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## **HB1306 Federal Oversight, Commission on; established, report.**

*Chief Patron:* Landes

### ***Summary:***

Creates the Commission on Federal Oversight, consisting of eight legislative members representing the House of Delegates and the Senate, to meet twice a year with the United States Senate members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation, and to communicate with Virginia's members of the United States House of Representatives, to address public policy issues for which both federal and state policy makers have responsibility. The Division of Legislative Services will provide staff support, and other state agencies will provide technical assistance upon request. The act establishing the Commission will not become effective unless an appropriation of funds effectuating the purpose of the act is included in the general appropriation act passed during the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly that becomes law.

### **Status:**

08/15/12 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100131D

08/15/12 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

01/18/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1306)

01/24/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Rules

## **HB1316 Sex-selective abortions; penalty.**

*Chief Patron:* Marshall, R.G.

### ***Summary:***

Provides that a person who performs an abortion with knowledge that the abortion is sought solely and exclusively on account of the sex of the unborn child is guilty of a Class 4 felony. The bill also requires that the information that must be provided to a woman seeking an abortion prior to obtaining her informed written consent to the procedure shall include a statement that the physician would be committing a criminal offense if he performs an abortion solely on account of the sex of the unborn child.

### **Status:**

01/10/13 House: Referred from Commerce and Labor

01/10/13 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/17/13 House: Assigned Courts sub: #7 Constitutional Law

01/18/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Courts of Justice

## **HB1362 Election Day; designating as a state holiday.**

*Chief Patron:* Scott, J.M.

### ***Summary:***

Designates the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, i.e., Election Day, as a legal holiday.

### **Status:**

12/04/12 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101572D

12/04/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/11/13 House: Assigned P & E sub: Campaign Finance Subcommittee

01/16/13 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations

01/18/13 House: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections

**HB1368 Jury duty; requires employer to excuse an employee for each day of service that exceeds three hours.**

*Chief Patron:* Scott, J.M.

***Summary:***

Requires employers, including the Commonwealth and localities, to excuse an employee from employment for each day the employee's service as a juror exceeds three hours. The requirement applies when an employee is summoned for jury duty in a federal or state court and provides his immediate supervisor, on the next working day after receiving the summons, with the original or a photocopy of the summons. With certain exceptions, the employee is entitled to his usual compensation for periods he is excused, though the employer may deduct any compensation the employee receives for the jury service. Employers may not discharge or discriminate against an employee for jury duty if the required notice was given. An employee who is discharged, demoted, or suspended in violation of these provisions may seek reinstatement and reimbursement for lost wages and benefits and recovery of attorney fees and court costs.

**Status:**

12/06/12 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/10/13 House: Assigned C & L sub: #2

01/16/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1368)

01/22/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

**HB1381 Plastic bags; imposes \$0.05 tax beginning 7/1/14 on those used by purchasers to carry certain goods.**

*Companion Bill:* SB970

*Chief Patron:* Morrissey

***Summary:***

Imposes a tax of five cents (\$0.05) beginning on July 1, 2014, on plastic bags used by purchasers to carry tangible personal property purchased in grocery stores, convenience stores, or drug stores. Durable, reusable plastic bags and bags used for ice cream, meat, fish, poultry, leftover restaurant food, newspapers, dry cleaning, and prescription drugs are exempt from the tax. Retailers are allowed to retain one cent (\$0.01) of the five-cent (\$0.05) tax or two cents (\$0.02) if the retailer has a customer bag credit program. Failure to collect and remit the tax will result in fines of \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 for the first, second, and third and subsequent offenses, respectively. The revenues from the tax would be deposited into the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund.

**Status:**

12/12/12 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/06/13 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB1381)

01/14/13 House: Assigned Finance sub: #1

01/16/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Finance

## **HB1389 Higher educational institutions; allocation of in-state undergraduate tuition and state funds.**

*Chief Patron:* Ramadan

### ***Summary:***

Requires the board of visitors or other governing body of every public institution of higher education to ensure that all funds received from in-state undergraduate tuition are dedicated to the purpose of undergraduate education, that 65 percent of such funds are dedicated to undergraduate instructional expenses, and that 65 percent of all funds received from the Commonwealth for the education and general programs of instruction, academic support, student services, institutional support, and operation and maintenance of the physical plant are dedicated to undergraduate instructional expenses.

### **Status:**

12/14/12 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts

01/15/13 House: Subcommittee recommends no action

01/18/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1389)

02/05/13 House: Left in Education

## **HB1407 Inmates; eligibility for medical assistance.**

*Chief Patron:* Hope

### ***Summary:***

Provides that a person who is in the custody of a state or local correctional facility and who meets the criteria for eligibility for services under the state plan for medical assistance shall remain eligible for medical assistance while he is confined, but that no services under the state plan for medical assistance shall be furnished unless federal financial participation is available for the cost of the services provided. This bill also provides that such person shall be eligible for services under the state plan for medical assistance immediately upon release from a state or local correction facility and that, to the extent permitted by federal law, the time during which the person is confined to a state or local correction facility shall not be included in any calculation of when the person's eligibility for medical assistance shall need to be recertified.

### **Status:**

12/18/12 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

01/15/13 House: Assigned HWI sub: #1

01/18/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1407)

01/21/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Health, Welfare and Institutions

## **HB1469 Higher educational institutions; State Inspector General to conduct a comprehensive financial audit.**

*Chief Patron:* Bell, Richard P.

### ***Summary:***

Directs the State Inspector General to conduct a comprehensive financial audit of Virginia's four-year public institutions of higher education, to be completed by July 1, 2015. The bill requires the State Inspector General to

submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 15, 2015, detailing any findings or recommendations for improving the efficiency and fiscal practices of such four-year public institutions of higher education, including recommending changes in the law that are necessary to address such findings.

**Status:**

12/28/12 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100459D

12/28/12 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/15/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1469)

02/05/13 House: Left in General Laws

**HB1478 State Inspector General; powers and duties.**

*Chief Patron:* Farrell

***Summary:***

Requires the State Inspector General, beginning July 1, 2014, to develop standard operating procedures and a schedule for performance reviews of executive branch agencies, which procedures shall include the nature, scope, timetable, and reporting mechanism for regularly scheduled performance reviews. The performance reviews shall (i) be conducted periodically to ascertain that sums appropriated have been or are being expended for the purposes for which the appropriation was made, (ii) evaluate the effectiveness of each agency program in accomplishing such purpose, and (iii) include any findings and recommendations for the improvement of efficiency of the agency.

**Status:**

01/02/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100368D

01/02/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/18/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1478)

02/05/13 House: Left in General Laws

**HB1496 Senior citizens; reduced tuition for attendance at higher educational institutions in State.**

*Chief Patron:* Stolle

***Summary:***

Permits a senior citizen whose taxable income exceeded \$15,000 in the year preceding the year in which enrollment is sought to pay reduced tuition at a rate of 25 percent of the total cost for enrollment in courses as a full-time or part-time student for academic credit at a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth if total student enrollment for the course or courses in which the senior citizen seeks enrollment has not reached 75 percent of the maximum course capacity as of the first day of the academic term. Current law waives tuition for senior citizens whose taxable income was \$15,000 or less in the year preceding the year in which enrollment is sought.

