



**Bill Number:** SB 22

**Patron:** Locke

**Bill Title:** Medicine and Nursing, Boards of; continuing education, bias reduction training.

**Bill Category:** Academic

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Board of Medicine and Board of Nursing to require certain licensees to complete continuing learning activities on bias reduction in health care as part of their continuing education and continuing competency requirements for licensure and authorizes the Board of Nursing to require certain continuing learning activities or courses in a specific subject area. Under current law, the Board of Medicine has such authority.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** SB 91

**Patron:** Lucas

**Bill Title:** Public institutions of higher education; Old Dominion University; Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center renamed as Virginia Health Sciences.

**Bill Category:** Academic

**Bill Summary:** Renames the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University as Virginia Health Sciences at Old Dominion University.

**Status:** 3/14: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026

**Bill Number:** HB 1041

**Patron:** Carr

**Bill Title:** Department of Corrections; functional literacy program for inmates; data sharing and tracking; salary schedules for teachers; Virginia Prison Education Task Force established; report.

**Bill Category:** Academics

**Bill Summary:** Requires the Superintendent employed by the Director of Corrections to (i) include in the functional literacy program for inmates developed pursuant to applicable law evidence-based literacy instruction, as defined in accordance with applicable law; (ii) share data with (a) the state entity that oversees the management, direction, and governance of the Commonwealth's education and workforce data for the purpose of developing educational, health, social service, and employment outcome data and improving the efficacy of state services and (b) the Virginia Community College System necessary for comprehensive community colleges to apply for and maintain eligibility as Federal Pell Grant-eligible prison education programs; and (iii) track and publicly report at least annually the number of incarcerated individuals eligible for, enrolled in, and waitlisted for the functional literacy program. The bill also establishes the Virginia Prison Education Task Force for the purpose of implementing a consistent education program across all state correctional facilities operated by the Department. The bill requires the Task Force to complete its work by July 1, 2029. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Education to, by November 1, 2026, (a) review and update the salary schedules for teachers licensed by the Board of Education and employed by the Department of Corrections to provide instruction in the schools of the correctional centers to be competitive with those in effect for the school division in which the correctional facility is located and (b) make recommendations for the inclusion of such teacher salary increases in the appropriation act.

**Status:** 3/13: Conference report agreed to by House (94-Y 0-N 0-A) Vote



**Bill Number:** HB 54

**Patron:** Sullivan

**Bill Title:** Department of Human Resource Management; State Government Internship Coordinator.

**Bill Category:** Administrative

**Bill Summary:** Requires the Department of Human Resource Management to establish the position of and employ a State Government Internship Coordinator to attract high quality interns to the service of the Commonwealth with the goal of developing such interns in a manner that supports their ability to compete for positions in agencies of the Commonwealth upon conclusion of their internships and completion of their educational programs. The bill also requires the Department to establish and administer a system to provide professional development opportunities for state agency interns, intern supervisors, and human resources staff.

**Status:** 3/14: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** SB 439

**Patron:** Bagby

**Bill Title:** Department of Education; College and Career Ready Virginia Program; administration; advisory committee and work group composition.

**Bill Category:** Administrative

**Bill Summary:** Department of Education; College and Career Ready Virginia Program; administration; advisory committee and work group composition. Removes the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond from the membership of the advisory committee and the work group that the Department of Education and the Community College System are required to establish for administration of the College and Career Ready Program pursuant to applicable law.

**Status:** 3/10:

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**Bill Number:** HB 971

**Patron:** Price

**Bill Title:** College student-athletes; biometric data; protections and limitations

**Bill Category:** Athletics & data

**Bill Summary:** College student-athletes; biometric data; protections and limitations. Prohibits any private institution of higher education, associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education, or baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth from disclosing to any individual or entity outside of the institution any enrolled student-athlete's biometric data, as defined in the bill, without the prior written consent of the student-athlete. The bill also prohibits any individual or entity from making the possession, use, or ownership of or the rights to any student-athlete's biometric data a condition of any contract with the student-athlete for the use of the student-athlete's name, image, or likeness without the prior written consent of the student-athlete in a writing that is separate and apart from such contract.

**Status:** 3/9: Signed by President and the Speaker



**Bill Number:** HB 423

**Patron:** Rasoul

**Bill Title:** Roanoke Higher Education Authority; board of trustees; membership.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Reduces from 19 to 18 the total membership of the board of trustees of Roanoke Higher Education Authority by removing the presidents of Old Dominion University and the University of Virginia or their designees and adding the president of Appalachian College of Pharmacy or his designee. The bill also permits the President of Total Action for Progress to designate an individual to serve in his place on such board of trustees.

**Status:**

3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 430

**Patron:** LeVere Bolling

**Bill Title:** Institutions of higher education; educational authorities, centers, committees, funds, institutions, and partnerships; New College Institute; board of directors; membership and composition.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Makes several revisions to the membership requirements for the board of directors of the New College Institute, including (i) increasing from 15 to 20 members the total membership of the board of directors; (ii) modifying the composition of the board of directors by adding as required members the Executive Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia or his designee, the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee, and the presidents of George Mason University, Longwood University, Radford University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Virginia State University or their designees; (iii) reducing from 10 to seven the total number of nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor and requiring five of such nonlegislative citizen members to be representatives of West Piedmont public education and area business and industry, including one division superintendent, one public school teacher, and three business and industry leaders; and (iv) adding the president of Patrick & Henry Community College or his designee to serve as an ex officio nonvoting member.

**Status:** 3/11: Senate amendment agreed to by House (93-Y 6-N 0-A)



**Bill Number:** HB 814

**Patron:** Reaser

**Bill Title:** Virginia African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous Education Advisory Board established; report.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Creates the Virginia African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous Education Advisory Board (the Board) to advise the Governor and General Assembly on current ways that history for such populations is described in relevant Standards of Learning and curriculum frameworks, how such content is taught in classrooms, and strategies to develop African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous history and social studies elective courses. The bill requires the Board to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly. Additionally, the bill requires the Board to meet at least once prior to December 31, 2027. Finally, the bill contains a sunset date of July 1, 2030.

