Recognizes the importance of early childhood brain development and the early childhood profession and recognizes and encourages, among other things, the ongoing efforts of the Virginia Department of Social Services, the Virginia Department of Education, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Virginia Community College System, other public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth, and other entities that utilize public funds to administer, support, or study early education in the Commonwealth to collaborate to maximize all existing funding streams and develop and implement policies and programs to advance the school readiness of children in the Commonwealth from birth to age five and the school success of children by the critical milestone of third grade.	Greason	01/31/17 House: Tabled in Rules by voice vote

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SB17	Grants for donations to science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) programs at qualified schools. Establishes a grant program administered by the Board of Education beginning in 2017 for donations made by STEM organizations to qualified schools. The donations must be used by qualified schools to support STEM programs. The bill defines qualified schools as those public elementary and secondary schools at which at least 40 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Grants are capped at \$50,000 per organization per year.	Stanley	12/01/16 House: Left in Appropriations
SB402	Virginia Higher Education Scholarship Act. Requires, beginning with the incoming freshman class of 2017, the board of visitors of a four-year public institution of higher education to maintain a ratio of the in-state and out-of-state student population in each incoming freshman class that is not less than 55 percent in-state students. The bill establishes the Virginia Higher Education Scholarship Fund and Program. The program grants scholarships to the top two percent of graduates from Virginia public high schools. The scholarships pay for tuition, mandatory fees, room, and board for eight semesters over five years. Recipients may apply the scholarships to one of nine public institutions of higher education on the basis of the locality of the student's high school or to Norfolk State University, Virginia Military Institute, or Virginia State University.	Garrett (resigned 1/3)	12/02/16 Senate: Left in Education and Health
SB985	Higher education; in-state tuition. Prohibits any percentage increase in in-state tuition or instructional fees for undergraduate students at Virginia's public institutions of higher education that exceeds the annual percentage increase, as determined by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in the Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, from January 1 through December 31 of the year immediately preceding the affected year.	DeSteph	1/25/17: Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (16-Y 0-N)
SB986	Higher education; in-state tuition. Prohibits any percentage increase in in-state tuition or instructional fees for undergraduate students at Virginia's public institutions of higher education that exceeds the annual percentage increase, as determined by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in the national average wage index as defined in § 209(k)(1) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 409(k)(1), of the calendar year immediately preceding the affected year.	DeSteph	1/25/17: Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (16-Y 0-N)
SB987	Higher education; in-state tuition. Prohibits any percentage increase in in-state tuition or instructional fees for undergraduate students at Virginia's public institutions of higher education that exceeds the annual percentage increase, as determined by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, of the median household income in the Commonwealth established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, of the calendar year immediately preceding the affected year.	DeSteph	1/25/17: Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (16-Y 0-N)
SB999	Comprehensive community colleges; academic credit. Requires the State Board of Community Colleges to require each comprehensive community college to develop policies and procedures for awarding academic credit to enrolled students who have successfully completed a state-approved registered apprenticeship credential.	Ruff	01/17/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/10/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (95-Y 0-N) 02/17/17 Governor: Approved by Governor – Chapter 21 (effective 7/1/17)

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SB1087	Higher education; in-state tuition. Prohibits, without the prior statutory approval of the General Assembly, any percentage increase in in-state tuition or instructional fees for undergraduate students at Virginia's public institutions of higher education that exceeds twice the annual percentage increase, as determined by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in the Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, from January 1 through December 31 of the year immediately preceding the affected year.	Sturtevant	1/25/17: Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (16-Y 0-N)
SB1088	Public institutions of higher education; fixed four-year tuition rate. Requires the governing boards of baccalaureate public institutions of higher education to annually establish an in-state tuition rate class cap that identifies the annual amount that the cost of in-state tuition will not exceed for each of the following four years. The bill prohibits the cost of in-state tuition from exceeding the class rate cap for an in-state student in the relevant class.	Sturtevant	1/25/17: Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (16-Y 0-N)
SB1167	Tax credits related to education; aggregate cap. Allocates 20 percent of any unissued credits in a fiscal year under the Education Improvement Scholarships tax credit program to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to be allocated to education programs under the Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit program during the next fiscal year. The 20 percent of unissued credits would be added to the current \$9 million cap for education programs under the Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit program.	DeSteph	01/31/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (14-Y 1-N)
SB1240	Virginia Virtual School established. Establishes the Board of the Virginia Virtual School (the Board) as a policy agency in the executive branch of state government for the purpose of governing the full-time virtual school programs offered to students enrolled in the Virginia Virtual School (the School). The Secretary of Education is responsible for such agency. The 14-member Board is given operational control of the School and assigned powers and duties. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the bill requires the School to be open to any school-age person in the Commonwealth and to provide an educational program meeting the Standards of Quality for grades kindergarten through 12, with a maximum enrollment of 5,000 students statewide. The bill requires the average state share of Standards of Quality per pupil funding for each enrolled student to be transferred to the School.	Dunnavant	02/07/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (23-Y 17-N) 02/20/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (59-Y 37-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Vetoed by Governor
SB1246	Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; special education programs. Grants, for a period of three years, eligibility for funding from the state pool of funds available through the Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families program to children and youth placed for purposes of special education in a public school special educational program established and funded jointly by a local governing body and school board pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of providing special education, related services, or both within a public day program, when the public school special educational program is able to provide services comparable to those of an approved private school special educational program, and the student would require placement in an approved private school special educational program but for the availability of the public school special educational program.	Stuart	02/02/17 Senate: Stricken at request of patron in Education and Health (14-Y 0-N)

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SB1376	Public institutions of higher education; public notice of proposed tuition increase. Prohibits the governing board of a public institution of higher education from approving an increase in tuition or mandatory fees without first providing students, parents, and the public a brief synopsis of the proposed increase and notice of the date, time, and location of any vote on the increase at least 30 days prior to such vote and providing an opportunity for public comment on such proposed increase at a board meeting at least two meetings in advance of such vote.	Petersen	02/01/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/20/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N) 2/23/17 Senate: House amendments agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/16/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 523 (effective 7/1/17)
SB1379	Public institutions of higher education; tuition. Requires the governing board of a public institution of higher education to implement a plan to reduce in-state tuition over the next five years if the total of any budget surpluses or cash reserves is greater than 150 percent of its cost of education for the total enrollment in actual attendance during the fiscal year.	Petersen	1/25/17: Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (16-Y 0-N)
SB1405	Public institutions of higher education; notice of proposed tuition increase. Prohibits the governing board of a public institution of higher education from approving an increase in tuition or mandatory fees without first publishing in a prominent location on the institution's website a brief synopsis of the proposed increase including an explanation of the need for such increase and the maximum potential amount of such increase and notice of the date, time, and location of any vote on the increase at least 30 days prior to such vote. The bill requires a copy of the synopsis and the notice to be emailed to each student and requires that public comment be accepted at any hearing on the increase.	Surovell	01/26/17 Senate: Incorporated by Education and Health (SB1376-Petersen) (15-Y 0-N)
SB1426	Education Improvement Scholarships tax credit. Increases the Education Improvement Scholarships tax credit from 65 percent to 90 percent of the value of donations made to nonprofit scholarship foundations, beginning in taxable year 2018.	Stanley	01/31/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (9-Y 7-N)
SB1427	Educational Improvement Scholarships tax credit; pre-kindergarten eligibility. Expands the educational improvement scholarships tax credit program by including as eligible scholarship recipients children enrolled in or attending nonpublic pre-kindergarten programs. The maximum annual scholarship that a child enrolled in or attending a nonpublic pre-kindergarten program will receive is the lesser of the child's actual educational expenses or the state share of the grant per child under the Virginia Preschool Initiative for the locality in which the child resides. Under current law, tax credits are awarded to individuals and businesses making donations to nonprofit scholarship foundations using the donated funds to award scholarships to certain students in grades K-12 attending nonpublic schools. Eligible scholarship recipients are students in grades K-12 with a finalized individualized education program (IEP) in place or whose annual household income is not in excess of 300	Stanley	02/02/17 Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N 1-A) 02/13/17 House: Failed to report (defeated) in Finance (10-Y 12-N)