**Status:**

01/02/13 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

01/08/13 House: Assigned App. sub: Higher Education

01/18/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1496)

01/28/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (9-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 House: Left in Appropriations



**HB1537 Student teachers & student teacher supervisors; fingerprinting, criminal history records check, etc.**

*Chief Patron:* Yost

***Summary:***

Requires any student teacher at an accredited public or private institution of higher education, as a condition of participation in a classroom teaching, internship, clinical, or field experience in a public elementary or secondary school or a private elementary or secondary school in the Commonwealth, to submit to fingerprinting and a criminal history records check. The bill provides that the governing board of the institution of higher education, the local school board, or governing board of the private school may deny a student teacher or student teacher supervisor placement in an elementary or secondary school if the criminal history records check reveals that the student teacher or student teacher candidate has been convicted of a felony or Class 1 misdemeanor in the Commonwealth or an equivalent offense in another state. The bill further requires a student teacher or student teacher supervisor to provide the necessary personal information to conduct a search of the registry of founded complaints of child abuse and neglect in the Commonwealth and to obtain such information from other states if the student teacher has lived in another state in the past five years. The governing board of the institution of higher education, the local school board, or governing board of the private school may deny a student teacher or student teacher supervisor placement in an elementary or secondary school if he is the subject of a founded case of child abuse or neglect.

**Status:**

01/04/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education  
01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Teachers and Admin. Action  
01/21/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1537)  
01/28/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table  
02/05/13 House: Left in Education

**HB1560 Abortion; removes requirement that a woman undergo transabdominal ultrasound prior to procedure.**

*Chief Patron:* Kory

***Summary:***

Removes the requirement that a woman undergo a transabdominal ultrasound prior to an abortion.

**Status:**

01/04/13 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
01/15/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1560)  
01/16/13 House: Assigned Courts sub: #7 Constitutional Law  
01/18/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table  
02/05/13 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**HB1584 Digital accounts and assets; enables a fiduciary to gain access.**

*Companion Bill:* SB914

*Chief Patron:* Bulova

***Summary:***

Enables a fiduciary to gain access to the digital accounts and digital assets of the person or estate to whom he owes a

fiduciary duty upon making a written request to the custodian of the digital accounts and digital assets and submitting proof of the fiduciary relationship.

**Status:**

01/15/13 House: Referred from Commerce and Labor

01/15/13 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/15/13 House: Assigned Courts sub: #2 Civil

01/21/13 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB1752-Wright) (8-Y 0-N)

01/23/13 House: Incorporated by Courts of Justice (HB1752-Wright)

**HB1591 Plastic bags; use by retailers.**

*Chief Patron:* Ware, O.

***Summary:***

Bans the use of plastic carryout bags by retailers at the point of sale unless such bags are (i) durable plastic bags with handles, (ii) at least 2.25 mils thick, and (iii) specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse.

**Status:**

01/05/13 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

01/14/13 House: Assigned ACNRsub: Natural Resources

01/16/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

01/17/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1591)

02/05/13 House: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**HB1605 Students; admission of those domiciled in State at higher educational institutions.**

*Chief Patron:* Hugo

***Summary:***

Provides that the board of visitors or other governing body of each public institution of higher education, except for Virginia Military Institute, Norfolk State University, and Virginia State University, must establish rules and regulations requiring that by the start of the 2018-2019 academic year, at least 75 percent of students admitted and enrolled at the institution are domiciled in Virginia.

**Status:**

01/06/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts

01/22/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1605)

01/29/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Education

**HB1609 Higher education; mental health treatment coordination.**

*Companion Bill:* SB1342

*Chief Patron:* Hugo

***Summary:***

Requires the governing board of each public four-year institution of higher education to establish a written memorandum of understanding with its local community services board or behavioral health authority and with local

hospitals and other local mental health facilities in order to expand the scope of services available to students seeking treatment. The bill requires each public four-year institution of higher education to designate a contact person to be notified when a student is involuntarily committed, or when a student is discharged from a facility and he consents to such notification. The bill requires the memorandums to include the institution of higher education in the post-discharge planning of a student who has been committed and intends to return to campus, to the extent allowable under state and federal privacy laws.

**Status:**

02/07/13 Senate: Reported from Education and Health with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

02/07/13 Senate: Committee substitute printed 13105020D-S1

02/08/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)

02/11/13 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

02/11/13 Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N)

**HB1612 Workers' compensation; fee schedule for medical care services and prompt payment.**

**Chief Patron:** Hugo

**Summary:**

Limits the pecuniary liability of an employer for medical, surgical, and hospital services provided on or after October 1, 2014, pursuant to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act to the maximum amount that may be paid pursuant to fee schedules established by the Workers' Compensation Commission, unless a contract provides otherwise. The Workers' Compensation Commission is directed to promulgate regulations establishing medical care fee schedules governing all medical care services rendered pursuant to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act. The schedules shall become effective on October 1, 2014. The bill requires the medical care fee schedule regulations to (i) be comprehensive in scope, (ii) be based on Medicare where applicable, (iii) utilize Medicare coding and reimbursement rules, and (iv) address fees of physicians and surgeons, hospitals, ancillary services provided by other health care facilities and providers, pharmacy and pharmaceutical services, and utilization review issues and procedures. The Commission is required to review the fee schedules annually and when appropriate revise them. The measure also requires an insurer or self-insured employer, effective October 1, 2014, to either pay a medical bill or deny payment of the bill within 60 days of receiving a bill and supporting medical documentation. If the Commission finds that the self-insured employer or insurer unreasonably denied payment for medical services, it shall order payment for the services with interest.

**Status:**

01/06/13 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/14/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1612)

01/23/13 House: Assigned C & L sub: Special Workers Comp

01/31/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

**HB1700 Students; admission of those domiciled in State at higher educational institutions.**

**Chief Patron:** Comstock

**Summary:**

Provides that the board of visitors or other governing body of each public institution of higher education, except for the Virginia Military Institute, Norfolk State University, and Virginia State University, must establish rules and

regulations requiring that by the start of the 2018-2019 academic year, at least 75 percent of students admitted and enrolled at the institution are domiciled in Virginia.

**Status:**

01/07/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts

01/22/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1700)

01/29/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Education

**HB1741 Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act; organ removal and Virginia Transplant Council.**

*Chief Patron:* Tata

**Summary:**

Requires any physician or technician performing the removal of donated tissue to have been approved as qualified by a tissue bank. Current law requires approval by LifeNet Health. The bill also authorizes membership on the Virginia Transplant Council to any organization accredited by the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations, the American Association of Tissue Banks, or the Eye Bank Association of America that is directly involved in activities related to organ, tissue, or eye donation, procurement, or transplantation in Virginia.

**Status:**

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

01/15/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1741)

01/15/13 House: Assigned HWI sub: #4

01/17/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Health, Welfare and Institutions

**HB1777 Virginia Open Education Resources Council; established.**

*Chief Patron:* Filler-Corn

**Summary:**

Establishes the Virginia Open Education Resources Council to (i) identify and acquire digital open source textbooks to be used in 50 undergraduate courses in public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth and (ii) develop the Virginia Digital Open Source Textbook Library as the digital repository of such open source textbooks. The Council shall be staffed by one faculty member from each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth.

**Status:**

01/08/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101118D

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee on Science and Technology

01/21/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1777)

01/30/13 House: Tabled in Science and Technology

**HB1790 Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority; established, report.**

*Companion Bill:* SB1138

**Chief Patron:** Garrett

**Summary:**

Establishes the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth for the purposes of making the Commonwealth a national and global leader in nuclear energy and serving as an interdisciplinary study, research, and information resource for the Commonwealth on nuclear energy issues. The 17-member board of directors of the Authority is directed to form a nonstock, nonprofit corporation, referred to as the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium. Membership in the Consortium is open to specified educational institutions, Virginia-based federal research laboratories, nuclear-related nonprofit organizations, business entities with operating facilities in Virginia that are engaged in activities directly related to the nuclear energy industry, and other persons whose membership is approved by the Consortium's board of directors. The purposes of the Consortium include carrying out the rights, powers, and duties of the Authority and conducting other activities useful in (i) making the Commonwealth a leader in nuclear energy, (ii) serving as an interdisciplinary study, research, and information resource for the Commonwealth on nuclear energy issues, and (iii) raising money on behalf of the Authority in the corporate and nonprofit community and from other nonstate sources.

