



NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAMBER PARTNERSHIP

2014

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION
Legislative Scorecard

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THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAMBER PARTNERSHIP

is a collaboration between the Dulles Regional, Greater Reston and Loudoun County chambers of commerce. The Partnership collectively represents more than 2,800 businesses and 100,000 jobs, providing an unparalleled voice for northern Virginia's business community in Richmond.





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 268/SB51

AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS; LOCAL REGULATION OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT

Protects certain activities at agricultural operations from local regulation in the absence of substantial impacts on the public welfare and requires localities to take certain factors into account when regulating any of several activities: the conduct of agritourism activities, the sale of agricultural or silvicultural products or related items, the preparation or sale of foods that otherwise comply with state law, and other customary activities.

HB 321/SB 362

ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

SUPPORT

Creates a pilot program to (i) strengthen coordination and interaction between state government and the private sector on issues relevant to entrepreneurs and small business concerns and (ii) make state government programs and operations simpler, easier to access, more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of small business concerns and entrepreneurs.

HB 1191

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS; TO DEVELOP & ISSUE REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF PROGRAM

SUPPORT

Requires the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to submit an annual report to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and the House Appropriations and Finance Committees on the effectiveness of economic development incentive programs administered by the Commonwealth. The report would cover a three-year period.

HB 1220/SB 623

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES TAX CREDIT

SUPPORT

Increases beginning with taxable year 2014 the amount of the credit allowed to 15 percent of the first \$234,000 of Virginia qualified research and development expenses, and to 20 percent of the first \$234,000 of Virginia qualified research and development expenses conducted in conjunction with a Virginia institution of higher education. The bill increases the maximum annual amount of tax credits that may be issued each fiscal year from \$5 million to \$6 million. The bill allows a pass-through entity to elect to receive and claim any credit at the pass-through entity level in lieu of the credit being allocated to the individual partners, members, or shareholders of the pass-through entity.

SB 106

BUILDING REVITALIZATION GRANT FUND

SUPPORT

Establishes the Building Revitalization Grant Fund administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development to award grants of up to \$100,000 to businesses that make a capital investment of \$1 million in revitalizing or retrofitting existing buildings in the Commonwealth to serve as a new place of business. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

SB 593

URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT; LOUDOUN COUNTY; DISCLOSURE IN LAND USE PROCEEDINGS

SUPPORT

Alters disclosure provisions for land use proceedings in counties with the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) and Loudoun County. A reference to "business or financial interest" is replaced by a reference to "employee-employer, agent-principal, or attorney-client" relationship.



HB 167	VIRGINIA BUSINESS ONE STOP ELECTRONIC PORTAL PROGRAM; PARTICIPATION BY STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
SUPPORT	Requires the State Corporation Commission (SCC) and the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD), by December 1, 2014, to implement a hyperlink from the SCC's eFile system to the Business Permitting Center that will facilitate the collection of a user's information to populate any forms that will be required to be completed at a future date.
HB 168	CLERK OF THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION; SECURE ONLINE SYSTEM; ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION
SUPPORT	Requires the State Corporation Commission to limit the submission of data and documents on behalf of a business entity through its eFile electronic registration system to any user (i) designated to make such submission on behalf of the business entity and (ii) whose identity has been established satisfactorily through a verification process by July 1, 2018. After July 1, 2014 and until this has been implemented by the Commission, no articles of dissolution of a business entity or data or documents that contain officer or director changes shall be accepted through the Commission's eFile electronic registration system.
HB 497	BPOL; APPEAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE TAX CLASSIFICATION
SUPPORT	Permits a taxpayer to appeal to the Tax Commissioner or request a written ruling from him with regard to the classification of the business for BPOL tax purposes, regardless of whether the locality has conducted an audit, issued an assessment, or taken any other action.

HB 1053	OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL; POWERS AND DUTIES; INTERNAL AUDITORS
SUPPORT	Provides that performance reviews of state agencies, nonstate agencies, or independent contractors of a state agency conducted by the State Inspector General include assessments of the effectiveness, efficiency, or economy of said entity's programs.
SB 590	MINIMUM WAGE; INCREASES WAGE FROM ITS CURRENT FEDERALLY MANDATED LEVEL
OPPOSE	Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.25 per hour effective July 1, 2014, and to \$9.25 per hour effective July 1, 2015, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.