**Status:** 3/10: Motion to recommit to S-Education and Health committee agreed to (Voice Vote) S-Education and Health Substitute (26108789D)



**Bill Number:** HB 1039

**Patron:** Carr

**Bill Title:** Department of Education; College and Career Ready Virginia Program; administration; advisory committee and work group composition.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Removes the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond from the membership of the advisory committee and the work group that the Department of Education and the Community College System are required to establish for administration of the College and Career Ready Program pursuant to applicable law.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 1040

**Patron:** Carr

**Bill Title:** Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority; board of directors; chief executive officer.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Makes several changes relating to the board of directors and the chief executive officer of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority (the Authority)

**Status:** 3/10: Signed by Senate and House Leadership



**Bill Number:** HB 1188

**Patron:** Thomas

**Bill Title:** Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission established; report.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Establishes the Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission as an advisory commission in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of advising the General Assembly on issues of concern, including education inequity, economic opportunities, disparity in health outcomes, and the impact of social media use, as such issues relate to boys and men in the Commonwealth

**Status:** 3/12: Senate substitute agreed to by House (91-Y 6-N 0-A) Vote



**Bill Number:** HB 1374

**Patron:** Feggans

**Bill Title:** Virginia Military Institute; governance.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Virginia Military Institute; governance. Repeals the provisions of law that establish the board of visitors of Virginia Military Institute and transfers the governance of Virginia Military Institute to the board of visitors of Virginia State University.

**Status:** 3/10: Motion to recommit to committee agreed to (Voice Vote) H-Education Substitute (26107460D)



**Bill Number:** HB 1385

**Patron:** Franklin

**Bill Title:** Gubernatorial appointments; confirmation process; Virginia Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments; legal counsel for public institutions of higher education.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Gubernatorial appointments; confirmation process; Virginia Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments; legal counsel for public institutions of higher education. Amends the membership of the Virginia Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments to allow for the appointment of up to 15 nonlegislative citizen members; currently the Commission consists of six nonlegislative citizen members. The bill also amends several provisions relating to the employment, oversight, and management of the legal counsel for each public institution of higher education. Finally, the bill clarifies that the rejection of a gubernatorial appointment by the House or Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections or a subcommittee thereof or other standing committee made responsible by the rules of the applicable house for confirming gubernatorial appointments shall be deemed a refusal to confirm by the General Assembly for purposes of the constitutional prohibition on an appointee serving after such refusal.

**Status:** 3/14: Conference report agreed to by House (62-Y 34-N 0-A) Vote



**Bill Number:** SB 242

**Patron:** Head

**Bill Title:** Roanoke Higher Education Authority; board of trustees; reduces membership.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Roanoke Higher Education Authority; board of trustees; membership. Reduces from 19 to 18 the total membership of the board of trustees of Roanoke Higher Education Authority by removing the presidents of Old Dominion University and the University of Virginia or their designees and adding the president of Appalachian College of Pharmacy or his designee. The bill also permits the President of Total Action for Progress to designate an individual to serve in his place on such board of trustees.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** SB 299

**Patron:** Srinivasan

**Bill Title:** Institutions of higher education; educational authorities, centers, committees, funds, institutions, and partnerships; New College Institute; board of directors; membership and composition.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Institutions of higher education; educational authorities, centers, committees, funds, institutions, and partnerships; New College Institute; board of directors; membership and composition. Makes several revisions to the membership requirements for the board of directors of the New College Institute, including (i) increasing from 15 to 20 members the total membership of the board of directors; (ii) modifying the composition of the board of directors by adding as required members the Executive Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia or his designee, the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee, and the presidents of George Mason University, Longwood University, Radford University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Virginia State University or their designees; (iii) reducing from 10 to seven the total number of nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor and requiring five of such nonlegislative citizen members to be representatives of West Piedmont public education and area business and industry, including one division superintendent, one public school teacher, and three business and industry leaders; and (iv) adding the president of Patrick & Henry Community College or his designee to serve as an ex officio nonvoting member.

**Status:** 3/10: House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N 0-A)

**Bill Number:** SB 431

**Patron:** Bagby

**Bill Title:** VCU Health System Authority; changes relating to board of directors and chief executive officer.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority; board of directors; chief executive officer. Makes several changes relating to the board of directors and the chief executive officer of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority (the Authority), including (i) reducing from 19 to 13 the number of appointed members on the boards of directors and adding the chief executive officer of the Authority as an ex officio member with voting privileges, thereby reducing from 21 to 16 the total number of board members; (ii) changing from voting to nonvoting the nature of the membership of the President of Virginia Commonwealth University (the University) on the board of directors and prohibiting rather than requiring, as under current law, the President of the University from serving as chairman of the board of directors; (iii) lengthening the terms of all members of the board of directors from three years to four years; (iv) requiring the biennial election of a chairman and vice-chairman of the board of directors, requiring such chairman and vice-chairman to have served for at least two years on the board of directors, and prohibiting any employee of the University, employee of the Authority, member of the board of visitors of the University, or legislative member from serving as chairman; (v) providing that no further action shall be taken if a majority of each of the three-member committees appointed by the board of directors of the Authority and the board of visitors of the University do not agree on the removal of the chief executive officer of the Authority within 30 days of the appointment of the committees by each board; and (vi) providing that in the event that a majority of the members of each committee do not agree on the selection or conditions of appointment of the chief executive officer within 30 days of the appointment of the committees by each board, then the process set forth in statute shall be repeated until such selection has been made or such conditions of appointment have been determined. Current law requires the President of the University to make a binding decision in the event of any such disagreement.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026

**Bill Number:** SB 494

**Patron:** Deeds

**Bill Title:** Public institutions of higher education; governing boards; membership appointment, terms, and composition; duties relating to shared governance; requirements; work group.