**Status:**

02/06/13 Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (34-Y 6-N)

02/07/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/08/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1790S1)

02/08/13 House: Senate substitute agreed to by House 13104884D-S1 (92-Y 3-N)

02/08/13 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (92-Y 3-N)

**HB1812 Real property owned by State; alters provisions governing local service charges.**

**Chief Patron:** McQuinn

**Summary:**

Alters the provisions governing local service charges on property owned by the Commonwealth (i) by including the value of hospitals and educational institutions owned by the Commonwealth in calculating the threshold that must be met before a locality may impose the service charge (under current law, the value of property owned by the Commonwealth must exceed 3% of the total value of all real property in the locality) and (ii) by including emergency medical services in the services whose cost is used to determine the amount of the service charge.

**Status:**

01/08/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102608D

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/14/13 House: Assigned Finance sub: #2

01/21/13 House: Stricken from docket by Finance

**HB1845 Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund; amount of reward.**

**Companion Bill:** SB1178

**Chief Patron:** Loupassi

**Summary:**

Reduces the requirement for an award from the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and expands the purposes for which the Fund may be used to include supporting the administration of the

Fund, defraying Fund advertising costs, and subsidizing the operation of the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline, all of which expenditure is capped at five percent of the Fund. The bill also (i) authorizes the State Inspector General to split a reward among multiple whistle blowers reporting the same qualifying incident of wrongdoing or abuse, (ii) requires that by the end of each calendar quarter 85 percent of all sums recovered shall be deposited into the general fund, (iii) requires the State Inspector General to submit an annual report to the General Assembly summarizing the activities of the Fund, and (vi) changes the name of the State Employee Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline to the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline. The bill contains technical amendments.

**Status:**

02/05/13 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N)

02/06/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

02/06/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

02/08/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

02/08/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

**HB1856 Emergency medical services; Board of Health to develop policies related to statewide providers.**

*Chief Patron:* Orrock

**Summary:**

Requires the Board of Health to prescribe by regulation a statewide operating procedure for activities performed by emergency medical services personnel and agencies. The bill also prohibits operational medical directors from prohibiting an emergency medical services provider from practicing emergency medical services in the absence of remedial or corrective measures or suspension.

**Status:**

01/29/13 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (96-Y 3-N)

01/30/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

01/30/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/31/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1856EH1)

02/04/13 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions

**HB1875 Community Colleges, State Board for; faculty member added to board of visitors and State Board.**

*Chief Patron:* McClellan

**Summary:**

Adds one faculty member to the board of visitors of each public institution of higher education and of the State Board for Community Colleges to be appointed by the other members of the board for a four-year term after election by the respective institution's faculty senate. The faculty member has voting privileges. Currently, each board of visitors and the State Board for Community Colleges may appoint one or more nonvoting advisory faculty members for a term of at least one year from a list of individuals elected by the respective institution's faculty senate. The bill contains technical amendments.

**Status:**

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts  
01/15/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1875)  
01/15/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table  
02/05/13 House: Left in Education

**HB1881 University of Virginia; appointment to Board of Visitors.**

*Chief Patron:* Morrissey

*Summary:*

Adds two members to the University of Virginia Board of Visitors: one member of the faculty senate, nominated by the faculty senate and approved by the remainder of the board, and one currently enrolled student, nominated by the dean of students and approved by the remainder of the board.

**Status:**

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education  
01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts  
01/15/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1881)  
01/15/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table  
02/05/13 House: Left in Education

**HB1890 General Services, Department of; public access to standard vendor accounting information.**

*Chief Patron:* LeMunyon

*Summary:*

Requires the Division of Purchases and Supply of the Department of General Services and the State Comptroller to adhere to the adopted data standards and match all purchases of goods, commodities, and other services to the related payment activity and make the matched information available on the Commonwealth Data Point pursuant to subdivision H 3 a of § 30-133. The bill requires that this information be available at a transactional level and be in sufficient detail to make clear what an agency has purchased, when the purchase was made, the vendor from whom the purchase is made, the amount purchased, if applicable, and how much was paid. To the extent the purchase is made from an entity of the Commonwealth, the smallest element of the selling Department or agency shall be specified. Purchases made using credit card or other financing arrangements shall specify the vendor. The bill further requires that by November 1, 2013, the Governor require either the Division or State Comptroller to modify its system or adopt a new system, as may be deemed necessary, to provide the matched purchase and payment data.

**Status:**

01/25/13 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (98-Y 0-N)  
01/25/13 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)  
01/25/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1890H1)  
01/28/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
01/28/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

**HB1897 Cellular telephone or other electronic devices; warrant required for search.**

*Chief Patron:* Carr

**Summary:**

Provides that no officer of the law or any other person shall search any cellular telephone, tablet computer, portable computer, desktop computer, or other electronic device containing or designed to contain electronic data or digital information except by virtue of and under a warrant issued by a proper officer.

**Status:**

01/08/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13103486D

01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/17/13 House: Assigned Courts sub: #1 Criminal

01/21/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**HB1933 Lyme disease; VDH to disclose information on treatment and diagnosis for patients, etc., on website.**

**Companion Bill:** SB971

**Chief Patron:** Comstock

**Summary:**

Requires physicians to provide each patient for whom a test for the presence of Lyme disease is ordered with a notice about Lyme disease, about testing for Lyme disease, and about the need to contact his physician with questions or concerns about Lyme disease.

**Status:**

02/05/13 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (93-Y 5-N)

02/06/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1933EH1)

02/06/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

02/06/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

02/06/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

**HB1936 Minority Business Enterprises, Department of; changes definition of small business.**

**Chief Patron:** Lopez

**Summary:**

Changes the definition of "small business" to be a business located in Virginia that meets the definition of a small business concern as defined in the federal Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. § 631 et seq.).

**Status:**

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/14/13 House: Assigned GL sub: #2 FOIA/Procurement

01/15/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1936)

01/24/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in General Laws

**HB1940 Community Colleges, State Board for, et al; faculty representatives & student representatives.**



**Chief Patron:** Landes

**Summary:**

Requires the State Board for Community Colleges, local community college boards, and boards of visitors of any four-year public institution of higher education to appoint one or more nonvoting, advisory faculty representatives to their respective boards. Current law permits, but does not require, such appointments. The bill removes the option for local community college boards and boards of visitors to choose faculty representatives from individuals elected by the institution's faculty. The bill further requires boards of visitors to choose nonvoting, advisory student representatives from individuals elected by the institution's student government.

**Status:**

01/24/13 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (77-Y 21-N)

01/25/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1940E)

01/25/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

01/25/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

02/04/13 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

**HB1952 Higher educational institutions; board of visitors governance, report.**

**Chief Patron:** Landes

**Summary:**

Adds specific topics to be covered during the educational programs for governing boards and requires such programs to be delivered by the State Council of Higher Education annually. The bill also requires each board of visitors to adopt bylaws with certain provisions relating to the Freedom of Information Act; annually meet with the president of the institution to deliver a review of the president's performance; designate its executive committee to organize the working processes of the board and recommend best practices for board governance; and annually deliver an executive summary of its interim activities to the General Assembly and the Governor.

**Status:**

01/24/13 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N)

01/25/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

01/25/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/31/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1952E)

02/04/13 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

**HB1976 Higher Education, Virginia Commission on; board appointments.**

**Companion Bill:** SB1085

**Chief Patron:** Toscano

**Summary:**

Clarifies that the Virginia Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments is required to evaluate potential appointees to higher education governing boards and to make recommendations to the Governor. Currently, these actions are considered powers and duties of the Commission and the Commission only makes recommendations upon the request of the Governor. The bill also requires the Commission to consider each list of qualified persons submitted to the Governor by the alumni association of any public institution of higher education.