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	<p>percent of the federal poverty guidelines.</p> <p>The bill defines an eligible pre-kindergarten child as a child who is (i) a resident of Virginia, (ii) an at-risk four-year-old unserved by Head Start programs, and (iii) enrolled in or attending a nonpublic pre-kindergarten program. In addition, the family of the child (a) cannot have annual household income in excess of 300 percent of the current poverty guidelines or 400 percent of such guidelines if an IEP has been written and finalized for the child, (b) must be homeless as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 11302, or (c) must include parents or guardians of the child who are school dropouts.</p> <p>The bill defines a nonpublic pre-kindergarten program as a preschool program designed for child development and kindergarten preparation (1) that complies with nonpublic school accreditation requirements administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE) or (2) that is participating in Virginia Quality (a partnership between the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and the Office of Early Childhood Development of the Department of Social Services) with a current designation of at least Level 3 under such rating system. The bill includes several other curriculum and administrative requirements that must be met by a nonpublic pre-kindergarten program in order for children attending the program to be eligible to receive scholarships under the tax credit program. Under the bill, VCPE or the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation will certify nonpublic pre-kindergarten programs meeting such curriculum and administrative requirements.</p>		
SB1428	<p>Education improvement scholarships tax credit; eligibility requirements and benefits for students with a disability. Expands the education improvement scholarships tax credit program by removing the requirement that a child with a disability be a student enrolled or recently enrolled in public school in order to be eligible. The bill reduces the penalty for failure to fully disburse all donations received from 200 percent to 100 percent of unused donations. The bill increases the scholarship amount available for an eligible child with a disability from 100 percent to 400 percent of the per-pupil amount distributed to the local school division as the state's share of the standards of quality costs.</p>	Stanley	02/03/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (23-Y 17-N) 02/21/17 House: Left in Finance
SB1527	<p>Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program; eligibility; renewal; amount of grants. Changes the student eligibility criteria for Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program grants by removing the requirement that the recipient be a dependent and by requiring the recipient to be enrolled full time. The bill places the following conditions on renewal of Program grants: (i) no recipient shall receive a subsequent grant until he has satisfied the requirements to advance to the next class level, as defined in the bill; (ii) no recipient shall receive more than one year of support per class level for a maximum total of two years of support at an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education or more than one year of support per class level for a maximum total of four years of support at a baccalaureate public institution of higher education; and (iii) no recipient shall receive more than a combined lifetime total of four years of support. The bill permits public institutions of higher education to use Program funds to provide larger awards to students in a higher class level or to students who enroll in 15 or</p>	Saslaw	02/03/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/16/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N) 02/20/17 Senate: House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)\ 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 335 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0355)

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	more credit hours per semester. The provisions of the bill become effective beginning with the first-time entering freshman class of the fall 2018 academic year.		
SB1534	Public institutions of higher education; course credit; dual enrollment courses. Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), in consultation with the governing board of each public institution of higher education, to establish a policy for granting undergraduate course credit to any entering freshman student who has successfully completed a dual enrollment course at a comprehensive community college pursuant to an agreement for postsecondary degree attainment. The bill requires SCHEV and each public institution of higher education to make the policy available to the public on their websites.	Sturtevant	02/06/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/15/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N) 03/03/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 309 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0309)
SB1565	Public institutions of higher education; tuition increases. Prohibits any percentage increase in in-state tuition or instructional fees for undergraduate students at Virginia's public institutions of higher education that exceeds the state-mandated salary percentage increase for state employees of the immediately preceding year.	Wagner	02/01/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (16-Y 0-N)
SB1570	Virtual Virginia; availability. Requires that the Virtual Virginia program, established by the Department of Education, be made available to all public middle and high schools. The bill provides that such program may be made available to all public elementary schools. Under current law, Virtual Virginia is required to be made available to public high schools only. The bill also replaces the term "statewide electronic classroom" with "online learning program" to more accurately reflect the Virtual Virginia program.	Peake	01/26/17 Senate: Incorporated by Education and Health (SB1240 – Dunnavant) (15-Y 0-N)

Budget Bill – Amendment Summaries: HB1500 & SB900

Item	Summary	Patron	Fund Information
138#1c	Expand Tuition Eligibility for College Freshman Students (language only) This language amendment expands tuition eligibility such that graduating high school students can apply for and receive a tuition scholarship of up to the annual amount of \$10,000 in pursuit of obtaining a teacher license while enrolled either in a full-time or part-time approved undergraduate or graduate teacher education program for (i) critical teacher shortage disciplines, such as special education, chemistry, physics, earth and space science, foreign languages, or technology education; (ii) as students meeting the qualifications in § 22.1-290.01, Code of Virginia, who have been identified by a local school board to teach in any discipline or at any grade level in which the school board has determined that a shortage of teachers exists; or (iii) those students seeking degrees in Career and Technical education. Eligible high school students shall be able to apply for this tuition assistance as an incoming college freshman rather than waiting until their sophomore year in college to apply for such tuition assistance from this initiative.		Direct Aid to Public Education Last Action: Conference Report
138 #3c	Vocational Lab Pilot This amendment provides \$175,000 the second year from the general fund to be used to develop a new Vocational Laboratory pilot that focuses on advanced, augmented and virtual reality related education experience.		Second Year – FY18: \$175,000 Direct Aid to Public Education Last Action: Conference Report

