

# VLSSE Bill Tracking

2024

## Senate Bills

Bill Number	Patron	Description	Committee	Committee Position	Legislative Committee Position
<a href="#">SB 12</a>	Favola	<b>Children's advocacy centers; definitions; investigations by local departments of social services.</b> Replaces the term "child advocacy center" with "children's advocacy center" and defines such term. The bill provides that if during the course of an investigation of child abuse by a local department of social services a local multidisciplinary team determines that an interview of the child by a children's advocacy center is needed and such interview cannot be completed within the jurisdiction within 14 days, the local department of social services may facilitate the interview with another trained child forensic interviewer. The bill also provides that if it is determined during a human trafficking assessment that a forensic interview of the child is needed, such interview may be conducted by a children's advocacy center within the jurisdiction; however, if the interview cannot be completed within 14 days, the forensic interview may be conducted by a children's advocacy center located in another jurisdiction or another trained child forensic interviewer.	C&F	Support	Support

<p><a href="#">SB 24</a></p>	<p>Locke</p>	<p><b>Long-term services and supports screening;</b> expedited screening; screening exemption; emergency. Modifies existing provisions regarding the required long-term services and supports screening under the state plan for medical assistance services by creating greater flexibility for how screening are completed under certain circumstances. Under the bill, any individual receiving inpatient services in an acute care hospital discharged to a nursing facility for skilled care is not required to be screened prior to discharge from the hospital unless the individual requests the screening. The bill directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill contains an emergency clause.</p>	<p>AS</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 39</a></p>	<p>Favola</p>	<p><b>Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program established.</b> Establishes the Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program to promote and support placements of children with relatives by local boards of social services in order to avoid foster care. The bill provides that a child is eligible to participate in the Program if the local board determines that (i) the child is at imminent risk of being removed from his home and a preliminary protective order is insufficient to address the child's immediate safety concerns and (ii) the child's parent or guardian consents to the placement of the child with a relative pursuant to an agreement with the local board developed in accordance with the provisions of the bill.</p>	<p>C&amp;F</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Support</p>

<a href="#">SB 40</a>	Favola	<b>State Board of Social Services; regulations;</b> application for and use of foster care benefits. Directs the State Board of Social Services to amend its regulations by January 1, 2025, to (i) require local departments of social services to apply for federal benefits on behalf of children in foster care that they may be eligible for, (ii) prohibit the use of federal benefits to pay for the care and support of children in foster care that the Commonwealth is otherwise obligated to pay for, and (iii) require local departments of social services that are representative payees for children in foster care to conserve such federal benefits in an appropriate trust instrument or protected account that is exempt from federal asset and resource limits.	C&F	Support	Support
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<p><a href="#">SB 54</a></p>	<p>Locke</p>	<p><b>Early childhood care and education system; publicly funded providers, funding formula.</b> Early childhood care and education system; publicly funded providers; funding formula; educator incentive; nonreverting fund to capture unspent Virginia Preschool Initiative balances. Requires the Department of Education to (i) establish and maintain a funding formula for publicly funded early childhood care and education providers that establishes the minimum funding and number of slots per biennium for such providers based on a cost of quality rate per child, actual data from the prior year, unserved waitlists, and a growth rate differential based on growth in prior biennia; (ii) administer an early childhood educator incentive program to be known as RecognizeB5 whereby a monetary incentive is provided to teachers who work directly with children for at least 30 hours per week at publicly funded providers that participate in the uniform measurement and improvement system known as VQB5, with the exception of teachers who are employed by local school boards; and (iii) administer and make distributions, for the purpose of providing early childhood care and education services, from the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established in the bill, to which all unspent balances from the Virginia Preschool Initiative at the end of each fiscal year are required to be credited instead of reverting to the general fund.</p>	<p>Child Care</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
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<a href="#">SB 59</a>	Favola	<p><b>Department of Medical Assistance Services; Medicaid Works access and utilization work group; report.</b> Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to study and make recommendations to improve access to and successful utilization of the federal Medicaid Works program. The bill requires the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2024. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.</p>	Benefits	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">SB 70</a>	McPike	<p><b>SNAP; employment and training.</b> Requires all local departments of social services to offer an employment and training program for SNAP benefits program participants.</p>	Benefits	Monitor	Monitor