**Status:**

01/09/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100786D

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts

01/15/13 House: Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (4-Y 4-N)

02/05/13 House: Left in Education

**HB1978 University of Virginia; Board of Visitors, composition and quorum.**

*Companion Bill:* SB1086

*Chief Patron:* Toscano

***Summary:***

Requires at least one member of the University of Virginia Board of Visitors to have administrative experience at an institution of higher education or have experience as a professor in the study of higher education. The bill also requires the board of visitors to appoint a faculty representative to serve in a nonvoting advisory capacity. The bill changes the number of board members that constitutes a quorum from five members to a majority of members. Finally, the bill removes the requirement that the vice-rector automatically succeeds the rector upon expiration of the rector's term.

**Status:**

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/11/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts

01/14/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1978)

01/15/13 House: Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (3-Y 5-N)

02/05/13 House: Left in Education

**HB1992 State grievance procedure; review of hearing decisions.**

*Chief Patron:* McClellan

***Summary:***

Provides that upon the request of a party to a grievance hearing for an administrative review of the hearing decision based on the party's assertion that the hearing decision is inconsistent with a proper interpretation or application of a policy that constituted a material issue in the grievance that formed or should have formed in whole or in part the basis for the hearing decision, the Director of the Department of Human Resource Management shall determine within 60 days of the request, whether the decision is consistent with policy. The bill specifies that the Director's determination shall be made as an independent, de novo review of the grievance and the Director shall identify those factual findings in the hearing decision that are relevant and material to the policy in question and explain whether those findings support the hearing decision relating to the application of the policy in question. Currently, upon the request of a party to a grievance hearing for an administrative review of the hearing decision, the Director of the Department of Human Resource Management must determine within 30 days of the conclusion of any other administrative review, whether the hearing decision is consistent with policy.

**Status:**

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/29/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1992)

01/29/13 House: Assigned GL sub: #4 Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process  
01/29/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table  
02/05/13 House: Left in General Laws

**HB2021 Public employment; prohibits discrimination.**

*Chief Patron:* LeMunyon

***Summary:***

Prohibits discrimination in public employment based on race, color, religion, political affiliation, national origin, sex, age, disability, or any other reason except reasons related to skills, knowledge, or ability. The bill contains technical amendments.

**Status:**

01/09/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100163D  
01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws  
01/18/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2021)  
01/22/13 House: Assigned GL sub: #4 Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process  
02/05/13 House: Left in General Laws

**HB2030 Health insurance; installment payments of cost-sharing obligations associated with prescriptions.**

*Companion Bill:* SB945

*Chief Patron:* Peace

***Summary:***

Requires health plans to allow certain covered persons to pay their cost-sharing obligations under their health benefit plan in 12 equal monthly installments. The option is to be provided to covered persons who are reasonably expected to incur cost-sharing obligations as a result of their pharmacy benefits that exceed their total annual cost-sharing obligations under their health benefit plan.

**Status:**

01/31/13 House: Committee substitute printed 13104382D-H1  
01/31/13 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations  
02/01/13 House: Assigned App. sub: Health & Human Resources  
02/01/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2030H1)  
02/05/13 House: Left in Appropriations

**HB2074 VITA; procurement of information technology and telecommunications by state agencies.**

*Companion Bill:* SB1184

*Chief Patron:* Robinson

***Summary:***

Clarifies that all information technology and telecommunications goods and services of every description procured on behalf of state agencies may only be purchased by the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) and details VITA's role in all aspects of the procurement of such goods and services on behalf of state agencies. In addition, the bill provides that any contract for information technology or telecommunications goods or services entered into by a

state agency or institution without written authorization from VITA shall be void and prohibits the Comptroller from issuing payment under any contract for information technology and telecommunications goods and services not approved or authorized by VITA.

**Status:**

01/09/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13103431D

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Science and Technology

01/24/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2074)

01/30/13 House: Stricken from docket by Science and Technology

**HB2075 Commonwealth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Measurement System; authorizes IEIA to create.**

**Companion Bill:** SB1181

**Chief Patron:** Poindexter

**Summary:**

Authorizes the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority to create the Commonwealth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Measurement System as a tool to measure areas within the Commonwealth worthy of economic development and institutional focus in furtherance of the Commonwealth Research and Development Strategic Roadmap.

**Status:**

01/24/13 House: Reported from General Laws with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

01/24/13 House: Committee substitute printed 13104465D-H1

01/24/13 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

01/28/13 House: Assigned App. sub: Economic Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources

02/05/13 House: Left in Appropriations

**HB2078 Public procurement; increases public notice of requests for proposals, technical amendments.**

**Chief Patron:** Peace

**Summary:**

Increases public notice of requests for proposals from 10 to 30 days. The bill also (i) limits the use of competitive negotiation for construction projects, including certain public institutions of higher education, for which the aggregate or sum of all phases is not expected to exceed \$10 million, the nature of the project is such that it is unusually complex or extraordinary conditions exist, and the Director of the Department of General Services and the Secretary of Administration certify such conditions exist; (ii) requires posting on eVa and other appropriate websites for state and local public bodies using certain methods of procurement; (iii) changes the process for procurement of design-build or construction management projects; and (iv) allows a bidder or offeror to protest a public body's use of competitive negotiation. The bill contains technical amendments.

**Status:**

01/14/13 House: Assigned GL sub: #2 FOIA/Procurement

01/24/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2078)

01/24/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

01/25/13 House: Impact statement from DHCD (HB2078)

02/05/13 House: Left in General Laws

**HB2079 VA Public Procurement Act; process for competitive sealed bidding and negotiation.**

*Chief Patron:* Jones

*Summary:*

Reorganizes the definitions of competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation. The bill also adds a definition of job order contracting.

**Status:**

02/05/13 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2079E)

02/06/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

02/06/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

**HB2094 Virginia Longitudinal Data System; established, report.**

*Companion Bill:* SB1069

*Chief Patron:* Watson

*Summary:*

Requires the Board of Education to establish the Virginia Longitudinal Data System to track and examine student progress from early childhood to postsecondary education to the student entering the workforce. The bill also establishes the Virginia Longitudinal Data System Advisory Council to advise the Board of Education on all matters related to the Virginia Longitudinal Data System.

**Status:**

01/21/13 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

01/21/13 House: Assigned App. sub: Elementary & Secondary Education

01/31/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2094)

02/01/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (7-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 House: Left in Appropriations

**HB2114 State Inspector General; additional powers and duties, report.**

*Companion Bill:* SB1176

*Chief Patron:* Landes

*Summary:*

Grants additional powers to the State Inspector General relating to audit functions of state and nonstate agencies. The bill reorganizes the State Inspector General's powers and duties and generally reorganizes the law relating to the Office of the State Inspector General. The bill contains technical amendments.

**Status:**

02/05/13 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2114H1)

02/06/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

02/06/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

### **HB2125 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; requests for records.**

*Chief Patron:* Keam

*Summary:*

Provides that FOIA requests may be made by any citizen of the United States and not just citizens of the Commonwealth. The bill also allows a public body to require prepayment before providing requested records when the cost for production of the records is likely to exceed \$100.

**Status:**

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/14/13 House: Assigned GL sub: #2 FOIA/Procurement

01/15/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2125)

01/24/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in General Laws

### **HB2134 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; state agencies to post schedule of costs for producing records.**

*Chief Patron:* Keam

*Summary:*

Adds a requirement that each state public body created in the executive branch of state government and subject to FOIA make available to the public upon request a schedule of charges associated with the production of requested records that may be assessed by the public body under FOIA. The bill also requires the schedule of charges to be posted on the respective websites of state executive branch agencies.