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138 #7c	Teacher Residency Program This amendment reduces the \$1,000,000 in new funding proposed in the introduced budget for the Teacher Residency program by \$500,000 in the second year.		Second Year – FY18: (\$1 million) Direct Aid to Public Education Last Action: Conference Report
138 #8c	Extended Day/Year School Programs (language only) This amendment removes language that penalizes the successful transition to an extended school year schedule during the start-up period. Initial grant awards may be up to \$300,000 per school for up to two years after the initial implementation period, or \$400,000 in the case of schools that have a Denied Accreditation status.		Direct Aid to Public Education Last Action: Conference Report
138 #9c	Project Discovery This amendment adds \$50,000 to existing second year funding for Project Discovery for an annual funding level of \$662,500 to provide support to existing Partner Agencies and assist long-planned but unfunded program expansions. Established in 1979, Project Discovery is a post-secondary college access program currently offered through 22 Virginia Partner Agencies. The program encourages students to stay in and graduate from high school and provides resources and tools for students and families to successfully make the transition to post-secondary education. Many participants are first-generation college students. Partner agencies must match, dollar-for-dollar, program support.	Norment	Second Year – FY18: \$50,000 Direct Aid to Public Education Last Action: Conference Report
144 #5c	SCHEV – Additional Language Under New Economy Workforce Credential Grant (language only) This amendment prohibits community colleges from starting new workforce programs that would duplicate existing high school and adult Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in order to receive funding under the New Economy Workforce Credential Grant Program.		State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Last Action: Conference Report
138 #2h	Supplemental Education Assistance Programs This amendment reduces the funding for supplemental education assistance programs by \$20.4 million in the second year.	Landes	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved
138#3h	SPARKS Summer Program This amendment provides \$200,000 the second year from the general fund to the Newport News school division for the SPARKS summer enrichment program. The risk of the achievement gap over the summer is reduced when students have a safe environment, breakfast, lunch, and meaningful instruction over the months where there are not as many educational opportunities available. In 2015, the Newport News Public Schools System had an unexpected surplus and chose to invest in starting a pilot SPARK program for students residing in the southeast community of Newport News. That area had been riddled with gang activity, high numbers of youth violent crimes, and large concentrated pockets of poverty. The SPARK program, in conjunction with a summer employment program, was attributed to helping reduce juvenile arrest by 27% in 2015. In 2016, the program was expanded from 2000 students in one area of the city to 6000 students from multiple areas of the city that have high numbers of youth in high crime and impoverished areas.	Price	Second Year – FY18: \$200,000 Direct Aid to Public Education Last Action: Floor approval as amended
144 #1h	SCHEV – Increase TAG Award (language only) This amendment increases the tuition assistance grant maximum award to \$3,350 in FY 18.	Greason	State Council for Higher Education for Virginia Last Action: Member request not

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Emergency Management/Flooding

HB2319	<p>National Flood Insurance Program; participation by localities; report. Requires localities any part of whose occupied land is located in a floodplain as depicted on a current Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Boundary Rate Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) (42 U.S.C. § 4001 et seq.).</p> <p>The bill requires the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue an annual report no later than November 1 listing any affected locality that is not in compliance with the NFIP and recommending any legislation necessary to ensure compliance. The bill also requires the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue a report by November 1, 2018, listing any locality not participating in the Community Rating System of the NFIP and recommending any legislation necessary to encourage participation.</p>	Miyares	<p>02/07/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N)</p> <p>02/16/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</p> <p>03/03/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 274 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0274)</p>
HB2320	<p>Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction Act of 2017. Establishes the Commonwealth as a Nonfederal Sponsor of Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction Projects. The bill also establishes the Virginia Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction Authority, a Board of Directors for that Authority, and a Governor's Advisory Commission on Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction.</p>	Miyares	<p>02/07/17 House: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources</p>

Energy/Environment

HB575	<p>Energy efficiency programs; total resource cost test. Defines the "total resource cost test" as a test to determine if the benefit-cost ratio of a proposed energy efficiency program or measure is greater than one. The measure defines "benefit-cost ratio" as the ratio of the net present value of the total benefits of a program or measure, including savings and non-energy benefits, to the net present value of the total incremental costs of implementing that program or measure as calculated over the lifetime of the measures implemented thereunder. An energy efficiency program or measure that meets the total resource cost test is declared to be in the public interest. The measure provides that an energy efficiency program or measure that fails the total resource cost test shall be reviewed by the State Corporation Commission (SCC) under other tests for approving energy efficiency. The total resource cost test is one of the four tests used by the SCC in assessing electricity and natural gas utility energy efficiency programs.</p>	Sullivan	<p>12/01/16: House: Left in Commerce and Labor</p>
HB1859	<p>Department of Environmental Quality; nonfederally managed hazardous sites; inventory. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to publish and update annually a Virginia Nonfederally Managed Hazardous Site Inventory, consisting of a list of sites of which DEQ is aware that meet certain criteria regarding the presence of hazardous wastes or other hazardous substances but that are not listed on the federal National Priorities List. The bill also requires an owner of an inactive nonfederally managed hazardous waste site to notify DEQ of its existence.</p>	Lopez	<p>02/07/17 House: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources</p>

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HB2311	Nutrient Offset Fund; sale of credits. Requires the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to use certain funds to purchase nutrient credits for point or nonpoint sources that achieve reductions beyond the requirements of state or federal law or the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan. The bill directs DEQ to establish procedures for distributing moneys from the Nutrient Offset Fund with certain requirements. The bill requires the Director of DEQ to consider the recommendations of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the requirements of the State Water Control Law (§ 62.1-44.2 et seq.) in the sale of nutrient credits to new or expanding private facilities. The bill also removes the priority given to nutrient offsets produced from facilities that generate electricity from animal waste. The bill renames nutrient offsets as nutrient credits.	Cox	01/23/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/16/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 540 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP540)
HJ704	Study; Secretary of Natural Resources and Secretary of Education; environmental education; report. Requests that the Secretary of Natural Resources and the Secretary of Education convene and consult with a group of stakeholders to study the delivery of environmental education in the Commonwealth in light of the elimination of all staff positions within the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Office of Environmental Education and the elimination, transfer, and reduction of many of such office's functions.	Bulova	01/26/17 House: Tabled in Rules by voice vote
SB1383	Coal ash; treatment by utilities; recycling. Requires electric utilities to recycle as much of their stored coal ash as is imported into the Commonwealth each year, on a pro rata basis. The bill directs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State Water Control Board (the Board) to include in any permit authorizing the storage of coal ash a requirement that the utility treat an amount of its coal ash equal to its share of the total amount of coal ash in Virginia multiplied by the amount of ash that is imported that year for use in concrete or other products. The bill authorizes each utility to recover its treatment costs from its ratepayers while requiring the utility to make an effort to sell the treated coal ash. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Transportation to enter into a memorandum of understanding with DEQ as required to permit the transportation and treatment of coal ash.	Surovell	02/02/17 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (15-Y 0-N)
SB1518	Recycling; beneficial use. Expands the scope of the recycling programs supported by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to include beneficial use, defined as the use or reuse of a material that otherwise would become solid waste in a manufacturing process or as landfill cover, aggregate substitute, fuel substitute, or fill material. The bill provides that any proposal for a certain type of local recycling grant shall be deemed to meet the eligibility requirements if it includes provisions to increase recycling for beneficial reuse through a public-private cooperative program. The bill also increases from every four years to every two years the frequency of the submission of a recycling survey report by a solid waste planning unit or locality. Finally, the bill directs DEQ to evaluate recycling rates statewide and make recommendations for increasing rates and to report on its findings by October 1, 2018.	Lewis	01/26/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources with letter (15-Y 0-N)