<a href="#">SB 75</a>	Durant	<b>Early childhood care and education;</b> publicly funded providers; exemption from licensure for certain child day programs. Excepts military child care fee assistance or any child care subsidy paid by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States from the federal funds that would otherwise render a child day program as a "publicly funded provider," as that term is defined and used in relevant law relating to early childhood care and education. The bill also exempts from licensure by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day program that (i) serves only dependent children of military personnel and (ii) (a) is located on a military base or federal property or (b) is certified as a family child care provider by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and provides that any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or its agent, including an installation commander of a military base on which a child day program is located, may assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by the program that is so exempted from licensure.	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor
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<p><a href="#">SB 76</a></p>	<p>Durant</p>	<p><b>Child day centers operated by religious institutions;</b> exemption from licensure by Superintendent of Public Instruction. Exempts fully from the statutory requirement to be licensed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day center that is operated or conducted under the auspices of a religious institution that (i) has tax exempt status as a nonprofit religious institution in accordance with § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or (ii) owns and exclusively occupies real property that is exempt from local taxation. Under current law, such child day centers are exempt from licensure but are still subject to several enumerated requirements. The bill, however, preserves the requirement for such child day centers to conduct background checks for employees and volunteers and prohibits the employment or service at such child day centers of any such individual who has been convicted of any barrier crime as defined in relevant law or who is the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect.</p>	<p>Child Care</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 115</a></p>	<p>Lucas</p>	<p><b>Child abuse and neglect;</b> custody and visitation; possession or consumption of authorized substances. Provides that a child shall not be considered an abused or neglected child, and no person shall be denied custody or visitation of a child, based only on the fact that the child's parent or other person responsible for his care, or the person petitioning for custody or visitation of the child, possessed or consumed legally authorized substances. The bill directs the Board of Social Services to amend its regulations, guidance documents, and other instructional materials to ensure that such regulations, documents, and materials comply with, and that investigations and family assessments are conducted by local departments of social services in accordance with, the provisions of the bill.</p>	<p>C&amp;F</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Monitor</p>

<a href="#">SB 162</a>	McDougle	<p><b>Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program established.</b> Establishes the Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program to promote and support placements of children with relatives by local boards of social services in order to avoid foster care. The bill provides that a child is eligible to participate in the Program if the local board determines that (i) the child is at imminent risk of being removed from his home and a preliminary protective order is insufficient to address the child's immediate safety concerns and (ii) the child's parent or guardian consents to the placement of the child with a relative pursuant to an agreement with the local board developed in accordance with the provisions of the bill.</p>	C&F		Support
<a href="#">SB 174</a>	Favola	<p><b>Financial institutions; reporting financial exploitation of elderly or vulnerable adults.</b> Permits a financial institution, as defined in the bill, to allow an elderly or vulnerable adult, as defined in the bill, to submit and periodically update a list of trusted persons whom such financial institution or financial institution staff, as defined in the bill, may contact in the case of suspected financial exploitation of such adult. In such a case, the bill also allows a financial institution or financial institution staff to convey such suspicion to one or more certain individuals, provided that the recipient of such conveyance is not the suspected perpetrator of financial exploitation. The bill provides that a financial institution or financial institution staff shall be immune from any criminal, civil, or administrative liability for any act taken or omission made in accordance with the bill's provisions.</p>	AS	Monitor	Support



<p><a href="#">SB 290</a></p>	<p>Roem</p>	<p><b>Guardians and conservators; order of appointment and certificate of qualification; annual report.</b> Requires a petitioner to file with a petition for the appointment of a guardian, conservator, or both, a cover sheet on a form prepared by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The bill requires a guardian to file an initial annual report reflecting the first four months of guardianship since qualification within six months of the date of qualification and to file the second and each subsequent annual report for each succeeding 12-month period within four months from the last day of the last 12-month period covered by the previous annual report. The bill also specifies which documents the clerk shall forward to certain entities upon the qualification of a guardian or conservator. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia.</p>	<p>AS</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 292</a></p>	<p>Roem</p>	<p><b>Guardianship and conservatorship; report of guardian ad litem.</b> Adds to the considerations regarding the suitability and propriety of a prospective guardian or conservator that a guardian ad litem is required to address in his report to the court following a petition for guardianship or conservatorship. The bill provides that the guardian ad litem shall consider the prospective guardian's or conservator's work as a professional guardian, including whether the person does so on a full-time basis, the prospective guardian's or conservator's expected capacity as a guardian, and whether the prospective guardian or conservator is named as a perpetrator in any substantiated adult protective services complaint involving the respondent.</p>	<p>AS</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Monitor</p>