**Status:**

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/14/13 House: Assigned GL sub: #2 FOIA/Procurement

01/17/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2134)

01/24/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in General Laws

### **HB2160 Virginia Workers' compensation; limitations period and balance billing.**

*Chief Patron:* Kilgore

*Summary:*

Establishes a one-year period of limitations on actions by a health care provider for payment of charges for services rendered under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act. The period starts to run on the later of the date the services were provided or the date a medical award covering such services becomes final. The measure also provides that the prohibition on balance billing by health care providers applies both during the pendency of a claim for benefits and after an award of compensation is made. The balance billing prohibition will apply to an injury for which compensation is sought under a claim or that is covered by an award when any portion of the bill at issue, for the date of service at issue, has been paid by the employer, carrier, or third-party administrator.

**Status:**

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor  
01/14/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2160)  
01/23/13 House: Assigned C & L sub: Special Workers Comp  
01/31/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table  
02/05/13 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

**HB2194 Capital outlay; establishes revised six-year plan for projects.**

*Companion Bill:* SB1265

*Chief Patron:* Lingamfelter

***Summary:***

Establishes a revised six-year capital outlay plan for projects to be funded entirely or partially from general fund-supported resources.

**Status:**

02/01/13 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)  
02/01/13 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N)  
02/04/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
02/04/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance  
02/09/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2194H1)

**HB2212 Virginia Public Procurement Act; women-owned and minority-owned businesses, remedial measures.**

*Companion Bill:* SB781

*Chief Patron:* McQuinn

***Summary:***

Provides that the Governor shall require state agencies to implement appropriate enhancement or remedial measures consistent with prevailing law when a persuasive analysis exists that documents statistically significant disparity between the availability and utilization of women-owned and minority-owned businesses.

**Status:**

01/11/13 House: Presented and ordered printed 13103810D  
01/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws  
01/22/13 House: Stricken from docket by General Laws

**HB2230 Higher Education, Virginia Commission on; composition of Board members.**

*Chief Patron:* Bulova

***Summary:***

Adds a tenured faculty member from a four-year public institution of higher education and a faculty member from a community college to the Virginia Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments.

**Status:**

01/31/13 House: Read first time

02/01/13 House: Passed by for the day  
02/04/13 House: Motion to rerefer to committee agreed to  
02/04/13 House: Rereferred to Education  
02/05/13 House: Left in Education

**HB2311 Higher Education for Virginia, State Council of; expands purpose, increases membership, etc.**

**Chief Patron:** Cox, M.K.

**Summary:**

Changes the State Council of Higher Education by (i) expanding its purpose, (ii) altering its membership and setting forth the qualifications of appointees, and (iii) requiring the presidents of the public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth to present information and comment on issues of common interest at each meeting of the Council.

**Status:**

02/04/13 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)  
02/04/13 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2311H1)  
02/04/13 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N)  
02/05/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
02/05/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

**HB2324 Inmates; Director of DOC to develop procedures to identify those eligible for medical assistance.**

**Chief Patron:** Sickles

**Summary:**

Requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to develop procedures for identifying inmates who may be eligible for medical assistance, enrolling such inmates in the state medical assistance program, and ensuring that claims for eligible services are submitted to the Department of Medical Assistance Services rather than the Department of Corrections, and directs the Attorney General to include providers of inpatient medical services to inmates who are eligible for medical assistance services in audits and investigations of providers of services furnished under the state plan for medical assistance. The bill also requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to develop procedures for reviewing claims for reimbursement for medical services submitted to the Department for accuracy and for identifying fraudulent or inaccurate claims and recovering amounts paid pursuant thereto.

**Status:**

01/18/13 House: Presented and ordered printed 13103514D  
01/18/13 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety  
01/22/13 House: Assigned MPPS sub: #2  
01/24/13 House: Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (3-Y 5-N)  
02/06/13 House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety



**HB2340 Agency, political subdivision, etc., of VA; prevents assisting federal government in investigation.**

*Chief Patron:* Marshall, R.G.

***Summary:***

Prevent any agency, political subdivision, or employee of Virginia from assisting the Federal government of the United States in any investigation, prosecution, detention, arrest, search, or seizure, under the authority of any federal statute enacted, or Executive Order or regulation issued, after December 31, 2012, infringing the individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms by imposing new restrictions on private ownership or private transfer of firearms, firearm magazines, ammunition, or components thereof.

**Status:**

01/30/13 House: Motion to pass by indefinitely rejected (32-Y 63-N)

01/30/13 House: VOTE: REJECTED (32-Y 63-N)

01/30/13 House: Motion to refer to committee agreed to

01/30/13 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

02/05/13 House: Left in Appropriations

**HJ670 Governor; joint subcommittee to study appropriate balance of power to support two terms in State.**

*Chief Patron:* Brink

***Summary:***

Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the appropriate balance of power between the legislative and executive branches to support a two-term Governor.

**Status:**

01/09/13 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102312D

01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

01/16/13 House: Assigned Rules sub: Studies

01/24/13 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

02/05/13 House: Left in Rules

**HJ689 Medical doctors; Joint Commission on Health Care to study current and impending shortage in State.**

*Chief Patron:* Purkey

***Summary:***

Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the current and impending severe shortage of medical doctors in Virginia. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) determine whether a shortage of medical doctors exists in the Commonwealth, by specialty and by geographical region; (ii) project the future need for medical doctors in Virginia over the next 10 years by field of specialty; and (iii) identify and assess factors that contribute to the shortage of medical doctors, including medical school admissions, the costs of medical education, and the effect of excessive malpractice insurance premiums, malpractice laws and caps, the shortage of nurses, and ancillary regulations such as the Certificate of Public Need; and (iv) identify the medical specialty fields primarily affected by the shortage of doctors and recommend ways to alleviate such shortages. The joint subcommittee must submit its preliminary

findings and recommendations to the 2014 Session of the General Assembly and its final findings and recommendations to the 2015 Session.

**Status:**

02/04/13 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HJ689H1

02/04/13 House: Agreed to by House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)

02/04/13 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE ADOPTION (99-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 Senate: Reading waived

02/05/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules

**HJ714 Celebrating the life of William Henry Wood.**

*Companion Bill:* SJ376

*Chief Patron:* Toscano

**Summary:**

Celebrating the life of William Henry Wood.

**Status:**

01/15/13 House: Engrossed by House

01/15/13 House: Agreed to by House

01/16/13 Senate: Received

01/16/13 Senate: Laid on Clerk's Desk

01/17/13 Senate: Agreed to by Senate

**SB701 State government employment; nondiscrimination.**

*Chief Patron:* McEachin

**Summary:**

Prohibits discrimination in state employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or status as a special disabled veteran or other veteran covered by the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. The bill expressly provides that "sexual orientation" shall not include any person's attraction toward persons with whom sexual conduct would be illegal due to the age of the parties. The bill contains technical amendments.

**Status:**

01/25/13 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (24-Y 16-N)

02/02/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/02/13 House: Read first time

02/02/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

02/06/13 House: Assigned GL sub: #4 Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process

**SB781 Women-owned and minority-owned businesses; enhancement measures.**

*Companion Bill:* HB2212

**Chief Patron:** McEachin

**Summary:**

Provides that the Governor shall require state agencies to implement appropriate enhancement or remedial measures consistent with prevailing law when a persuasive analysis exists that documents statistically significant disparity between the availability and utilization of women-owned and minority-owned businesses.

**Status:**

02/05/13 Senate: Passed Senate (28-Y 12-N)

02/11/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/11/13 House: Read first time

02/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

02/11/13 House: Assigned GL sub: #2 FOIA/Procurement

**SB814 Nursing education programs; minimum examination passage rates.**

**Chief Patron:** Wagner

**Summary:**

Requires approved nursing education programs to maintain a minimum passage rate among graduates taking the national licensing examination required for licensure as a professional or practical nurse for the first time that is not lower than 10 percentage points less than the national average passage rate, and provides that in cases in which an approved nursing education program fails to maintain a satisfactory passage rate in two consecutive years, the Board of Nursing shall cause a survey of the program to be made and may place the program on conditional approval with terms and conditions.