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369 #1s	Report on State Incentives and Regulatory Changes to Promote Energy Independence (language only) This amendment directs the Department of Environmental Quality to report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2017 on potential state incentives and regulatory changes that would promote energy independence.	Wagner	Department of Environmental Quality Last Action: Floor approved
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Housing/Rental Properties			
HB1697	Extension of approvals to address housing crisis. Extends the sunset date for several measures related to various land use approvals from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2022. The bill also expands the scope of such measures that will be subject to the extension to include those measures approved by January 1, 2017.	Marshall	02/07/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (94-Y 2-N 1-A) 02/17/17 Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (37-Y 3-N) 02/21/17 House: VOTE: REJECTED (1-Y 95-N 1-A) 02/23/17 Conference: Amended by conference committee 02/24/17 Senate: Conference Report agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/24/17 House: Conference report agreed to by House (92-Y 2-N) 02/24/17 House: VOTE: ADOPTION(92-Y 2-N) 03/20/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 660 (effective 7/1/17)
HB1867	Virginia Housing Trust Fund; revenue deposits. Provides that 20% of annual recordation tax revenue in excess of \$325 million shall be deposited into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.	Lopez	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HB1936	Derelict and blighted buildings; land banks; receivership. Authorizes a locality to petition the circuit court to appoint a land bank entity to act as a receiver in certain limited circumstances to repair derelict and blighted buildings that contains residential dwelling units.	Carr	02/01/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (96-Y 1-N) 02/21/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 381 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0381)
HB2034	Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act. Adds two new disclosures required to be made by a seller of residential real property to a purchaser, one for whether the property is subject to one or more conservation or other easements and a second for whether the property is subject to a community development authority approved by a local governing body. The bill also (i) adds a definitions section for the Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act, (ii) provides for electronic delivery of required disclosures, and (iii) provides that the required disclosures provided by the Real Estate Board appear on its website. The bill has numerous technical	Miller	01/25/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N) 02/20/17 Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (40-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (96-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved –

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	amendments		Chapter 386 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0386)
HB2461	Neighborhood assistance tax credits. Reduces the amount of the tax credit from 65 percent of the value of donations to neighborhood organizations for taxable years 2012 through 2017 to (i) 60 percent of such donations for taxable year 2018, (ii) 55 percent of such donations for taxable year 2019, and (iii) 50 percent of such donations for taxable years 2020 and thereafter.	Bloxom	02/07/17 House: Left in Finance
SB1137	Neighborhood assistance tax credits. Reduces the amount of the tax credit from 65 percent of the value of donations to neighborhood organizations for taxable years 2012 through 2017 to (i) 60 percent of such donations for taxable year 2018, (ii) 55 percent of such donations for taxable year 2019, and (iii) 50 percent of such donations for taxable years 2020 and thereafter.	Mason	01/31/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (15-Y 0-N)
SB1165	Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credits; allocation of credits. Requires the Commissioner of Social Services and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to consider, in allocating credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit program, the past performance of organizations requesting credits, pursuant to accountability measures established in regulations and guidelines.	DeSteph	02/02/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/15/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N) 03/24/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 723 (effective 7/1/17)
SB1168	Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit program. Reorganizes the provisions of the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit program to set out separate sections for the portions of the program administered by the State Department of Social Services and the Department of Education. The requirements of the two components of the program differ slightly, and separating the provisions provides clarity in understanding the application and allocation process. The bill does not make any substantive changes to the existing program.	DeSteph	02/02/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/15/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N) 02/15/17 Senate: House substitute rejected by Senate (0-Y 38-N); House requested conference committee; Senate acceded to request (25-Y 1-N) 02/23/17 Conference: Amended by conference committee 02/24/17 Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/24/17 House: Conference report agreed to by House (93-Y 0-N) 02-24-17 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (93-Y 0-N) 03/24/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 723 (effective 7/1/17)

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SB1237	Housing authorities; authorization by governing body of town. Provides that the governing body of a town, in addition to the governing body of a county or city as in current law, may authorize a housing authority to contract for the construction of additional housing or acquire land for, or purchase material for the construction or installation of, any sewerage, streets, sidewalks, lights, power, water, or any other facilities for such additional housing.	Chafin	01/20/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) 02/10/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (95-Y 0-N) 02/20/17 Governor: Approved by Governor – Chapter 68 (effective 7/1/17)
SB1578	Short-term rental of property. Authorizes a locality to adopt an ordinance requiring the registration of persons offering property for short-term rental. The bill defines "short-term rental" as the provision of a room or space suitable for sleeping or lodging for less than 30 consecutive days. Persons and entities already licensed related to the rental or management of property by the Board of Health, the Real Estate Board, or a locality would not be required to register. The bill authorizes localities to impose fees and penalties on persons who violate the registry ordinance or who offer short-term rentals that have multiple violations of state or federal laws or ordinances, including those related to alcoholic beverage control. The bill amends the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Act to clarify that certain property rented on a short-term basis is considered a bed and breakfast establishment for purposes of ABC licensing and that the exception from ABC licensing for serving alcoholic beverages to guests in a residence does not apply if the guest is a short-term lessee of the residence.	Norment	02/07/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (36-Y 4-N) 02/22/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (86-Y 14-N) 03/24/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 741 (effective 7/1/17)
SB1579	Short-term rental of property. Affirms the rights of localities to regulate the short-term rental of property, defined as the provision of space suitable for sleeping or lodging for fewer than 30 days. If a locality allows short-term rentals, the locality shall require that the person offering property for rental notify adjacent landowners in writing, obtain local permission to offer the property for rental, and carry a minimum of \$500,000 of commercial premises liability insurance. If a locality prohibits short-term rentals, any person or entity, including an online hosting platform, that advertises the availability of a short-term rental in the locality shall be subject to a \$10,000 fine per violation.	Stanley	02/02/17 Senate: Incorporated by Local Government (SB1578-Norment)

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108 #3h	Increases Housing Trust Fund; contingent This amendment increases the Housing Trust Fund by \$8,250,000 each year of the biennium but is contingent upon passage of House Bill 1867, which provides that 20% of annual recordation tax revenue in excess of \$325 million shall be deposited into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund	Lopez	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved
111 #1s	Short Term Rentals (language only) This amendment would condition certain funding in the Department of Housing and Community Development on the creation and operation of a registration system for properties offered for short-term rental. The amendment would also authorize the Department to assess a \$100 per property fee to offset the costs of administering the registration system. In addition, the amendment would establish penalties for persons offering unregistered properties for short-term rental.	Norment	Department of Housing and Community Development Last action: Floor approved; member request not approved in conference.