**Bill Category:** Boards

**Bill Summary:** Public institutions of higher education; governing boards; membership appointment, terms, and composition; duties relating to shared governance; requirements; work group. Revises the membership requirements for the governing board of each public institution of higher education by (i) increasing from four years to six years the term of each member of the governing board of each public institution of higher education; (ii) clarifying matters relating to the confirmation process of gubernatorial appointees; and (iii) providing for (a) the expiration, upon the effective date of the bill, of the unexpired term of any person serving as a member of a governing board of a public institution of higher education prior to the effective date of the bill and (b) the gubernatorial appointment of new members to the governing board of each public institution of higher education.

The bill also requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to appoint to the governing board (a) one faculty representative as a voting member, selected from a list of individuals nominated by the institution's faculty senate or its equivalent; (b) one staff representative as a voting member, selected from a list of individuals nominated by the institution's staff senate or its equivalent; and (c) one student representative as voting member, selected from a list of individuals nominated by such institution's student government or an equivalent organization or body. The bill also requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to adopt policies defining and implementing shared governance among the components of the institution's organizational structure. Finally, the bill directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to convene a work group for the purpose of developing model shared governance policies, in accordance with the provisions of the bill, and to make such model shared governance policies available to the governing board of each public institution of higher education by January 1, 2027.

**Status:** 3/14: Conference report agreed to by House (62-Y 35-N 0-A) Vote



**Bill Number:** HB 626

**Patron:** Callsen

**Bill Title:** Carrying a firearm or explosive material within Capitol Square or building owned or leased by the Commonwealth; exemptions; public institutions of higher education; penalty.

**Bill Category:** Campus Safety

**Bill Summary:** Limits the exemption from the prohibition on the carrying of any firearm or explosive material within any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth or agency thereof or any office where employees of the Commonwealth or any agency thereof are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties that currently applies to any property owned or operated by a public institution of higher education to instead apply to any individual within a building owned or operated by a public institution of higher education who possesses a weapon as part of such public institution of higher education's curriculum or activities or as part of any organization authorized by such public institution of higher education to conduct its programs or activities within such building, as such uses are approved through the law-enforcement or public safety unit of such institution.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026

**Bill Number:** HB 650

**Patron:** Callsen

**Bill Title:** Courthouses; certain civil arrests prohibited, penalty.

**Bill Category:** Campus Safety

**Bill Summary:** Prohibiting certain acts in furtherance of federal immigration enforcement in certain protected areas; exceptions; penalties. Prohibits federal civil immigration enforcement activities in certain protected areas including any courthouse, within 40 feet of any polling place or building used as a meeting place for the local electoral board while the electoral board meets to ascertain the results of an election, and any place or facility owned by the Commonwealth that is a hospital or other health care facility, a school or public institution of higher education, or an office of the attorney for the Commonwealth. The bill prohibits any civil arrest in a courthouse pursuant to a civil administrative warrant, subject to certain exemptions such as service or enforcement of an order for failure to pay child support or for any arrest occurring in connection with a court proceeding that is taking place or is scheduled to take place. The bill provides that such provisions shall not apply when such arrest is authorized by a judicial warrant or judicial subpoena.

The bill also authorizes a local school board to include in its written school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plan a procedure for notifying school board employees and parents of enrolled students of the presence of certain individuals on school property for immigration investigation or enforcement purposes. The bill requires each public institution of higher education to notify all students, faculty, and staff whenever such institution confirms that an individual is present on campus to investigate compliance with, enforce, or assist with such investigation or enforcement of any federal immigration law. This bill incorporates HB1260, HB1265, HB1440, and HB1442.

**Status:** 3/14: Conference report agreed to by Senate (21-Y 18-N 0-A)



**Bill Number:** HB 1071

**Patron:** Laufer

**Bill Title:** Public elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education; threat assessment teams; training on emergency substantial risk orders and substantial risk orders.

**Bill Category:** Campus Safety

**Bill Summary:** Requires threat assessment teams for public elementary and secondary schools and for public institutions of higher education to receive specific education and training, within existing annual training, on the use of emergency substantial risk orders and substantial risk orders, as set forth in relevant law.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 427

**Patron:** LeVere Bolling

**Bill Title:** State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; uniform, comprehensive data information system; information on self-identified students who are parents.

**Bill Category:** Data

**Bill Summary:** Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to include in its uniform, comprehensive data information system information on self-identified students who are parents, as that term is defined in relevant law.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 955

**Patron:** Guzman

**Bill Title:** State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; public institutions of higher education; certain annual student demographic data.

**Bill Category:** Data

**Bill Summary:** Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to include in its uniform, comprehensive data information system annual data on the enrollment of Virginia students, non-Virginia students, and international students. The bill requires the Council, to the extent permitted by applicable state and federal law, to post data collected pursuant to such system publicly and conspicuously on its website.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026

**Bill Number:** HB 1161

**Patron:** Tran

**Bill Title:** Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act; dissemination of personal information to federal government; civil penalties.

**Bill Category:** Data

**Bill Summary:** Provides that any agency or political subdivision of the Commonwealth shall only disseminate personal information (i) to the extent necessary to comply with state or federal law, including the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act; (ii) to the extent necessary to carry out the administration of a state or federal program pursuant to state or federal law; (iii) to comply with a subpoena, court order, or administrative proceeding; (iv) to the extent necessary to ensure fulfillment of the obligations of a purchase or contract made in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act; or (v) when the data subject has given consent. The bill authorizes a court, in the case of a willful and knowing violation, to subject a specific public officer, appointee, or employee of any agency to civil penalties.