**Status:**

12/20/12 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100833D

12/20/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/08/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB814)

01/24/13 Senate: Stricken at request of patron in Education and Health (12-Y 0-N)

**SB827 Federal statutes or regulations; implementation of regulatory stringency standard.**

**Chief Patron:** Garrett

**Summary:**

Requires any state agency that is authorized to implement a comparable federal program to receive statutory authorization to promulgate any regulation that is more stringent than the federal statute or regulation. By July 1, 2014, these agencies are required to complete a review of their regulations to determine whether each regulation (i) is more stringent than the comparable federal law or regulation and (ii) whether there is statutory authorization for the regulation that is found to be more stringent. When an agency determines that a more stringent regulation has not been authorized by a state statute the agency is required to amend the regulation to bring it into compliance with the federal law or regulation, or the General Assembly has to enact legislation authorizing the more stringent standard. If neither condition has been met within one year of the agency's determination that its regulation is more stringent than the comparable federal law or regulation, the regulation is deemed to be null and void.

**Status:**

12/28/12 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13100718D

12/28/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

02/04/13 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)

**SB856 Boards of visitors; requirements for members of four-year public higher educational institutions.**

*Chief Patron:* Petersen

*Summary:*

Requires members of boards of visitors of four-year public institutions of higher education to have served four years on the board prior to being elected or appointed rector. The bill stipulates that such rectors shall serve four-year terms. The bill also changes the terms of all visitors from four years to six years. The bill contains technical amendments.

**Status:**

01/02/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102892D

01/02/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/09/13 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

01/14/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB856)

01/28/13 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (10-Y 0-N)

**SB858 Surgical assistants and surgical technologists; licensure and certification by Board of Medicine.**

*Chief Patron:* Blevins

*Summary:*

Requires certification for surgical technologists and licensure for surgical assistants, and provides requirements for such certification and licensure. The bill creates the Advisory Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting to assist the Board of Medicine in the regulation of surgical technologists and surgical assistants.

**Status:**

01/03/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101106D

01/03/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/09/13 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions

01/09/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB858)

01/31/13 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)

**SB868 Criminal history background record checks; barrier crimes.**

*Chief Patron:* Edwards

*Summary:*

Clarifies the list of barrier crimes for individuals seeking employment or seeking to provide contract services at nursing homes, home care organizations, hospices, state facilities and private providers licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, community services boards, behavioral health authorities, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, children's welfare agencies, family day homes approved by family day systems, and children's residential facilities; applicants for licensure, registration, or approval as assisted living facilities, child welfare agencies, or family day homes approved by family day systems; individuals with whom a

local board of social services or child-placing agency is considering placing a child on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis; foster and adoptive homes seeking approval from child-placing agencies; and providers of adult services and adult foster care seeking approval by the Department of Social Services by setting out each of the crimes included in the definition of "barrier crime." This bill also reorganizes and consolidates sections governing background checks for facilities and individuals licensed or regulated by the Departments of Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and Social Services. The bill also makes technical changes and updates obsolete language.

**Status:**

01/03/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101502D

01/03/13 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/17/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB868)

01/30/13 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (15-Y 0-N)

**SB878 Prescription Monitoring Program; required checks prior to dispensing certain controlled substances.**

*Chief Patron:* Puckett

*Summary:*

Requires prescribers to request and review information from the Prescription Monitoring Program prior to dispensing any Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substance.

**Status:**

01/04/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101617D

01/04/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/09/13 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions

01/09/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB878)

01/24/13 Senate: Stricken at request of patron in Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)

**SB891 Administrative Rules, Joint Commission on; powers and duties.**

*Chief Patron:* Stuart

*Summary:*

Creates the Commission on Small Business Mandates to review the impact of any mandates established by state law or by rules and regulations promulgated by state agencies on small businesses and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on actions that may be taken to minimize or alleviate any adverse impact. The bill also authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of any portion or all of a final regulation with the concurrence of the Governor.

**Status:**

02/05/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

02/11/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/11/13 House: Read first time

02/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

**SB914 Digital accounts and assets; enables a fiduciary to gain access.**

*Companion Bill:* HB1584

*Chief Patron:* Ruff

***Summary:***

Enables a fiduciary to gain access to the digital accounts and digital assets of the person or estate to whom he owes a fiduciary duty upon making a written request to the custodian of the digital accounts and digital assets and submitting proof of the fiduciary relationship.

**Status:**

01/07/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102072D

01/07/13 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/30/13 Senate: Stricken at the request of Patron in Courts of Justice (10-Y 0-N)

**SB942 Certificate of public need; amendments to existing certificates related to medical care.**

*Chief Patron:* Reeves

***Summary:***

Provides that the Commission of Health may accept and approve requests for amendments to charity care provisions of existing certificates of public need to reduce the level of charity care required and establish levels of care for persons receiving medical assistance services under the state plan, upon expansion of the Commonwealth's program for medical assistance services in accordance with the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and provides that for the purpose of complying with charity care provisions, "persons requiring specialized care" includes veterans with service-connected disabilities.

**Status:**

02/04/13 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB942S1)

02/06/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/06/13 House: Read first time

02/06/13 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

**SB945 Patient assistance programs; work group to develop recommendations regarding specialty drug needs.**

*Companion Bill:* HB2030

*Chief Patron:* Puller

***Summary:***

Requires health plans to allow certain covered persons to pay their cost-sharing obligations under their health benefit plan in 12 equal monthly installments. The option is to be provided to covered persons who are reasonably expected to incur cost-sharing obligations as a result of their pharmacy benefits that exceed their total annual cost-sharing obligations under their health benefit plan.

**Status:**

02/01/13 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

02/01/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB945S1)  
02/06/13 House: Placed on Calendar  
02/06/13 House: Read first time  
02/06/13 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

**SB955 Public schools; teacher licensure.**

*Chief Patron:* Ruff

*Summary:*

Directs the Board of Education to establish criteria in its regulations governing licensure that exempts any person seeking initial licensure from coursework and professional teacher's assessment requirements if such person graduated with a baccalaureate degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics in the top 10 percent of his graduating class from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

**Status:**

01/07/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13102069D  
01/07/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health  
01/09/13 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Public Education  
01/18/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB955)  
01/24/13 Senate: Stricken at request of patron in Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)

**SB970 Paper and plastic bags; imposes fee of \$0.05 on those used by purchasers to carry tangible property.**

*Companion Bill:* HB1381

*Chief Patron:* Ebbin

*Summary:*

Imposes a fee of \$0.05 on paper and plastic bags used by purchasers to carry tangible personal property from the place of purchase. Durable, reusable plastic bags and bags used for ice cream, meat, fish, poultry, leftover restaurant food, newspapers, dry cleaning, and prescription drugs are exempt from the fee. Retailers are allowed to retain \$0.01 of the \$0.05 fee or \$0.02 if the retailer has a customer bag credit program. The revenues raised by the fee will be deposited in the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. Failure to collect and remit the fee is punishable by fines of \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 for the first, second, and third or subsequent offenses, respectively.

**Status:**

01/08/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101745D  
01/08/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance  
01/13/13 Senate: Impact statement from TAX (SB970)  
01/16/13 Senate: Committee substitute printed to Web only 13104101D-S1  
01/16/13 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Finance (5-Y 9-N)

**SB971 Lyme disease; physicians to disclose information to patients, licensees immune from civil liability.**

*Companion Bill:* HB1933

**Chief Patron:** Black

**Summary:**

Requires physicians to provide each patient for whom a test for the presence of Lyme disease is ordered with a notice about Lyme disease, about testing for Lyme disease, and about the need to contact his physician with questions or concerns about Lyme disease.