HB 1147	HEALTH INSURANCE; OFFERING PLANS
SUPPORT	Allows insurance companies to continue offering health insurance plans in all product markets that were in effect at any time during 2012 and 2013.

HJ 147	AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, FEDERAL; BUREAU OF INSURANCE TO STUDY EFFECTS ON VA HEALTH INSURANCE CONSUMERS
SUPPORT	Requests the Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission study the effects of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on Virginia health insurance consumers.



HB 2	ALLOCATIONS WITHIN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION DISTRICTS
SUPPORT	Provides for the development of a prioritization process, weighting factors such as congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety, and environmental quality, for projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

HB 1048/SB518	FUNDING AMONG HIGHWAY SYSTEMS
SUPPORT	Expands the list of highways that receive the 25 percent set aside allocated each year by the Commonwealth Transportation Board for reconstruction of deteriorated highways; and the number of unpaved roads eligible for the 5 percent set aside for maintenance of unpaved roads.

HB 793	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING; VDOT TO ESTIMATE COSTS NECESSARY TO MITIGATE OR AMELIORATE CONGESTION
SUPPORT	Requires the Virginia Department of Transportation, when reviewing comprehensive plan amendments from localities in Northern Virginia, to recommend specific transportation improvements to ameliorate congestion.

HB 1090	NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS IN STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS
SUPPORT	Requires the Secretary of Transportation and Virginia Department of Transportation to incorporate new smart road technologies and innovations into statewide transportation technology programs.



HB 1095	INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSPORTATION FUND
SUPPORT	Creates the Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund to fund pilot programs pertaining to high-tech infrastructure improvements and requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to allocate certain moneys to the Fund.
HB 1098	VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS WORKING GROUP
SUPPORT	Requires the Secretary of Transportation and Virginia Department of Transportation to establish a smart transportation pilot zone to test state-of-the-art smart road technology.

HB 1183	VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS WORKING GROUP
SUPPORT	Changes the name of the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability to the Virginia Transportation Solutions Working Group and authorizes it to advise the Commonwealth Transportation Board on matters pertaining to transportation policy, transportation innovation and technologies, and traffic congestion relief strategies.
HJ 122	STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY GOALS AND PLAN OF ACTION
SUPPORT	Requests the Secretary of Transportation and VDOT to create and implement statewide transportation technology goals and a five-year plan of action. Such goals and plan are to be directed to enhancing the efficiency, safety, and convenience of all modes of transportation throughout the Commonwealth.



HB 157/SB276	CHARTER SCHOOLS; RESTRICTIONS AND PRE-LOTTERY ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS OF CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOLS
SUPPORT	Provides that in the case of the conversion of an existing public school, students who attend the school and the siblings of such students may be given the opportunity to enroll in advance of the lottery process. The bill provides that the current requirement that at least one-half of public charter schools per division be for at-risk students does not apply to converted public schools.

HB 324	VIRGINIA VIRTUAL SCHOOL ESTABLISHED
SUPPORT	Establishes the Board of the Virginia Virtual School as a policy agency in the executive branch of state government for the purpose of governing the online educational programs and services offered to students enrolled in the Virginia Virtual School. The Secretary of Education is responsible for such agency. The 13-member Board is given operational control of the School and assigned powers and duties. The bill requires the School to be open to any school-age person in the Commonwealth and provide an educational program meeting the Standards of Quality for grades kindergarten through 12.



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HB 388	CHARTER SCHOOLS; FUNDING
SUPPORT	Requires each local school board to reimburse each public charter school in the school division in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the proportionate share of all state and federal resources allocated for students with disabilities and school personnel assigned to special education programs in the public charter school and (ii) the cost to the local school board to educate such students.
HB 758	TEACHER LICENSURE; CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT
SUPPORT	Requires every teacher seeking initial licensure with an endorsement in the area of career and technical education to have an industry certification credential in the area in which the teacher seeks endorsement that is earned by successfully passing a Board of Education-approved industry certification examination, being issued a state professional license, or passing an occupational competency examination.
HB 869/SB394	BONDS; CAPITAL PROJECTS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.
SUPPORT	Authorizes the Treasury Board to issue bonds pursuant to Article X, Section 9 (c) of the Constitution of Virginia in an amount up to \$245,020,705 plus financing costs to finance revenue-producing capital projects at institutions of higher learning.