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Localities/Other			
HB1686	Planning district commissions; Indian tribes; membership. Permits Indian tribes recognized by the federal government to join planning district commissions as members and to negotiate the terms of such membership.	Hodges	01/25/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N) 02/17/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 377 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0377)
HB1977	Charter; City of Williamsburg. Expands membership on the redevelopment and housing authority from five members to up to seven members, no more than five of whom shall be members of the city council.	Mullin	02/07/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (95-Y 1-N) 02/17/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 385 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0385)
HB2145	Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; regulation of land surveyor photogrammetrists. Provides for the licensure of land surveyor photogrammetrists by the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects. The bill defines "land surveyor photogrammetrists" and sets the criteria for their licensure.	LeMunyon	02/07/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (78-Y 19-N) 02/20/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology (14-Y 1-N)
HB2356	Board of Trustees; Ft. Monroe Authority. Increases the number of members on the Board of Trustees of the Ft. Monroe Authority from 12 to 14. The bill removes the Lieutenant Governor as a member of the Board, provides that the Secretary of Natural Resources and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall serve ex officio without voting privileges, and increases from five to eight the number of nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor to the Board. The bill provides for the staggering of terms for the three additional citizen members appointed by the Governor. The bill contains technical amendments.	Helsel	02/07/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N) 02/22/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/24/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 732 (effective 7/1/17)
HB2449	Term limits; certain public bodies in City of Chesapeake. Provides that members of the Chesapeake Economic Development Authority, Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Chesapeake Airport Authority, and Chesapeake Hospital Authority shall be limited to two terms.	Knight	02/07/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (92-Y 3-N 1-A) 02/17/17 Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (40-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 House: VOTE: REJECTED (0-Y 96-N 1-A) 02/22/17 Senate: Senate insisted on amendments; requested conference committee 02/24/17 Conference: Amended by

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			<p>conference committee 02/24/17 Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/24/17 House: Conference report agreed to by House (91-Y 2-N 1-A) 02/24/17 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (91-Y 2-N 1-A) 03/16/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 541 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0541)</p>
SB794	<p>City of Chesapeake; pilot program for problem-solving docket. Authorizes the City of Chesapeake to establish a pilot program to promote public safety and reduce recidivism by creating a problem-solving docket to address substance abuse, mental illness, issues unique to military service experienced by veterans, and issues related to previously incarcerated persons. The bill directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, and the Department of Veterans Services to provide assistance to the City of Chesapeake as requested. The bill provides for the City of Chesapeake to report on the pilot program to the Commissioners of the assisting agencies on or before November 30, 2018. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2019.</p>	Cosgrove	<p>01/16/17: Senate: Stricken at the request of Patron in Courts of Justice (12-Y 0-N)</p>
SB1311	<p>Hampton Roads Sanitation District; adding territory. Adds the County of Surry, excluding the Town of Claremont, to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District territory. The bill also adds a resident of Surry County as a potential appointee for the Hampton Roads Sanitation District Commission member who under current law must be a resident of the City of Suffolk or Isle of Wight County.</p>	Norment	<p>01/30/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/14/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N) 2/23/17 Governor: Approved by Governor – Chapter 218 (effective 7/1/17)</p>
SB1572	<p>Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; regulation of land surveyor photogrammetrists. Provides for the licensure of land surveyor photogrammetrists by the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects. The bill defines "land surveyor photogrammetrists" and sets the criteria for their licensure.</p>	Stanley	<p>02/03/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology (9-Y 4-N)</p>
SJ336	<p>Commending the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.</p>	Hanger	<p>01/26/17 Senate: Agreed to by Senate by voice vote 02/03/17 House: Agreed to by House by voice vote</p>

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Ports			
SB967	Local industrial development authorities; port authority. Authorizes an industrial development authority or a locality, by ordinance, to create an advisory port authority committee, with powers necessary to operate a port in the locality and promote commerce. The bill expands the definition of "authority facilities" to include port facilities.	Cosgrove	01/30/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/14/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N) 02/23/17 Governor: Approved by Governor – Chapter 162 (effective 7/1/17)
SJ246	Study; inland port facility in the Roanoke Region and New River Valley; report. Requests the Secretary of Transportation to study the feasibility of an additional inland port facility in the Roanoke Region and New River Valley.	Edwards	02/02/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Rules by voice vote

Retirement			
HB1967	Virginia Retirement System; stress testing and reporting policies. Requires the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) to formally adopt stress testing and additional reporting policies. The bill requires VRS to analyze and regularly report on projections of benefit levels, pension costs, liabilities, and debt reduction under various scenarios; to provide a detailed online statement of investment policy and include investment performance data in certain timeframes up to 25 years; and to report investment performance and expenses such as carried interest fees.	Garrett	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HB2251	Virginia Retirement System; optional defined contribution retirement plan. Requires the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) to establish an optional defined contribution retirement plan for state and local employees. Participation in the plan is in lieu of other retirement plans offered by VRS. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2019, shall make an irrevocable election whether to participate in the plan. A person who is employed on June 30, 2019, shall make an irrevocable election by October 31, 2019, to participate in the new retirement plan beginning January 1, 2020, in lieu of his retirement plan at the time. If such employee elects to participate in the new plan, his retirement plan at the time of election will be "frozen" and not increase because of compensation earned or years of service earned while participating in the new plan. Under the plan, the employer makes a mandatory contribution in the amount of 8.5 percent of the employee's compensation, and the employee contributes five percent of his compensation.	Jones	02/07/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (92-Y 4-N) 02/22/17 Senate: Passed Senate with amendment (21-Y 19-N) 02/23/17 House: VOTE: REJECTED (0-Y 100-N) 02/23/17 Senate: Senate insisted on amendment; requested conference committee 02/23/17 House: House acceded to request; conferees appointed 02/25/17 House: No further action taken; failed to pass in House
SB881	Virginia Retirement System (VRS); receipt of retirement allowance while employed in a covered position. Permits a person who has attained the age of 62 to receive a retirement allowance from VRS and be employed in a VRS covered position. The years of service and the compensation earned during such employment do not affect the amount of the retirement allowance during or after such employment.	Spruill	02/01/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance with letter (14-Y 1-N)
SB1181	Virginia Retirement System; return to employment by retired public safety employees. Authorizes a person retired from a public safety position and receiving a service retirement allowance to continue to receive such	Reeves	01/31/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance with letter