**Status:** 3/11: Senate substitute agreed to by House (91-Y 6-N 0-A)



**Bill Number:** HB 332

**Patron:** Rasoul

**Bill Title:** Teacher licensure; three-year license to teach career and technical education or dual enrollment courses at public high schools

**Bill Category:** Dual Enrollment

**Bill Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to provide for the issuance of a three-year license to teach solely career and technical education courses or dual enrollment courses at public high schools in the Commonwealth to any individual who (i) is employed as an instructor by an institution of higher education that is accredited by a nationally recognized regional accreditation body, (ii) is teaching in the specific career and technical education or dual enrollment subject area at such institution in which the individual seeks to teach at a public high school, and (iii) complies with the requirements set forth in relevant law to complete study in child abuse recognition and intervention and certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators. The bill requires the Board to require any such instructor to maintain continuous employment in such position at the institution of higher education as a condition of continued licensure.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026

**Bill Number:** HB 595

**Patron:** Simonds

**Bill Title:** Board of Education; requirements for graduation with an advanced studies diploma; simultaneous completion of International Baccalaureate diploma and advanced studies diploma; approval of alternatives for certain credit requirements; regulations.

**Bill Category:** Dual Enrollment

**Bill Summary:** Board of Education; requirements for graduation with an advanced studies diploma; simultaneous completion of International Baccalaureate diploma and advanced studies diploma; approval of alternatives for certain credit requirements; regulations. Requires the Board of Education to permit any student who (i) during or after grade 10, transferred into a public high school in the Commonwealth and (ii) is simultaneously pursuing an advanced studies diploma and an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma to complete certain courses or sequences of courses required for an IB diploma, as approved by the Board, including substitutes for the Virginia and U.S. history and government courses and for the economics and personal finance credit requirement. The bill also directs the Board to grant a waiver from the training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators required for graduation to any student who (a) pursuant to his individualized education program or Section 504 Plan cannot successfully complete the training or (b) after grade 10, transfers from a school or other education program that does not require or give credit for such training.

Finally, the bill directs the Board of Education to amend its regulations to expressly provide that any student who completes the requirements to be eligible for the award of an IB diploma shall be deemed to have satisfied the course and credit requirements for graduation with an advanced studies diploma without having to complete any additional course or credit verification requirements, except in the case of certain course or credit requirements applicable to all high school students pursuant to applicable law.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026

**Bill Number:** SB 63

**Patron:** Salim

**Bill Title:** Graduation with an advanced studies diploma; requirements, complet. of Int'l Baccalaureate diploma.

**Bill Category:** Dual Enrollment

**Bill Summary:** Board of Education; requirements for graduation with an advanced studies diploma; simultaneous completion of International Baccalaureate diploma and advanced studies diploma; approval of alternatives for certain credit requirements; regulations. Requires the Board of Education to permit any student who is simultaneously pursuing an advanced studies diploma and an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma to complete certain courses or sequences of courses required for an IB diploma, as approved by the Board, including substitutes for the Virginia and U.S. history and government courses and for the economics and personal finance credit requirement. The bill also directs the Board to grant a waiver from the training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators required for graduation to any student who (i) pursuant to his individualized education program or Section 504 Plan cannot successfully complete the training or (ii) after grade 10, transfers from a school or other education program that does not require or give credit for such training.

Finally, the bill directs the Board of Education to amend its regulations to expressly provide that any student who completes the requirements to be eligible for the award of an IB diploma shall be deemed to have satisfied the course and credit requirements for graduation with an advanced studies diploma without having to complete any additional course or credit verification requirements.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** SB 203

**Patron:** Suetterlein

**Bill Title:** Teacher licensure; career and technical education or dual enrollment; three-year licenses; established.

**Bill Category:** Dual Enrollment

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Board of Education to provide for the issuance of a three-year license to teach solely career and technical education courses or dual enrollment courses at public high schools in the Commonwealth to any individual who (i) is employed as an instructor by an institution of higher education that is accredited by a nationally recognized regional accreditation body, (ii) is providing instruction at such institution in the specific career and technical education or dual enrollment subject area that such individual seeks to teach at a public high school, and (iii) complies with other requirements set forth in applicable law. The bill also directs the Board to require any individual issued such three-year license to maintain continuous employment in such position at the applicable institution of higher education as a condition of continued licensure.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 1226

**Patron:** Sewell

**Bill Title:** Department of Motor Vehicles data; certain institutions of higher education; fees.

**Bill Category:** Finance

**Bill Summary:** Department of Motor Vehicles data; certain institutions of higher education; fees. Authorizes the release of certain privileged Department of Motor Vehicles data to those institutions of higher education that have entered into an agreement with the Department to offer special license plates bearing the seal, symbol, emblem, or logotype of that institution of higher education. The bill authorizes the Department to charge a one-time fee to cover the cost of releasing such information. The bill limits the use of such data to surveys, marketing, and solicitations related to such institution of higher education and such purposes as are otherwise authorized in writing by the subject of the information and requires the consent of the subject of the information prior to disclosure of the information. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** SB 445

**Patron:** Bagby

**Bill Title:** Department of Motor Vehicles data; certain institutions of higher education; fees.

**Bill Category:** Finance

**Bill Summary:** Department of Motor Vehicles data; certain institutions of higher education; fees. Authorizes the release of certain privileged Department of Motor Vehicles data to those institutions of higher education that have entered into an agreement with the Department to offer special license plates bearing the seal, symbol, emblem, or logotype of that institution of higher education. The bill authorizes the Department to charge a one-time fee to cover the cost of releasing such information. The bill limits the use of such data to surveys, marketing, and solicitations related to such institution of higher education and such purposes as are otherwise authorized in writing by the subject of the information and requires the consent of the subject of the information prior to disclosure of the information. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027.