**Status:**

02/07/13 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

02/07/13 House: Committee substitute printed 13105016D-H1

02/08/13 House: Read second time

02/11/13 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute SB971H1

02/11/13 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N)

**SB1069 Virginia Longitudinal Data System dnd Advisory Council; established, report.**

**Companion Bill:** HB2094

**Chief Patron:** Carrico

**Summary:**

Requires the Board of Education to establish the Virginia Longitudinal Data System to track and examine student progress from early childhood to postsecondary education to the student entering the workforce. The bill also establishes the Virginia Longitudinal Data System Advisory Council to advise the Board of Education on all matters related to the Virginia Longitudinal Data System.

**Status:**

02/05/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

02/11/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/11/13 House: Read first time

02/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

**SB1085 Higher Education, Virginia Commission on; board appointments.**

**Companion Bill:** HB1976

**Chief Patron:** Deeds

**Summary:**

Clarifies that the Virginia Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments is required to evaluate potential appointees to higher education governing boards and to make recommendations to the Governor. Currently, these actions are considered powers and duties of the Commission and the Commission only makes recommendations upon the request of the Governor. The bill also requires the Commission to consider each list of qualified persons submitted to the Governor by the alumni association of any public institution of higher education.

**Status:**

01/09/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101805D

01/09/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/15/13 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

01/24/13 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (7-Y 5-N)



**SB1086 University of Virginia Board of Visitors; quorum.**

*Companion Bill:* HB1978

*Chief Patron:* Deeds

***Summary:***

Requires at least one member of the University of Virginia Board of Visitors to have administrative experience at an institution of higher education or have experience as a professor in the study of higher education. The bill also requires the board of visitors to appoint a faculty representative to serve in a nonvoting advisory capacity. The bill changes the number of board members that constitutes a quorum from five members to a majority of members. Finally, the bill removes the requirement that the vice-rector automatically succeeds the rector upon expiration of the rector's term.

***Status:***

02/04/13 Senate: Passed Senate (35-Y 5-N)

02/06/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/06/13 House: Read first time

02/06/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

02/08/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts

**SB1087 University of Virginia; changes composition of Board of Visitors.**

*Chief Patron:* Edwards

***Summary:***

Changes the composition of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia from 17 visitors appointed by the Governor to 13 visitors appointed by the Governor and four visitors directly elected by the alumni of the University of Virginia.

***Status:***

01/09/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13103545D

01/09/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/15/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB1087)

01/15/13 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

01/28/13 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (9-Y 0-N)

**SB1138 Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority; established.**

*Companion Bill:* HB1790

*Chief Patron:* McWaters

***Summary:***

Establishes the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth for the purposes of making the Commonwealth a national and global leader in nuclear energy and serving as an interdisciplinary study, research, and information resource for the Commonwealth on nuclear energy issues. The 17-member board of directors of the Authority is directed to form a nonstock, nonprofit corporation, referred to as the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium. Membership in the Consortium is open to specified educational institutions, Virginia-based federal research laboratories, nuclear-related nonprofit organizations, business entities with operating

facilities in Virginia that are engaged in activities directly related to the nuclear energy industry, and other persons whose membership is approved by the Consortium's board of directors. The purposes of the Consortium include carrying out the rights, powers, and duties of the Authority and conducting other activities useful in (i) making the Commonwealth a leader in nuclear energy, (ii) serving as an interdisciplinary study, research, and information resource for the Commonwealth on nuclear energy issues, and (iii) raising money on behalf of the Authority in the corporate and nonprofit community and from other nonstate sources.

**Status:**

02/05/13 Senate: Passed Senate (32-Y 7-N 1-A)

02/08/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB1138S1)

02/11/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/11/13 House: Read first time

02/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

**SB1176 State Inspector General; additional powers and duties, report.**

**Companion Bill:** HB2114

**Chief Patron:** Ruff

**Summary:**

Grants additional powers to the State Inspector General relating to audit functions of state and nonstate agencies. The bill reorganizes the State Inspector General's powers and duties and generally reorganizes the law relating to the Office of the State Inspector General. The bill contains technical amendments.

**Status:**

02/05/13 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)

02/05/13 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

02/11/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/11/13 House: Read first time

02/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

**SB1178 Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund; amount of reward.**

**Companion Bill:** HB1845

**Chief Patron:** Ruff

**Summary:**

Reduces the requirement for an award from the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and expands the purposes for which the Fund may be used to include supporting the administration of the Fund, defraying Fund advertising costs, and subsidizing the operation of the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline, all of which expenditure is capped at five percent of the Fund. The bill also (i) authorizes the State Inspector General to split a reward among multiple whistle blowers reporting the same qualifying incident of wrongdoing or abuse, (ii) requires that by the end of each calendar quarter 85 percent of all sums recovered shall be deposited into the general fund, (iii) requires the State Inspector General to submit an annual report to the General Assembly summarizing the activities of the Fund, and (vi) changes the name of the State Employee Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline to the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline. The bill contains technical amendments.

**Status:**

02/02/13 House: Placed on Calendar  
02/02/13 House: Read first time  
02/02/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws  
02/07/13 House: Reported from General Laws (19-Y 0-N)  
02/11/13 House: Read second time

**SB1181 IEIA, Commonwealth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Measurement System; authorizes to create.**

*Companion Bill:* HB2075

*Chief Patron:* Reeves

***Summary:***

Authorizes the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority to create the Commonwealth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Measurement System as a tool to measure areas within the Commonwealth worthy of economic development and institutional focus in furtherance of the Commonwealth Research and Development Strategic Roadmap.

**Status:**

01/25/13 Senate: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)  
01/25/13 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)  
02/05/13 House: Placed on Calendar  
02/05/13 House: Read first time  
02/05/13 House: Referred to Committee on Science and Technology

**SB1184 VITA; procurement of information technology and telecommunications by state agencies.**

*Companion Bill:* HB2074

*Chief Patron:* Vogel

***Summary:***

Clarifies that all information technology and telecommunications goods and services of every description procured on behalf of state agencies may only be purchased by the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) and details VITA's role in all aspects of the procurement of such goods and services on behalf of state agencies. In addition, the bill provides that any contract for information technology or telecommunications goods or services entered into by a state agency or institution without written authorization from VITA shall be void and prohibits the Comptroller from issuing payment under any contract for information technology and telecommunications goods and services not approved or authorized by VITA.

**Status:**

01/09/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13103430D  
01/09/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology  
01/21/13 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)

**SB1186 State Medical Assistance Plan; investigatory power of Attorney General, allowable charge, exemption.**

**Chief Patron:** Vogel

**Summary:**

Expands the authority of the Attorney General or his authorized representatives in auditing and investigating providers of services under the State Medical Assistance Plan by giving authority to compel the production of fingerprints, photographs, and handwriting exemplars by witnesses. The bill provides that a witness who refuses to testify or produce requested evidence may be held in contempt and incarcerated until he complies. Subpoenas are excepted from certain provisions related to health records privacy and notice provisions, and information developed during a civil investigation is privileged. The bill also requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to require that the actual charge for certain services, equipment, and materials shall not exceed the lowest price charged by or paid to the provider by any individual or entity, with certain exceptions.