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retirement allowance if rehired in a position covered for retirement purposes. The bill provides that such new employment does not affect the person's retirement benefit and that such employee is not eligible to participate in the cash match plan, the group insurance program, or the sickness and disability program.		(14-Y 1-N)
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Taxes

SB962	Sales and use tax; nexus for out-of-state businesses. Provides that storage of inventory in the Commonwealth is sufficient nexus to require out-of-state businesses to collect sales and use tax on sales to customers in the Commonwealth.	Hanger	01/30/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/15/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (79-Y 20-N) 02/21/17 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 27, 2017
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Telecommunications/Broadband

HB2108	<p>Virginia Broadband Deployment Act. Provides that a locality or a locality's affiliate may own and operate a broadband or Internet communications system, including ownership or lease of fiber optic or other communications lines and facilities, to provide broadband expansion services if a variety of conditions are met, including a report or study by an independent consulting firm knowledgeable and experienced in analyzing broadband deployment, such as the Center for Innovative Technology, which report or study specifically identifies any unserved areas. An unserved area is an area in which broadband speeds are not generally available from any provider. The bill defines "broadband speeds" as average Internet speeds of both 10 Mbps or more download and 1 Mbps or more upload. A locality or a locality's affiliate that seeks or desires to provide "overbuild broadband services," shall not do so unless it complies with various operating requirements. The bill defines "overbuild broadband services" as broadband or Internet services offered by a locality or its affiliate in exchange for compensation that do not qualify as internal government services or broadband expansion services. The bill also repeals several disclosure exclusions related to local telecommunications services that currently exist under the Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).</p>	Byron	02/07/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (72-Y 24-N 1-A) 02/16/17 Senate: Passed Senate with amendment (35-Y 3-N 1-A) 02/20/17 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (79-Y 13-N 1-A) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 389 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0389)
HB2196	<p>Wireless communications infrastructure. Provides a uniform procedure for the way in which wireless communications infrastructure is approved by localities and approved and installed in public rights-of-way.</p>	Kilgore	02/06/17 House: ENGROSSMENT REFUSED (37-Y 57-N)

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Item	Summary	Patron	Fund Information
109 #1h	<p>Virginia Broadband Telecommunications Initiative (language only) This amendment reduces some restrictions and broadens the number of potential funding recipients.</p>	Lopez	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved
109 #3h	Virginia Broadband Telecommunications Initiative	Levine	Department of Housing and

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	Page 98, line 21, strike “\$1,250,000” and insert “\$2,750,000”. This amendment increases funding by \$1.5 million from the general fund the second year for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (Broadband) which provides financial assistance to supplement construction costs by private sector broadband service providers to extend service to areas that presently are unserved.		Community Development Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved
428 #1h	Broadband Assistance to Localities This amendment increases funding for CIT’s Broadband Planning and Assistance to Localities in the second year by \$125,000 from the general fund.	Byron	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved

Veterans /Military			
HB1841	Virginia Veteran Entrepreneurship Grant Program and Fund. Establishes the Virginia Veteran Entrepreneurship Grant Program and Fund to provide grants to eligible providers of educational, training, or other services to veterans in the areas of starting their own business, purchasing a franchise, or other entrepreneurial endeavors and to assist such service providers in offering resources to veterans for the start-up of new veteran-owned business operations in the Commonwealth. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2019, and provides that if the Program and Fund are not reauthorized by the General Assembly, moneys in the Fund shall revert to the general fund.	Stolle	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HB2357	Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility. Extends the benefits of the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program to the spouse or child of a veteran with at least a 90 percent permanent, service-related disability. Under current law, the spouse or child would be eligible for benefits only if the veteran's disability was incurred during military operations against terrorism, on a peacekeeping mission, as a result of a terrorist act, or in any armed conflict. The bill also requires the Department of Veterans Services to define "armed conflict" pursuant to regulation.	Torian	02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations
HJ632	Commending Naval Station Norfolk.	Stolle	01/13/17 House: Agreed to by House by voice vote 01/19/17 Senate: Agreed to by Senate by voice vote
SB330	In-state tuition; members of the Virginia National Guard. Provides that any member of the Virginia National Guard residing in Virginia shall be eligible for in-state tuition at a public institution of higher education.	Lewis	12/02/16 Senate: Left in Finance
SB528	Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility. Extends the benefits of the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program to the spouse or child of a veteran with at least a 90 percent permanent, service-related disability. Under current law, the spouse or child would be eligible for benefits only if the veteran's disability was incurred during military operations against terrorism, on a peacekeeping mission, as a result of a terrorist act, or in any armed conflict.	Stuart	12/02/16 Senate: Left in Finance
SB1114	Virginia Veteran Entrepreneurship Grant Program and Fund. Establishes the Virginia Veteran Entrepreneurship Grant Program and Fund to provide grants to eligible providers of educational, training, or other services to veterans in the areas of starting their own business, purchasing a franchise, or other	McPike	02/02/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (16-Y 0-N)

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	entrepreneurial endeavors and to assist such service providers in offering resources to veterans for the start-up of new veteran-owned business operations in the Commonwealth. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2019, and provides that if the Program and Fund are not reauthorized by the General Assembly, moneys in the Fund shall revert to the general fund.		
SB1121	Dependents of certain military personnel; in-state tuition. Provides that dependents of active duty military personnel and veterans who are eligible to receive educational assistance under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill and have transferred the educational assistance to the dependent are eligible to receive in-state tuition if the military personnel or veteran within the last five years was (i) assigned to a permanent duty station or workplace in the Commonwealth, the District of Columbia, or a state contiguous to the Commonwealth and resided in the Commonwealth; (ii) assigned unaccompanied orders and immediately prior to receiving such unaccompanied orders was assigned to a permanent duty station or workplace in the Commonwealth, the District of Columbia, or a state contiguous to the Commonwealth and resided in the Commonwealth; or (iii) assigned unaccompanied orders with the Commonwealth listed as the designated place move.	McPike	01/26/17: Stricken at request of patron in Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)
SB1156	Virginia Public Building Authority; Military Mission Improvement and Expansion projects. Authorizes the Virginia Public Building Authority to finance or assist in the financing of certain activities connected with Military Mission Improvement and Expansion projects (MMIE projects), defined by the bill as a project or projects recommended by the Commission on Military Installations and Defense Activities and approved by the Governor that are designed to improve, expand, develop, or redevelop a federal or state military installation to enhance such installation's military value.	Reeves	02/06/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 House: Left in Appropriations
SJ294	Commending Naval Station Norfolk	Wagner	01/19/17 Senate: Agreed to by Senate by voice vote 01/27/17 House: Agreed to by House by voice vote

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144 #2h	SCHEV – Expand VMSDEP This amendment requests additional general fund to support expansion of the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Program.	Torian	Second Year – FY18: \$900,000 State Council for Higher Education for Virginia Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved
144 #4s	SCHEV – In-State Tuition Status for Military Dependents This amendment is a companion to SB 1121 that would provide in-state tuition for dependents of military personnel that were stationed in Virginia at some point during the past five years, for the purpose of using GI Bill education benefits. A fiscal impact statement has not been provided at this time. The amount in this	McPike	Second Year – FY18: \$250,000 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