**Status:** 3/10: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on March 10, 2026

**Bill Number:** HB 61

**Patron:** Ward

**Bill Title:** Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program established.

**Bill Category:** Financial

**Bill Summary:** Establishes the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program with a statewide goal of 42 percent of certified small SWaM business, as such term is defined in the bill, utilization in all discretionary spending by executive branch agencies and covered institutions in procurement orders, prime contracts, and subcontracts, as well as a target goal of 50 percent subcontracting to small SWaM businesses in instances where the prime contractor is not a small SWaM business for all new capital outlay construction solicitations that are issued. The bill provides that executive branch agencies and covered institutions are required to increase their small SWaM business utilization rates by three percent per year until reaching the 42-percent target or, if unable to do so, to implement achievable goals to increase their utilization rates. In addition, the bill provides for a small SWaM business set-aside for executive branch agency and covered institution purchases of goods, services, and construction, requiring that purchases up to \$100,000 be set aside for award to certified small SWaM businesses.

The bill creates the Division of Procurement Enhancement within the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity for purposes of collaborating with the Department of General Services, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, the Department of Transportation, and covered institutions to further the Commonwealth's efforts to meet the goals established under the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program, as well as implementing initiatives to enhance the development of small businesses, microbusinesses, women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses in the Commonwealth

**Status:** 3/14: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026

**Bill Number:** HB 404

**Patron:** Reid

**Bill Title:** Enslaved Ancestors College Access Scholarship and Memorial Program; parameters.

**Bill Category:** Financial

**Bill Summary:** Renames the Enslaved Ancestors College Access Scholarship and Memorial Program as the Enslaved or Displaced Ancestors College Access Scholarship and Memorial Program (the Program) and adds Christopher Newport University and Old Dominion University to the list of public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth that are required to implement and execute the Program on account of the displacement of residents of the Shoe Lane neighborhood in Newport News and residents of the Lambert's Point neighborhood in Norfolk, respectively. The bill requires Christopher Newport University and Old Dominion University and each institution that chooses to provide a college scholarship program as its mandated tangible benefit pursuant to the Program to fund such program from the institution's endowment funds or through fundraising or philanthropic contributions and to provide, on the basis of student merit and academic potential and other institution-specific criteria but without consideration of any other financial aid for which the recipient may be eligible, at least one scholarship to an undergraduate student in an amount equal to the full cost of tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board. The bill prohibits any such institution from passing the cost of any such scholarship program to other enrolled students by increasing the rate of tuition or mandatory fees.

The bill also requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to (i) establish a work group that consists of a representative of each institution that participates in the Program that meets at least semiannually to discuss Program administration, including sharing best practices on administration and research, coordinating funding and fundraising strategies, developing outreach and marketing plans, collaborating on historical and genealogical research efforts, and aligning government and community engagement initiatives and (ii) develop and maintain a single statewide online portal that describes each institution's program, criteria, and investments in scholarship students or the community, lists designated points of contact at each institution, shares application timelines and processes, and offers historical context and ongoing memorial updates.

**Status:** 3/14: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 414

**Patron:** Guzman

**Bill Title:**

Selective Service; Two-Year College Transfer Grant; Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program

**Bill Category:** Financial

**Bill Summary:** Removes the requirement that individuals register for the Selective Service in order to be eligible for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant, the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program, or any other state direct tuition assistance.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 815

**Patron:** Downey

**Bill Title:** Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority; administration of nursing scholarships

**Bill Category:** Financial

**Bill Summary:** Grants the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority the authority to administer scholarships related to nursing and to promulgate regulations exempt from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act as may be necessary to carry out the administration of nursing scholarship and loan programs. Under current law, the Board of Health is the administrative authority for such scholarships and the Commissioner of Health serves as the fiscal agent for the Board in the administration of some scholarship funds. The bill directs the Authority to establish an annual reporting schedule requiring submission of health workforce data, requires the Authority to establish and provide oversight and strategic guidance to the Virginia Nursing Workforce Center, and grants the Authority the authority to evaluate health workforce programs administered or supported by the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Virginia Nursing Workforce Center to establish an advisory board to provide it with strategic oversight and guidance.

**Status:** 3/10: Passed Senate Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A) Vote



**Bill Number:** HB 1095

**Patron:** Singh

**Bill Title:** High school students; completion of certain applications for student financial aid required; opt-out; exemption.

**Bill Category:** Financial

**Bill Summary:** Requires each high school student in the Commonwealth or, in the case of such a high school student who is a minor, the student's parent, prior to such student's graduation from high school, to (i) submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education or, if applicable, the Virginia Alternative Student Aid (VASA) application to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and confirm such submission in writing to the school board in the local school division in which the student resides or (ii) opt out of the requirements set forth in clause (i) in writing by submitting to the school board in the local school division in which the student resides an opt-out form developed by the Department of Education and made available to the student or his parent by such school board. The bill permits any school board that cannot obtain either such written confirmation or such written opt-out form for any high school student who resides in the local school division after making reasonable efforts to do so to exempt such student from such requirements.

**Status:**

3/11: Senate substitute agreed to by House (63-Y 35-N 0-A)

**Bill Number:** HB 1221

**Patron:** Sewell

**Bill Title:** Public institutions of higher education; financial aid review and consolidation; Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program and Fund; Virginia Commonwealth Award established; work group; report.

**Bill Category:** Financial

**Bill Summary:** Public institutions of higher education; financial aid review and consolidation; Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program and Fund; Virginia Commonwealth Award established; work group; report. Amends several provisions relating to higher education financial aid programs for the purpose of establishing the Virginia Commonwealth Award in the Code of Virginia and consolidating the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program and Fund with the Virginia Commonwealth Award. Currently, the Virginia Commonwealth Award is established and administered only in the Virginia Administrative Code. In consolidating and establishing such financial aid programs as the Virginia Commonwealth Award, the bill codifies several definitions and provisions relating to award eligibility and renewal for undergraduate students and graduate students. The bill also repeals a provision of law establishing the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Fund. The bill directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to promulgate emergency regulations for the administration of financial aid in accordance with the provisions of the bill by April 1, 2027. The bill also directs the Secretary of Education to (i) establish a work group to conduct a comprehensive review of higher education financial aid systems and processes in the Commonwealth and make recommendations on strategies for maximizing the efficacy and impact of state financial aid appropriations on accessibility and affordability of and student outcomes in higher education in the Commonwealth and (ii) submit to the chairs of the applicable committees of the General Assembly by July 1, 2027, a report on the work group's findings and recommendations.