HB 887	BOARD OF EDUCATION; ACADEMIC-YEAR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL
SUPPORT	Requires the Board of Education to develop model criteria and procedures for establishing a jointly operated high school with a career and technical education focus to be recommended to the Governor and the General Assembly for funding as a Governor's Career and Technical Education School.
HB 930/SB306	STANDARDS OF LEARNING ASSESSMENTS; REFORM
SUPPORT	Provides that the number and type of Standards of Learning assessments shall not exceed 17 specified assessments in grades three through eight. The bill requires each local school board to certify that it has provided instruction and administered an alternative assessment, in conformance with Board guidelines, for each subject area in which the Standards of Learning assessment was not administered. The bill also requires the Secretary of Education to establish the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee to periodically review the Standards of Learning and assessments.
HB 1054	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA COURSE AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS; COMPUTER SCIENCE
SUPPORT	Requires the Board of Education to consider all computer science course credits earned by students to be science course credits, mathematics course credits, or career and technical education credits in establishing course and credit requirements for a high school diploma and requires the Board to develop guidelines addressing how computer science courses can satisfy graduation requirements.



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HB 1115	VIRTUAL VIRGINIA; LOCAL SCHOOL DIVISIONS; SHARED ONLINE COURSES
SUPPORT	Permits the Department of Education to contract with one or more local school boards that have created online courses to make such courses available to other school divisions through Virtual Virginia. The bill permits such school divisions to charge a per-student or per-course fee, subject to Board of Education approval. The bill requires the Department to establish the Virtual Learning Advisory Committee to advise the Department on (i) online courses, in-service training, and digital instructional resources that school divisions need to meet the Commonwealth's graduation requirements and (ii) strategic planning to expand blended and online learning opportunities in Virginia's public schools. The bill permits the Department to charge school divisions requesting to offer a course through Virtual Virginia and multidivision online providers an application fee.
HJ 1	STUDY; TEACHER CAREER LADDER PROGRAM; REPORT
SUPPORT	Requests the Department of Education to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of implementing a Teacher Career Ladder program in the Commonwealth.
SB 499	OPPORTUNITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
SUPPORT	Delays the initial transfer of supervision of certain public schools from the local school boards to the Opportunity Educational Institution by one year, from after the 2013-2014 school year to after the 2014-2015 school year

SB 539	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION; ANNUAL REPORT
SUPPORT	Requires the Secretary of Education, on or before October 1 of each year, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Commonwealth's efforts to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education; career readiness; and career and professional certification at all levels of education.
SB 628	COMMUNITY COLLEGES; WORKFORCE TRAINING
SUPPORT	Establishes the Community College Workforce Training Grant Program to provide a \$1,000 incentive payment to a community college for each student who (i) has successfully completed a noncredit workforce training program at the community college and (ii) subsequently obtains an industry-recognized certification or license in a high employer demand field in the region served by the community college, with such fields to be identified by the State Board for Community Colleges.

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DELEGATES	ED							F&R					HC
BARBARA COMSTOCK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		—	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
THOMAS “TAG” GREASON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	—*	—*	✓	✓		✓
TIMOTHY HUGO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		—	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
MARK KEAM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
DAVID LAROCK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
JAMES LEMUNYON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
J. RANDALL MINCHEW	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		ABST	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
KENNETH PLUM	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
DAVID RAMADAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		—	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
THOMAS DAVIS RUST	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

SENATORS	HB268	SB51	HB321/ SB362	HB1191	HB1220/ SB623	SB106	SB593	HB167	HB168	HB497	HB1053	SB590	HB1147
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BARBARA FAVOLA	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	
JANET HOWELL	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✗	
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JENNIFER WEXTON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	

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TOTAL HOUSE									

TOTAL**	TOTAL POSSIBLE	SCORE
28	30	93.3%
25	25	100.0%
26	30	86.7%
20	30	66.7%
30	30	100.0%
28	30	93.3%
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16	30	53.3%
29	30	96.7%
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TOTAL SENATE									

26	30	86.7%
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**Each legislator's point total is calculated by adding one point for every vote that supports a Northern Virginia Chamber Partnership priority and by deducting a point for every vote that is in opposition to the Partnership's position.

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