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amendment is a placeholder until that information can be obtained.	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved
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Water (including Chesapeake Bay, Lead, Stormwater)			
HB1065	Conservation of ground water. Directs the State Water Control Board to establish a voluntary ground water conservation incentive program. The program is designed to provide incentives to those ground water permittees who agree to adopt measures that would (i) substantially reduce their reliance on ground water, (ii) transition to alternative water sources, or (iii) develop necessary infrastructure. The permittee would have to agree to either a 50 percent reduction in the amount authorized by its permit or certificate that is in effect on January 1, 2015, or achieve a comparable level of conservation by any combination of authorized withdrawal amount reduction and alternative options approved by the Board. These conditions are referred to as "qualification criteria" and will be used to determine the permittee's eligibility for the program. If a permittee is accepted into the program he will have a transition period, not to exceed 15 years, to meet the criteria. Each permittee that agrees to the qualification will have the benefit of a "regulatory certainty" period of 20 years during which the amount of withdrawal cannot be reduced, except in limited circumstances.	Jones	12/01/16: House: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
HB1080	Onsite sewage systems. Clarifies that designs for treatment works from individuals licensed as professional engineers shall comply with horizontal setback requirements applicable to public and private drinking water sources, lakes and other impounded waters, streams and rivers, shellfish waters, and karst-related surface features necessary to protect public health and the environment. The bill also provides that effluent and ground water sampling requirements of the Board of Health shall not apply to alternative onsite sewage systems sized at 1,000 gallons per day or smaller unless a Notice of Violation has been issued and that the Board of Health shall not have the authority to regulate, restrict, define, or prohibit any ground modification or improvement techniques associated with standard engineering practice for the purpose of meeting any performance requirements.	Hodges	12/01/16: House: Left in Health, Welfare and Institutions
HB1597	Local stormwater management utility; waiver of charges; stormwater retained on site. Requires any locality establishing a stormwater management utility to waive charges for a person whose approved stormwater management plan indicates that the stormwater produced by his property is retained and treated on site.	Webert	02/01/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (93-Y 4-N 1-A) 02/17/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 375 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0375)
HB1774	Stormwater and erosion control; local rural development growth areas; best management practices bank. Directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations establishing a rural development growth (RDG) area program for adoption by certain localities. The bill requires each RDG area to follow a public road and requires development in an RDG area to obey certain existing regulatory minimum standards. The bill also directs the Board to adopt regulations allowing the operation of regional stormwater best management practices banks (RSP banks) in Planning District 18. An RSP bank would treat runoff from roadside drainage	Hodges	02/06/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE (97-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 345 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text

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	ditches in order to provide off-site credits to RDG areas.		(CHAP0345)
HB1870	Discharge of deleterious substance into state waters; notice. Requires any person who unlawfully discharges any deleterious substance into state waters to give written notice to the State Water Control Board. Current law requires written notice to be given only to the Department of Environmental Quality. The bill also requires the Board or the Department to give the reported discharge information to local newspapers, television stations, and radio stations as soon as practicable after receiving it.	Lopez	02/07/17 House: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
HB2008	Stormwater; erosion and sediment control; 10,000 square foot minimum disturbance. Increases from 2,500 square feet to 10,000 square feet the minimum area of land disturbance within a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area that triggers the applicability of erosion or stormwater management programs. Current law establishes a 10,000-square-foot threshold for land-disturbing activities that are located outside of Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas.	Hodges	02/01/17 House: Stricken from docket by Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote
HB2009	Stormwater and erosion management; administration of program by certified third party. Authorizes the hiring of certified third-party professionals to administer any or all aspects of a program for the management of stormwater and erosion, including plan review, inspection, and enforcement, on behalf of (i) an erosion and stormwater management program authority, which is the State Water Control Board or a locality approved by the State Water Control Board, or (ii) a stormwater management program authority, which can be a locality, a state entity, or another type of entity.	Hodges	01/30/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 03/13/17 Governor: Approved – Chapter 349 (effective 7/1/17); Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0349)
HB2012	Stormwater; failed best management practice. Directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations that (i) define a failed best management practice (Failed BMP), (ii) establish criteria for determining whether a particular installed BMP qualifies as a Failed BMP, and (iii) direct the Department of Environmental Quality, at the request of the locality, to assume, by contract with the locality, the responsibility for enforcing the operation and maintenance obligations of the owner of a Failed BMP. The bill defines a BMP for purposes of the Stormwater Management Act (§ 62.1-44.15:24 et seq.) as a structural practice, nonstructural practice, or other management practice used to prevent or reduce nutrient loads associated with stormwater from reaching surface waters or the adverse effects thereof.	Hodges	02/01/17 House: Stricken from docket by Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote
HB2076	State Water Control Board; stormwater management programs; regulations; professional license. Directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations requiring that all plan elements, specifications, or calculations whose preparation requires a license in engineering, architecture, soil science, or a related profession be signed and sealed by a licensed professional. The bill requires the regulations to be effective no later than July 1, 2018, and exempts them from certain provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).	Wilt	01/30/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N) 02/07/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/13/17 Governor: Approved by Governor – Chapter 10 (effective 7/1/17)
HB2089	Local school boards; school buildings; potable water; lead testing. Requires each local school board to develop and implement a plan to test potable water from sources identified by the U.S. Environmental	Kory	02/07/17 House: Left in Education