<p><a href="#">SB 417</a></p>	<p>Head</p>	<p><b>Adult protective services; central registry.</b> Creates a central registry of substantiated complaints of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation to be maintained by the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services. The bill establishes (i) investigation requirements for local departments of social services related to reports of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation; (ii) record retention and disclosure requirements for the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and local departments of social services; (iii) notice requirements related to findings by local departments and central registry entries; and (iv) an appeals process to contest the findings of a local department related to substantiated reports of adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation. The bill directs the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the bill and exempts the Commissioner's initial adoption of such regulations from the provisions of the Administrative Process</p>	<p>AS</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
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<p><a href="#">SB 421</a></p>	<p>Sturtevant</p>	<p>Foster Child Scholarship Program; established. Establishes the Foster Child Scholarship Program (the Program), to be administered by the Department of Education, for the purpose of providing school-age children in foster care the option to attend the participating public or private school of their caregiver's choice. The bill provides that any student is eligible to participate in the Program who (i) is a foster child, (ii) resides in a school division in the Commonwealth, (iii) is subject to compulsory attendance requirements, and (iv) is entering kindergarten or was eligible to enroll at a public elementary or secondary school in the Commonwealth during the semester immediately preceding the semester or term for which the child's parent initially applies for the Program or who is entering kindergarten. The bill provides that the caregiver of any eligible student may apply for the Program and, upon approval of such application, receive an annual scholarship, through quarterly disbursements into such eligible student's Foster Child Scholarship Account (FCSA), for the purposes of paying for education-related expenses, as set forth in the bill, at the participating school of the caregiver's choice in which the eligible student enrolls under the Program. The bill contains provisions relating to (a) the Department's powers and duties in administering the Program, including establishing and implementing policies and procedures for reviewing and approving applications, conducting public awareness campaigns, establishing procedures for audit and review of FCSAs and of participating schools, and establishing procedures and requirements for the management of and disbursing of funds into FCSAs; (b) the</p>	<p>C&amp;F</p>		<p>Monitor</p>
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<a href="#">SB 467</a>	Obenshain	<b>Foster care; diversionary placements; alternative living arrangements.</b> Allows a birth parent to identify an ALA caregiver, defined in the bill, with whom the birth parent would like to place his child in an alternative living arrangement, defined in the bill. The bill establishes background checks for potential ALA caregivers, establishes legal custody of the child by ALA caregivers, requires safety and welfare checks for children in alternative living arrangements, and requires local boards of social services to create an exit plan for reunification of the child and the birth parent or, if such reunification is not viable, for permanent placement of the child in an alternative living arrangement.	C&F		Monitor
<a href="#">SB 620</a>	Pillion	<b>Long-term services and support screening; PACE programs.</b> Allows qualified staff of programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) to conduct the required long-term services and supports screening in accordance with requirements established by the Department of Medical Assistance Services. The bill directs the Department to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.	AS	Support	Monitor
<b>House Bills</b>					
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<a href="#">HB 23</a>	Laufer	<p><b>Weapons; possession or transportation;</b> facility that provides mental health services or developmental services; penalty. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to possess in or transport into any facility that provides mental health services or developmental services in the Commonwealth, including a hospital or an emergency department or other facility rendering emergency medical care, any (i) firearm or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind; (ii) knife, except a pocket knife having a folding metal blade of less than three inches; or (iii) other dangerous weapon, including explosives and stun weapons. The bill provides that any such firearm,</p>	Admin	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 27</a>	Callsen	<p><b>Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program established.</b> Establishes the Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program to promote and support placements of children with relatives by local boards of social services in order to avoid foster care. The bill provides that a child is eligible to participate in the Program if the local board determines that (i) the child is at imminent risk of being removed from his home and a preliminary protective order is insufficient to address the child's immediate safety concerns and (ii) the child's parent or guardian consents to the placement of the child with a relative pursuant to an agreement with the local board developed in accordance with the provisions of the bill.</p>	C&F	Monitor	Monitor