**Status:**

02/06/13 House: Read first time

02/06/13 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

02/06/13 House: Referred from Courts of Justice

02/06/13 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

02/08/13 House: Assigned HWI sub: #1

**SB1263 VA FOIA; meeting by electronic communication means by certain committees, etc. of State bodies.**

**Chief Patron:** Stuart

**Summary:**

Authorizes an advisory public body, defined as any state public body classified as advisory pursuant to § 2.2-2100 or any committee, subcommittee, or other entity, however designated, of a state public body created to advise the state public body, to meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the advisory public body being physically assembled at one location, provided, among other requirements, the meeting is conducted utilizing a combined audio and visual communication method. The bill requires any advisory public body holding this kind of electronic communication meeting to make an audiovisual recording of the meeting, which recording shall be preserved by the advisory public body for a period of three years from the date of the meeting. The bill also enhances the annual reporting requirements for any public body authorized to conduct electronic communication meetings and requires the FOIA Council to develop a form that an authorized public body must make available to the public at any such meeting for public comment. The above described provisions of the bill by its terms will expire on July 1, 2014. Finally, the bill allows a member of any public body to participate in a meeting by electronic communication means due to personal matters under certain circumstances. Currently, such remote participation is allowed only for emergency, medical condition, or distance from the meeting location of more than 60 miles. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

**Status:**

02/05/13 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

02/11/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/11/13 House: Read first time

02/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

02/11/13 House: Assigned GL sub: #2 FOIA/Procurement

**SB1265 Capital outlay; establishes revised six-year plan for projects.**

*Companion Bill:* HB2194

*Chief Patron:* Ruff

***Summary:***

Establishes a revised six-year capital outlay plan for projects to be funded entirely or partially from general fund-supported resources.

**Status:**

01/28/13 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

02/02/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/02/13 House: Read first time

02/02/13 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

02/04/13 House: Assigned App. sub: Capital Outlay

**SB1275 Medical data in an electronic or digital format; limitations on use, storage, sharing, & processing.**

*Chief Patron:* Martin

***Summary:***

. Prohibits any person that regularly stores medical data in an electronic or digital format from (i) participating in the establishment or implementation of the Nationwide Health Information Network; (ii) performing any analytic or statistical processing with regard to any medical records from multiple patients for purposes of medical diagnosis or treatment, including population health management; or (iii) processing medical data at a facility within the Commonwealth in any instance where a majority of the patients whose medical data is being processed do not reside in the Commonwealth. A database at which medical data is regularly stored in an electronic or digital format shall not store or maintain in a manner that is accessible by the operator or any other person, in an electronic or digital format, at any one time, medical data regarding more than 10,000 patients. The measure provides that any health care provider shall not be subject to any penalty, sanction, or other adverse action resulting from its failure or refusal to implement an online computerized medical record system. A patient's consent to the sharing of his health care information shall be presumed not to grant consent to the electronic or digital storing or transmission of the information to any person other than for health care coverage purposes. Finally, the measure prohibits the Commonwealth from authorizing the establishment or operation of a health information exchange.

**Status:**

01/14/13 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 13101733D

01/14/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/24/13 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (13-Y 2-N)

**SB1290 Higher educational institutions; full or partial tuition waiver for dependent children of faculty.**

*Chief Patron:* Edwards

***Summary:***

Requires public institutions of higher education to grant a 50 percent tuition waiver to dependent students of current

full-time faculty members who have been employed full time by any one or more public Virginia colleges or universities for an aggregate period of at least seven years if sufficient funds are available in the Dependent Children of University and College Faculty Reduced Tuition Fund, which is created in the bill. The waiver would be valid at any public institution of higher education in Virginia. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a general appropriation act.

**Status:**

02/04/13 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (34-Y 5-N)  
02/06/13 House: Placed on Calendar  
02/06/13 House: Read first time  
02/06/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education  
02/08/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts

**SB1329 Medicaid; expands class of recipients in State.**

*Chief Patron:* Wagner

***Summary:***

Expands the class of Medicaid recipients in Virginia to include those meeting the criteria in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Such expansion would expire if federal financial participation for the expanded population is reduced below 90%. The bill also authorizes the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek federal authorization to reform the Medicaid service delivery model in Virginia.

**Status:**

01/18/13 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 13103997D  
01/18/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health  
01/31/13 Senate: Stricken at request of patron in Education and Health (14-Y 0-N)

**SB1340 Revenues and appropriations of State; changes specifically relating to transportation funding.**

*Chief Patron:* Saslaw

***Summary:***

Makes several changes to the revenues and appropriations of the Commonwealth, specifically relating to transportation funding, as follows:

The bill raises the state sales and use tax rate from four percent to five percent. Of these new revenues, an amount equal to a one-half percent sales and use tax will be deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund, and the percentage of the Transportation Trust Fund sales and use tax revenues dedicated to mass transit will be raised to 25%. Of the other one-half percent of the new one percent sales and use tax, two-thirds will be distributed to localities to use for education, and one-third will be used to fund higher education in the Commonwealth.

In fiscal years 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017, \$80 million dollars each year that would otherwise be distributed to the Transportation Trust Fund will be designated to the Phase 2 Dulles Corridor Metrorail Extension Project, subject to certain conditions.

The bill raises the cents-per-gallon rate of the tax on motor fuels by 5 cents on July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014, and then

begins indexing the cents-per-gallon rate on July 1, 2015.

The bill makes additional technical changes.

**Status:**

01/18/13 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 13103806D

01/18/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/23/13 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB1340)

02/06/13 Senate: Left in Finance

**SB1342 Higher education; mental health treatment coordination for students.**

*Companion Bill:* HB1609

*Chief Patron:* Petersen

**Summary:**

Requires the governing board of each public four-year institution of higher education to establish a written memorandum of understanding with its local community services board or behavioral health authority and with local hospitals and other local mental health facilities in order to expand the scope of services available to students seeking treatment. The bill requires the memorandum to designate a contact person to be notified when a student is involuntarily committed, or when a student is discharged from a facility and consents to such notification. The bill also requires the memorandum to include the institution in the post-discharge planning of a student who has been committed and intends to return to campus, to the extent allowable under state and federal privacy laws.

**Status:**

02/01/13 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

02/06/13 House: Placed on Calendar

02/06/13 House: Read first time

02/06/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

02/08/13 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts

**SB1344 Higher Education, State Council for; accrediting agencies.**

*Chief Patron:* Petersen

**Summary:**

Prohibits the State Council of Higher Education from recognizing or relying on the ratings of any national or regional accrediting agency unless such agency is certified by the Council.

**Status:**

01/28/13 Senate: Reported from Education and Health with substitute (11-Y 0-N)

01/28/13 Senate: Committee substitute printed 13104671D-S1

01/28/13 Senate: Rereferred to General Laws and Technology

02/04/13 Senate: Committee amendment

02/04/13 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)

**SJ311 Criminal history background checks and barrier crimes; joint subcommittee to study related laws.**

**Chief Patron:** Edwards

**Summary:**

Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the Commonwealth's requirements related to criminal history background checks and barrier crimes and to make recommendations for changes thereto.

**Status:**

01/08/13 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/09/13 13101505D

01/08/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules

02/01/13 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Rules

**SJ324 Governor; confirming appointments.**

**Chief Patron:** Obenshain

**Summary:**

Confirms appointments to various positions made by Governor McDonnell and communicated to the General Assembly August 1, 2012.

**Status:**

01/29/13 House: Agreed to by House in-part lines 263-266,269-277 (98-Y 0-N)

01/29/13 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (98-Y 0-N)

01/29/13 House: Pending question ordered

01/29/13 House: Agreed to by House in-part lines 267-268 (63-Y 33-N)

01/29/13 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (63-Y 33-N)

**SJ376 Celebrating the life of William Henry Wood.**

**Companion Bill:** HJ714

**Chief Patron:** Reeves

**Summary:**

Celebrating the life of William Henry Wood.

**Status:**

01/31/13 Senate: Engrossed by Senate

01/31/13 Senate: Agreed to by Senate

02/01/13 House: Received

02/01/13 House: Laid on Speaker's table

02/08/13 House: Agreed to by House

**SJ382 Governor; confirming appointments.**

**Chief Patron:** Obenshain

**Summary:**

Confirms appointments to various positions made by Governor McDonnell and communicated to the General Assembly January 8, 2013.



**Status:**

02/06/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

02/06/13 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (22-Y 0-N)

02/08/13 House: Taken up

02/08/13 House: Agreed to by House (96-Y 0-N)

02/08/13 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (96-Y 0-N)