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	Protection Agency as high priority as often as is required of the supplying public water system by the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water, giving priority in such testing plan to schools whose school building was constructed, in whole or in part, before 1986. The bill requires such plan and the results of each such test to be posted on the local school board's website and transmitted to and archived by the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water. The bill stipulates that if the result of any such test indicates a level of lead in the potable water that is at or above 20 parts per billion, the school board shall develop, implement, and post on its website a plan to remediate the level of lead in the potable water to below 20 parts per billion and confirm such remediation by retesting the water at two consecutive six-month intervals.		
HB2383	Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls; Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Directs DEQ to identify the owner of any combined sewer overflow outfall that discharges into the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and to determine what actions by the owner are necessary to bring the outfall into compliance with Virginia law, the federal Clean Water Act, and the Presumption Approach described in the CSO Control Policy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The bill requires any owner of such an outfall to bring it into compliance with the EPA policy by July 1, 2024, and, until compliance is achieved, to annually report its progress to DEQ. The bill requires DEQ to provide all such reports to certain legislative committees, the Virginia delegation to the Chesapeake Bay Commission, the Secretary of Natural Resources, and the Governor. The bill does not apply to any outfall for which a higher level of control is necessary to comply with a TMDL.	Lingamfelter	02/06/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N) 02/22/17 House: VOTE: REJECTED (0-Y 100-N) 02/24/17 Conference: Amended by conference committee 02/24/17 House: Conference report agreed to by House (60-Y 35-N) 02/25/17 Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (32-Y 7-N 1-A)
HB2384	Drinking water; lead levels. Directs the State Board of Health to adopt regulations establishing the action level for lead in drinking water as 10 parts per billion beginning January 1, 2018, and as five parts per billion beginning January 1, 2022. The bill authorizes the Board to establish lower action levels for lead in drinking water.	Lopez	02/07/17 House: Left in Health, Welfare and Institutions
HJ636	Study; economic impacts of litter on fishing, farming, and water quality in urban streams; report. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study the economic impact of litter on fishing, farming, water quality, and other components of Virginia's economy and to propose strategies, campaigns, and necessary state actions to protect the economy of the Commonwealth from harm caused by litter and promote Virginia's economic welfare.	Krizek	01/26/17 House: Tabled in Rules by voice vote
HJ639	Study; Office of Drinking Water; study of the Commonwealth's drinking water infrastructure and oversight of the drinking water system; report. Requests the Office of Drinking Water of the Department of Health (the Office) to study the Commonwealth's drinking water infrastructure and oversight of the drinking water system. In conducting its study, the Office shall (i) identify problems or issues that may result in contamination of the Commonwealth's drinking water supply with lead or copper or increase the likelihood of contamination of the Commonwealth's drinking water supply with lead or copper and (ii) develop recommendations for addressing such problems or issues.	Lopez	01/26/17 Senate: Tabled in Rules by voice vote

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HJ813	Commending the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.	Lingamfelter	01/24/17 House: Agreed to by House by voice vote 01/26/17 Senate: Agreed to by Senate by voice vote
SB698	Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to disburse moneys from the Fund in the form of grants to private entities that own dams in order to protect public safety and welfare. The grants can be used for the design, repair, and the safety modifications of dams identified in safety reports. The bill specifies homeowners' associations and planned unit developments among those private entities owning dams that are eligible to receive grants and loans from the Fund.	Wexton	12/02/16 Senate: Left in Finance
SB925	Plastic bag tax in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Imposes a five-cent per bag tax on plastic bags provided to customers by certain retailers in localities located wholly within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and directs revenues to be used to support the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan. The bill also allows every retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of the five-cent tax.	Petersen	01/18/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (10-Y 4-N)
SB984	Water Quality Improvement Fund; water reuse facilities. Includes technologies in water reuse facilities that result in the reduction of nutrient discharges in the definition of nutrient removal technology.	Dance	1/19/17 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources (15-Y 0-N)
SB1127	State Water Control Board; stormwater management programs; regulations; professional license. Directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations requiring that all plan elements, specifications, or calculations whose preparation requires a license in engineering, architecture, soil science, or a related profession be signed and sealed by a licensed professional. The bill requires the regulations to be effective no later than July 1, 2018, and exempts them from certain provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).	Obenshain	01/25/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/10/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (95-Y 0-N) 02/14/17 Senate: House amendments agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/23/17 Governor: Approved by Governor – Chapter 163 (effective 7/1/17)

Budget Bill – Amendment Summaries: HB1500

Item	Summary	Patron	Fund Information
364 #2c	Use WQIF Reserve for Ag BMPs (language only) This amendment utilizes the dollars deposited in the Virginia Water Quality Reserve Fund for the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund and appropriates them for distribution in the second year for agricultural best management practices cost share program activities. Of the total, the amount reserved for technical assistance matches the share established in Chapter 780 for fiscal year 2017.		Natural Resources - Department of Conservation and Recreation Last Action: Conference Report

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364 #3c	<p>Review Methods to Stabilize Ag BMP Funding (language only) This amendment establishes a stakeholder working group to discuss potential methods to stabilize the flow of funding for Agricultural Best Management Practices to reduce the fluctuations and provide additional surety to the farm community while ensuring the flow of work for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts becomes more stable and predictable.</p>		Natural Resources - Department of Conservation and Recreation Last action: Conference Report
370 #1c	<p>HRSD Extensometer Page 368, after line 40, insert: "J. Out of the amounts appropriated for Financial Assistance for Environmental Resources Management, \$1,350,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to allow the Hampton Roads Sanitation District purchase an extensometer to measure land subsidence." This amendment provides \$1.35 million from the general fund in the second year to the Department of Environmental Quality to support the Hampton Roads Sanitation District to fund an extensometer to measure land subsidence. This is in support of the HRSD's Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow (SWIFT) project, which is a program to inject treated wastewater into the subsurface to raise groundwater pressures and thus expand and make more sustainable the aquifer system.</p>		Second Year – FY18: \$1.35 million Natural Resources/Department of Environmental Quality Last Action: Conference Report
297 #1h	<p>Increase Funds for Water Supply Assistance Grant Fund This amendment adds \$350,000 from the general fund the second year to increase funding for the Water Supply Assistance Grant Fund.</p>	Lopez	Last Action: Floor action – passed by (as amended from \$4 million in FY17 & FY18 to \$350,000 in FY18)
297 #2h	<p>Review of Drinking Water Infrastructure and Program Oversight (language only) This amendment adds language directing the Office of Drinking Water to initiate a review of the Commonwealth's current drinking water infrastructure and oversight of the drinking water program. Language requires the Office to complete the review by November 30, 2017 and report its findings to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations; Senate Finance; House Health, Welfare and Institutions; and Senate Education and Health Committees no later than December 15, 2017.</p>	Lopez	Last Action: Withdrawn
368 #2h	<p>DEQ Data on Litter Contamination of Water and Soil This amendment funds the costs associated with House Joint Resolution 636, 2017 Session of the General Assembly. The funding would be provided to the Department of Environmental Quality to hire at least one full-time employee and contract with outside services to undertake the assessment of litter contamination in Virginia's soil and water pursuant to the provisions of the resolution.</p>	Krizek	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved
370 #1h	<p>Stormwater Assistance Funding This amendment provides \$20.0 million from the general fund in the second year for the stormwater assistance fund. A like amount of bonding authority was provided for this purpose by the 2016 General Assembly but solicitations for funding has far exceeded the amounts made available.</p>	Landes	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved
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364 #1s	<p>Water Quality Improvement Fund This amendment provides level funding for agricultural best management practices cost share program from</p>	Lewis	Last Action: Member request not committee or floor-approved

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	FY 17 to FY 18.		
364 #2s	<p>WQIF Reserve Fund (language only)</p> <p>This amendment authorizes funding previously deposited to the Virginia Water Quality Reserve Fund be transferred to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund and appropriates them for distribution in FY18 for the agriculture best management practices cost share program. The amendment includes the appropriate percentage distribution for technical assistance.</p>	Hanger	Last Action: Floor approved as amended to language only