Finally, the bill provides for the gradual phase-out of the award of grants under the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program by (i) prohibiting any first-time students from being offered a grant under the Virginia Guaranteed Assistant Program beginning with first-time students enrolled in the fall semester of 2027 and (ii) permitting any public institution of higher education to provide for the annual renewal of grant awards under such program for no more than three subsequent award years, or up to a total of four award years, to any student who receives a grant during the 2026- 2027 school year and continues to meet the requirements for grant renewal set forth in applicable law.

**Status:** 3/10: Finance and Appropriations Substitute receded by Senate (39-Y 0-N 0-A)

**Bill Number:** SB 167

**Patron:** VanValkenburg

**Bill Title:** Public institutions of higher education; financial aid review and consolidation; Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program and Fund; Virginia Commonwealth Award established.

**Bill Category:** Financial

**Bill Summary:** Amends several provisions relating to higher education financial aid programs for the purpose of establishing the Virginia Commonwealth Award in the Code of Virginia and consolidating the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program and Fund with the Virginia Commonwealth Award. Currently, the Virginia Commonwealth Award is established and administered only in the Virginia Administrative Code. In consolidating and establishing such financial aid programs as the Virginia Commonwealth Award, the bill codifies several definitions and provisions relating to award eligibility and renewal for undergraduate students and graduate students. The bill also repeals a provision of law establishing the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Fund. The bill directs the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to promulgate emergency regulations for the administration of financial aid in accordance with the provisions of the bill by April 1, 2027. Finally, the bill provides for the gradual phase-out of the award of grants under the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program by (i) prohibiting any first-time students from being offered a grant under the Virginia Guaranteed Assistant Program beginning with first-time students enrolled in the fall semester of 2027 and (ii) permitting any public institution of higher education to provide for the annual renewal of grant awards under such program for no more than three subsequent award years, or up to a total of four award years, to any student who receives a grant during the 2026- 2027 school year and continues to meet the requirements for grant renewal set forth in applicable law.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** SB 196

**Patron:** Williams Graves

**Bill Title:** Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program; permissible use of scholarship funds.

**Bill Category:** Financial

**Bill Summary:** Expands the permissible uses of scholarship funds under the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program by permitting eligible students and their lineal descendants to use such funds to attend an accredited two-year or four-year institution of higher education outside of the Commonwealth but establishes an initial annual cap of \$5,000 for any such scholarship.

**Status:** 3/11: Passed House (93-Y 6-N 0-A) Vote



**Bill Number:** HB 644

**Patron:** Kent

**Bill Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exemption for records of minors participating in certain programs run by state bodies.

**Bill Category:** FOIA

**Bill Summary:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exemption for records of minors participating in certain programs run by state bodies. Exempts from the mandatory disclosure requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act the personal contact information of minors who are participating in a program, such as an apprenticeship or unpaid internship or externship, run by a state public body.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 206

**Patron:** Keys-Gamarra

**Bill Title:** College partnership laboratory schools; transparency.

**Bill Category:** K-12

**Bill Summary:** Requires, for college partnership laboratory schools that form a collaborative partnership with one or more local school divisions, the parents of any enrolled student to be notified of such collaborative partnership and provided with contact information for an administrator in such partnering division that the parent can contact with questions or concerns about program administration or the student's experience at the college partnership laboratory school. The bill requires each college partnership laboratory to identify in a conspicuous and publicly accessible manner and location on the school's website the members and meeting schedule of the school's governing board; a summary of the operational, budgetary, and contractual decisions of such governing board; and the Board of Education regulations to which such school is subject.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 1311

**Patron:** Hernandez

**Bill Title:** Employees of state government; personal interest in certain contracts prohibited; certain exception for certain employees of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.

**Bill Category:** Legal

**Bill Summary:** Employees of state government; personal interest in certain contracts prohibited; certain exception for certain employees of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. Excludes from the prohibition against any officer or employee of any governmental agency of state government having a personal interest in a contract with the governmental agency of which he is an officer or employee, other than his own contract of employment, the personal interest of an employee of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind in a contract between the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind and a publisher or wholesaler of textbooks or other educational materials for students, which accrues to him solely because he has authored or otherwise created such textbooks or materials.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026

**Bill Number:** HB 1263

**Patron:** Tran

**Bill Title:** Public employees; repeals existing prohibition on collective bargaining, etc.

**Bill Category:** Legal

**Bill Summary:** Collective bargaining by public employees; individual home care providers; Virginia Home Care Authority established; Public Employee Relations Board established; exclusive bargaining representatives. Repeals the existing prohibition on collective bargaining by public employees. The bill creates the Public Employee Relations Board, which shall determine appropriate bargaining units and provide for certification and decertification elections for exclusive bargaining representatives of state employees and local government employees. The bill requires public employers and employee organizations that are exclusive bargaining representatives to meet at reasonable times to negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. The bill establishes the Virginia Home Care Authority within the Department of Medical Assistance Services to ensure the effectiveness and quality of the services of home care programs in the Commonwealth and tasks the Authority with serving as the public employer of individual providers, as defined in the bill, for purposes of collective bargaining pursuant to the bill's provisions. The bill repeals a provision that declares that in any procedure providing for the designation, selection, or authorization of a labor organization to represent employees the right of an individual employee to vote by secret ballot is a fundamental right that shall be guaranteed from infringement.

**Status:** 3/14: Conference report agreed to by Senate (20-Y 18-N 0-A) Vote

**Bill Number:** SB 378

**Patron:** Surovell

**Bill Title:** Public employees; repeals existing prohibition on collective bargaining, etc.

**Bill Category:** Legal

**Bill Summary:** Collective bargaining by public employees; Public Employee Relations Board established; exclusive bargaining representatives. Repeals the existing prohibition on collective bargaining by public employees. The bill creates the Public Employee Relations Board, which shall determine appropriate bargaining units and provide for certification and decertification elections for exclusive bargaining representatives of state employees and local government employees. The bill requires public employers and employee organizations that are exclusive bargaining representatives to meet at reasonable times to negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. The bill repeals a provision that declares that in any procedure providing for the designation, selection, or authorization of a labor organization to represent employees the right of an individual employee to vote by secret ballot is a fundamental right that shall be guaranteed from infringement. Certain provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2028.

**Status:** 3/14: Conference report agreed to by Senate (20-Y 18-N 0-A) Vote



**Bill Number:** SB 699

**Patron:** Ebbin

**Bill Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public bodies to post meeting agendas.

**Bill Category:** Legal

**Bill Summary:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public bodies to post meeting agendas. Requires public bodies subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to post the proposed agenda on the public body's official government website, if any, prior to the meeting. The bill provides that no final action may be taken on any items added to an agenda after a meeting commences unless the matter is time-sensitive or is the subject of a closed meeting properly identified in a motion in accordance with FOIA requirements and defines "final action." This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB383

**Patron:** Bennett-Parker

**Bill Title:** State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; exemption of certain courses and programs of instruction from certification requirement.

**Bill Category:** Licensure/Accreditation

**Bill Summary:** Exempts from the requirement to be certified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia any course or program of instruction on Scrum, Kanban, or other Agile-based methods or frameworks, provided that no such exempted course or program of instruction exceeds the number of hours required by the certifying body.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026

**Bill Number:** HB 413

**Patron:** Guzman

**Bill Title:** Board of Education; Board of Nursing; High School Certified Nurse Aid Training and Certification Program established; requirements; report.

**Bill Category:** Licensure/Accreditation

**Bill Summary:** Establishes the High School Certified Nurse Aid Training and Certification Program for the purpose of creating a pathway for qualified high school students, as defined by the bill, to prepare for and obtain certification as a certified nurse aid (CNA) in the Commonwealth by approving and supporting the establishment of approved training programs, as that term is defined by the bill, whereby any qualified high school student may participate in a program of instruction that (i) is designed to prepare such students for certification as a CNA, in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Nursing; (ii) is taught by an individual who is qualified to provide such instruction, consistent with the requirements of the Board of Education and the Board of Nursing; and (iii) supports each participating student in meeting the requirements for and obtaining certification as a CNA. The bill directs the Board of Education, in collaboration with the Board of Nursing, to administer the Program and to establish policies and procedures for the administration of the Program. Finally, the bill requires the Board of Education to submit to the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education by November 1 of each year a report on the activities of the Program for the preceding year.

**Status:** 3/10: Senate substitute agreed to by House (98-Y 0-N 0-A)

**Bill Number:** SB 272

**Patron:** Deeds

**Bill Title:** Carrying a firearm or explosive material within Capitol Square or building owned or leased by the Commonwealth; exemptions; public institutions of higher education; penalty.

**Bill Category:** Related

**Bill Summary:** Carrying a firearm or explosive material within Capitol Square or building owned or leased by the Commonwealth; exemptions; public institutions of higher education; penalty. Limits the exemption from the prohibition on the carrying of any firearm or explosive material within any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth or agency thereof or any office where employees of the Commonwealth or any agency thereof are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties that currently applies to any property owned or operated by a public institution of higher education to instead apply to any individual within a building owned or operated by a public institution of higher education who possesses a weapon as part of such public institution of higher education's curriculum or activities or as part of any organization authorized by such public institution of higher education to conduct its programs or activities within such building, as such uses are approved through the law-enforcement or public safety unit of such institution.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 1377

**Patron:** Helmer

**Bill Title:** Establishing the Virginia Military Institute Advisory Task Force.

**Bill Category:** Report

**Bill Summary:** Establishing the Virginia Military Institute Advisory Task Force. [From law: The purpose of the Task Force is to determine whether it should continue to be a state-sponsored institution of higher education.]

**Status:** 3/14: Conference report agreed to by Senate (21-Y 18-N 0-A) Vote



**Bill Number:** SB 447

**Patron:** Bagby

**Bill Title:** Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission established; report.

**Bill Category:** Report

**Bill Summary:** Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission established; report.

Establishes the Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission as an advisory commission in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of advising the General Assembly on issues of concern, including education inequity, economic opportunities, disparity in health outcomes, and the impact of social media use, as such issues relate to boys and men in the Commonwealth.

**Status:**

3/12: House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N 0-A)



**Bill Number:** SB 592

**Patron:** Bagby

**Bill Title:** Board of Education; career and technical education courses, pathways, and credentials; biennial review; report.

**Bill Category:** Report

**Bill Summary:** Board of Education; career and technical education courses, pathways, and credentials; biennial review; report. Requires the Board of Education and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development, with the assistance of the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, the Virginia Office of Education Economics, the Department of Education, the Virginia Community College System, and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, to conduct, beginning with the fiscal year starting July 1, 2026, and each odd-numbered year thereafter, a biennial review of all career and technical education course, pathway, and credential offerings available to public school students across the Commonwealth for the purpose of ensuring that all such career and technical education course, pathway, and credential offerings are (i) aligned with current and emerging industry and workforce needs, demands, and standards and (ii) designed to effectively prepare students for postsecondary success through gainful employment in a high-demand industry or field, enrollment in postsecondary education, or enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. The bill requires the Board of Education and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development to develop and submit to the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Labor, and the chairs of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by October 1 of each odd-numbered year, beginning with October 1, 2026, a report on each such biennial review.

**Status:** 3/12: Passed House Block Vote (96-Y 0-N 0-A)

**Bill Number:** HB 22

**Patron:** Helmer

**Bill Title:**

VMI; removes certain authority, disciplinary immunity for certain individuals who make reports.

**Bill Category:** Safety

**Bill Summary:** Removes the authority granted to Virginia Military Institute to include in its sexual violence policy, code, rules, or set of standards a provision stipulating that in the event that a cadet discloses personal consumption of drugs or alcohol in conjunction with a good faith report of an act of sexual violence and the superintendent of Virginia Military Institute determines that such cadet's personal consumption of drugs or alcohol constitutes a threat to the cadet's well-being or the well-being of others, the superintendent may require such cadet to attend drug or substance use disorder counseling.

**Status:** 3/14: Signed by President and the Speaker



**Bill Number:** HB 131

**Patron:** Simon

**Bill Title:** Public institutions of higher education; reasonable accommodations for the religious beliefs and practices of individual students

**Bill Category:** Student Affairs

**Bill Summary:** Requires each public institution of higher education to provide reasonable accommodations, as defined in the bill, for the religious beliefs and practices of individual students with regard to admissions, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments and to provide and describe in the institution's student handbook or an equivalent document and in the institution's faculty handbook or an equivalent document a grievance procedure for any student to seek redress when the student believes that he has been unreasonably denied such reasonable accommodations for his religious beliefs and practices.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 468

**Patron:** Cohen

**Bill Title:** State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; model transition IEP; report.

**Bill Category:** Study

**Bill Summary:** Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (the Council), in consultation with the Department of Education and representatives of public institutions of higher education and public secondary schools in the Commonwealth, to develop and submit to the Department of Education for public posting and access by the individualized education program (IEP) team of any student with a disability a model transition IEP to help facilitate the timely provision of transition services and accommodations for students with disabilities by public institutions of higher education across the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Council to encourage private institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth to accept the model transition IEP as a document to guide their own eligibility determinations for students with disabilities to help facilitate the timely provision of transition services and accommodations for such students at such institutions. The bill requires the Council to submit to the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education by November 1, 2026, a report on its findings and recommendations that includes a copy of such model transition IEP.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HJ 32

**Patron:** Laufer

**Bill Title:** Study; Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission; artificial intelligence use policies in place at institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth; report.

**Bill Category:** Study

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the artificial intelligence use policies in place at institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth and evaluate each policy in terms of how it addresses academic integrity, data privacy, equity and access, transparency, and faculty autonomy and instructional agency. JLARC is further directed to develop a model policy for AI use in institutions of higher education, as well as to make recommendations for AI tools, curricula, and other resources for inclusion in a statewide clearinghouse for educators, students, and the public at large.

**Status:** 3/3: Agreed to by Senate Block Vote (Voice Vote) Engrossed

Read third time



**Bill Number:** HB 996

**Patron:** Seibold

**Bill Title:** Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services; Department of Education; Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition Program.

**Bill Category:** Transition program

**Bill Summary:** Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services; Department of Education; Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition Program. Directs the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, in collaboration with the Department of Education, to develop and implement a plan to expand the Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition (PERT) Program to increase the number of students assisted in the transition from high school to postsecondary programs. The bill requires such plan to equip local community services boards with the resources to assist an increased number of students in such transition, publish online resources about the transition process, and develop an online dashboard to provide information about possible postsecondary education programs.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** HB 67

**Patron:** Feggans

**Bill Title:** Department of Energy; workforce development in offshore wind industry.

**Bill Category:** Workforce

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Director of the Department of Energy to identify and develop training resources to advance workforce development in the offshore wind industry in the Commonwealth.

**Status:** 3/14: Conference report agreed to by House (77-Y 19-N 0-A)



**Bill Number:** HB 693

**Patron:** McAuliff

**Bill Title:** Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; workforce development programs; apprenticeship program

**Bill Category:** Workforce

**Bill Summary:** Recognizes the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement as the federally and state designated agency responsible for workforce development in the Commonwealth. The bill additionally makes technical changes to reflect the previous transfer of administration of apprenticeship programs from the Department of Labor and Industry to the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement. The bill also specifies that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shall share data related to the Innovative Internship Program for certain purposes related to evaluation workforce programs. The bill also amends the seventh enactments of Chapters 624 and 625 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023 to exempt the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement's initial adoption and any additional regulations from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act provided that, prior to the final adoption of such regulations, the Department publishes in the Virginia Register of Regulations and posts on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall an action that provides (i) a 30-day comment period; (ii) a summary of the proposed regulations, the text of the proposed regulations, and the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the agency contact person responsible for receiving public comments; and (iii) the statutory authority to promulgate the regulations.

**Status:** 3/14: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** SB 405

**Patron:** Lucas

**Bill Title:** Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority; administration of nursing scholarships.

**Bill Category:** Workforce

**Bill Summary:** Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority; administration of nursing scholarships. Grants the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority the authority to administer scholarships related to nursing and to promulgate regulations exempt from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act as may be necessary to carry out the administration of nursing scholarship and loan programs. Under current law, the Board of Health is the administrative authority for such scholarships and the Commissioner of Health serves as the fiscal agent for the Board in the administration of some scholarship funds. The bill directs the Authority to establish an annual reporting schedule requiring submission of health workforce data, requires the Authority to establish and provide oversight and strategic guidance to the Virginia Nursing Workforce Center, and grants the Authority the authority to evaluate health workforce programs administered or supported by the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Virginia Nursing Workforce Center to establish an advisory board to provide it with strategic oversight and guidance.

**Status:** 3/10: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026



**Bill Number:** SB 25

**Patron:** Carroll Foy

**Bill Title:** Offshore Wind Industry Workforce Program and Fund; established, report, sunset.

**Bill Category:** Workforce

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Director of the Department of Energy to identify and develop training resources to advance workforce development in the offshore wind industry in the Commonwealth.

**Status:** 3/14: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026