<a href="#">HB 75</a>	Hope	<p><b>State Bd. of Social Services to amend regulations, application for and use of benefits.</b> State Board of Social Services; regulations; application for and use of foster care benefits. Directs the State Board of Social Services to amend its regulations by January 1, 2025, to (i) require local departments of social services to apply for federal benefits on behalf of children in foster care that they may be eligible for, (ii) prohibit the use of federal benefits to pay for the care and support of children in foster care that the Commonwealth is otherwise obligated to pay for, and (iii) require local departments of social services that are representative payees for children in foster care to conserve such federal benefits in an appropriate trust instrument or protected account that is exempt from federal asset and resource limits</p>	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 115</a>	Sullivan	<p><b>Guardians and conservators; order of appointment and certificate of qualification; annual report.</b> Guardians and conservators; order of appointment and certificate of qualification; annual report. Requires a petitioner to file with a petition for the appointment of a guardian, conservator, or both a cover sheet on a form prepared by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The bill requires a guardian to file an initial annual report within four months of the date of qualification and to file each subsequent annual report every year on the same date. The bill also specifies which documents the clerk shall forward to certain entities upon the qualification of a guardian or conservator. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia.</p>	AS	Support	Support

<a href="#">HB 148</a>	Tata	<b>Department of Social Services; human trafficking services.</b> Adds to the responsibilities of the Department of Social Services certain duties related to human trafficking prevention and victim support. The bill requires the Department, among other things, to develop a tiered certification system for programs that provide services to victims of human trafficking, which shall consider (i) whether the program is accredited by a nationally recognized credentialing entity; (ii) the program's services, practices, governance, organizational structure, leadership, financial management, and compliance history; and (iii) any other criteria deemed relevant by the Department. The bill also authorizes the Department, subject to regulations of the Board of Social Services and the availability of state or federal funds, to receive state and federal funds for services to victims of human trafficking; disburse funds through matching grants to local public or private nonprofit agencies to provide service programs for the victims of human trafficking; and develop and implement grant mechanisms for funding such local services.	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
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<a href="#">HB 150</a>	Helmer	<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; applications. Prohibits the Board of Social Services from requiring persons applying to participate or renewing their participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to appear in person. The bill also codifies the Department of Health's authority to implement a Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC Program), which is currently authorized by regulation, and prohibits the Department of Health from requiring persons applying to participate or renewing their participation in the WIC Program to appear in person.</b>	Benefits	Monitor	Monitor
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<a href="#">HB 222</a>	Orrock	<p><b>Child day centers operated by religious institutions;</b> exemption from licensure by Superintendent of Public Instruction. Exempts fully from the statutory requirement to be licensed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day center that is operated or conducted under the auspices of a religious institution that (i) has tax exempt status as a nonprofit religious institution in accordance with § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or (ii) owns and exclusively occupies real property that is exempt from local taxation. Under current law, such child day centers are exempt from licensure but are still subject to several enumerated requirements. The bill, however, preserves the requirement for such child day centers to conduct background checks for employees and volunteers and prohibits the employment or service at such child day centers of any such individual who has been convicted of any barrier crime as defined in relevant law or who is the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect.</p>	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 244</a>	Martinez	<p><b>Protective order in case of family abuse;</b> parents; minors. Prohibits the parent of a minor from filing a petition for a family abuse protective order against such minor, provided that the minor has not otherwise been emancipated pursuant to law.</p>	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 281</a>	Reaser	<p><b>Early childhood care and education;</b> child day programs; use of office buildings; waiver of zoning requirements. Permits any locality to, by ordinance, provide for the waiver of any requirements for zoning permits for the operation of a child day program in an office building, as defined by the bill, provided that such facility satisfies the requirements for state licensure as a child day program.</p>	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor

<a href="#">HB 291</a>	Cherry	<p><b>Long-term services and supports screening;</b> expedited screening; screening exemption; emergency. Modifies existing provisions regarding the required long-term services and supports screening under the state plan for medical assistance services by creating greater flexibility for how screening are completed under certain circumstances. Under the bill, any individual receiving inpatient services in an acute care hospital discharged to a nursing facility for skilled care is not required to be screened prior to discharge from the hospital unless the individual requests the screening. The bill directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill contains an emergency clause.</p>	AS	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 317</a>	Gardener	<p><b>Office of the Children's Ombudsman;</b> children's residential facility. Authorizes the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to request that the Department of Social Services, local department of social services, a children's residential facility, or a child-placing agency grant access and provide consent to interview children in foster care who are the subject of or the complainant in an investigation or. The bill also contains technical amendments.</p>	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 358</a>	Simonds	<p><b>Voluntarily registered family day homes;</b> safe sleep guidance; compliance; training. Requires each voluntarily registered family day home to comply with all safe sleep guidelines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and to ensure that each provider employed in such family day home completes basic training on such guidelines.</p>	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor

<a href="#">HB 361</a>	Simonds	<b>Dissemination of criminal history record information; Department of Social Services.</b> Authorizes the Department of Social Services to obtain criminal history record information for the purpose of screening individuals as a condition of licensure, employment, volunteering, or providing services on a regular basis in a licensed child welfare agency or foster or adoptive home approved by a child-placing agency.	Admin	Monitor	Support
<a href="#">HB 373</a>	Feggans	<b>Financial institutions; reporting financial exploitation of elderly or vulnerable adults.</b> Permits a financial institution, as defined in the bill, to allow an elderly or vulnerable adult, as defined in the bill, to submit and periodically update a list of trusted persons whom such financial institution or financial institution staff, as defined in the bill, may contact in the case of suspected financial exploitation of such adult. In such a case, the bill also allows a financial institution or financial institution staff to convey such suspicion to one or more certain individuals, provided that the recipient of such conveyance is not the suspected perpetrator of financial exploitation. The bill provides that a financial institution or financial institution staff shall be immune from any criminal, civil, or administrative liability for any act taken or omission made in accordance with the bill's provisions.	AS	Monitor	Support
<a href="#">HB 401</a>	Cherry	<b>Child abuse; mandatory reporters.</b> Adds to the list of persons who are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect employees of the Department of Labor and Industry whose duties include ensuring compliance with child labor laws.	C&F	Monitor	Support

<a href="#">HB 407</a>	Hernandez	<b>Child Care Subsidy Program;</b> categorical eligibility for certain families. Provides that any family that receives public assistance through Medicaid or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children shall be deemed categorically eligible to receive assistance through the Child Care Subsidy Program.	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 408</a>	Hernandez	<b>Child Care Subsidy Program vendors;</b> basis for periodic reimbursement. Requires the Department of Education to periodically reimburse child care providers that are vendors through the Child Care Subsidy Program on the basis of authorized child enrollment but provides that if any such enrolled child is absent from the provider for 10 or more days during one month, the Department shall periodically reimburse such provider on the basis of such child's attendance.	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor

<p><a href="#">HB 419</a></p>	<p>Bulova</p>	<p><b>Early childhood care and education system;</b> funding formula; educator incentive; nonreverting fund to capture unspent early childhood care and education funding balances. Requires the Department of Education to (i) establish and maintain a funding formula for the provision of state general funds that support the provision of services to families at early childhood care and education sites that establishes the minimum funding and number of slots per biennium based on a cost of quality rate per child, actual data from the prior year, unserved waitlists, and a growth rate differential based on enrollment and parent demand growth in prior biennia; (ii) administer an early childhood educator incentive program to be known as RecognizeB5 whereby a monetary incentive is provided to teachers who work directly with children for at least 30 hours per week at early childhood care and education sites that participate in the uniform measurement and improvement system known as VQB5, with the exception of teachers who are employed by local school boards; and (iii) administer and make distributions, for the purpose of providing certain early childhood care and education services, from the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established in the bill, to which all balances of state general funds intended for the provision of services to families at early childhood care and education sites that are unspent at the end of each fiscal year are required to be credited instead of reverting to the general fund.</p>	<p>Child Care</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
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<a href="#">HB 449</a>	Obenshain	<p><b>Child abuse and neglect; mandatory reporters;</b> statute of limitations; penalties. Adds aggravated sexual battery of a child and attempted rape, sodomy, aggravated sexual battery, or object sexual penetration of a child to the list of offenses for which a failure to report subjects a mandatory reporter to criminal liability. The bill further requires that a prosecution for any misdemeanor violation for failing to report certain sexual acts committed against a minor be commenced within one year of the discovery of the offense.</p>	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 453</a>	Callsen	<p><b>Kinship foster care; barrier crimes.</b> Allows local boards of social services or child-placing agencies to approve kinship foster care parent applicants who have been convicted of certain felony drug offenses if five years have elapsed since the date of the conviction, where under current law 10 years must have elapsed in order to be eligible for approval as a kinship foster care parent. The bill also adds exceptions for certain misdemeanor assault and battery convictions not involving the abuse, neglect, or moral turpitude of a minor if five years have elapsed since the date of the conviction. The bill directs the State Board of Social Services to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the bill to be effective no later than September 1, 2024.</p>	C&F	Monitor	Support

<a href="#">HB 475</a>	Coyner	<p><b>Child care; background checks.</b> Allows applicants for employment and applicants to serve as volunteers to work in certain child day centers, family day homes, and family day systems pending the results of a full background check, provided that (i) the applicant has received qualifying results on a fingerprint-based background check through the Central Criminal Records Exchange or the Federal Bureau of Investigation and (ii) the applicant is supervised at all times by a person who received a qualifying result on a full background check within the past five years.</p>	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 508</a>	Cohen	<p><b>Department of Education; background checks for child day program employees and volunteers;</b> dissemination of information in certain circumstances. Requires the Department of Education, upon receiving a written request for such a written certification from an individual, to provide written certification to an entity designated by the Department that provides staffing for child day programs that such individual satisfies all requirements set forth in relevant law and is eligible to serve as an employee, temporary employee, or volunteer in a child day program. The bill further provides that (i) each such written certification shall also state the date by which the individual is required to complete a new background check in accordance with the periodic requirement for such background checks, (ii) no such written certification shall reveal the nature of any disqualifying barrier crime committed by or founded complaint of child abuse or neglect against the individual, and (iii) any such written certification may be shared among child day programs for the purpose of facilitating the creation and maintenance of a child day program substitute staff pool system.</p>	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor

<a href="#">HB 550</a>	Walker	<b>Adult adoptee access to original birth certificate.</b> Grants any adoptee 18 years of age or older access to his original birth certificate.	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 627</a>	Bennett-Parker	<b>Early childhood care; Child Care Subsidy Program expansion;</b> provision of free child care to certain child care provider employees. Requires the Child Care Subsidy Program, established pursuant to applicable regulations, to be expanded to assist employees of any licensed child care provider in the Commonwealth with the costs of child care by providing any such employee who meets the eligibility criteria set forth in the bill child care at no cost to and with no copayment required of such employee. The bill directs the Board of Education to adopt any regulations and the Department of Education to implement any policies and procedures necessary for the implementation and administration of the provisions of the bill.	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor



<a href="#">HB 700</a>	Tata	<b>Certain individuals in foster care</b> , in the custody of the Department of Social Services, or considered a special needs adoption; parameters of higher education grants; point of contact for support and guidance. Adds the cost of room and board to the amount of the grants required to be provided by comprehensive community colleges to certain individuals who were in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or were considered a special needs adoption; expands such requirement to include all associate-degree-granting and baccalaureate public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth; and makes eligible for such grants any individual who meets certain other eligibility criteria and was in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or was considered a special needs adoption at any time after he turned 14. Current law requires such an individual to have been in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or considered a special needs adoption at the time that his high school diploma or equivalency examination certificate was awarded. The bill also requires each public institution of higher education to identify at least one employee of the institution to serve as a point of contact for each enrolled student who was in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or was considered a special needs adoption in order to provide such student with support and guidance, including support and guidance relating to financial aid and any associated applications or other required paperwork.	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
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<a href="#">HB 729</a>	Sickles	<p><b>Long-term services and support screening; PACE programs.</b> Allows qualified staff of programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) to conduct the required long-term services and supports screening in accordance with requirements established by the Department of Medical Assistance Services. The bill directs the Department to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.</p>	AS	Support	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 739</a>	Sewell	<p><b>Early childhood care and education;</b> publicly funded providers; exemption from licensure for certain child day programs. Exempts military child care fee assistance or any child care subsidy paid by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States from the federal funds that would otherwise render a child day program as a "publicly funded provider," as that term is defined and used in relevant law relating to early childhood care and education. The bill also exempts from licensure by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day program that (i) serves only dependent children of military personnel and (ii) (a) is located on a military base or federal property or (b) is certified as a family child care provider by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and provides that any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or its agent, including an installation commander of a military base on which a child day program is located, may assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by the program that is so exempted from licensure.</p>	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor

<p><a href="#">HB 765</a></p>	<p>Delaney</p>	<p><b>Termination of parental rights; sexual abuse; clear and convincing standard;</b> petition filed by other parent. Allows a parent to file a petition to terminate the parental rights of the other parent if the circumstances giving rise to such a petition allege that such parent engaged in conduct prohibited by relevant law relating to sexual abuse, whether or not the parent has been charged with or convicted of the alleged violation, and the child was conceived of such conduct. The bill further requires the court to issue an order terminating the parental rights of a parent upon a finding, based on clear and convincing evidence, that (i) such parent engaged in the conduct prohibited by relevant law relating to sexual abuse, whether or not the parent has been charged with or convicted of the alleged violation, and the child was conceived of such conduct and (ii) termination of the parental rights of such parent is in the best interests of the child. The bill specifies that, if such parent is found by clear and convincing evidence to have engaged in the prohibited conduct resulting in the conception of such child, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that termination is in the best interest of the child, but no presumption shall be made by the court that one parent alone is contrary to the best interests of the child.</p>	<p>C&amp;F</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
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<a href="#">HB 766</a>	Delaney	<b>Custody and visitation arrangements; best interests of the child;</b> expert testimony; history of abuse. Requires a court to consider any history of family abuse, sexual abuse, child abuse, or an act of violence, force, or threat in determining best interests of a child for purposes of determining custody or visitation arrangements. Under current law, only such history that occurred no earlier than 10 years prior to the filing of a custody or visitation petition is required to be considered. The bill also requires that any expert evidence from a court-appointed or outside professional relating to any alleged abuse of a child subject to such petition shall only be admitted if such professional possesses demonstrated expertise and clinical experience in working with victims of the type of such abuse alleged that is not solely of a forensic nature. The bill further directs the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to provide mandatory judicial training on trauma-informed practices in proceedings involving domestic violence to magistrates and judges of the juvenile domestic relations district courts, general district courts, circuit courts, and the Court of Appeals of Virginia, the justices of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and court personnel	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
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<a href="#">HB 767</a>	O'Quinn	<b>Public elementary and secondary schools; compulsory attendance policies and procedures; educational neglect defined.</b> Revises the policies and procedures relating to addressing the nonattendance or nonenrollment of a child subject to compulsory education requirements by expanding the definition of "abused or neglected child" to include educational neglect and, therefore, requiring any teacher, attendance officer, or other person employed by such child's school, to report such neglect to the appropriate authority in accordance with pertinent law. The bill defines "educational neglect" as the failure or refusal to provide necessary education for a child who is subject to compulsory attendance in accordance with relevant law and is enrolled in a public school and has missed 10 percent or more of the academic year, including by (i) causing or allowing the child to become chronically absent, defined as any student who has missed 10 percent or more of the academic year for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences, or (ii) failing or refusing to enroll a child in any school who is not otherwise exempt from school attendance if (a) such failure or refusal to enroll continues after the school notifies and institutes proceedings against the parent and (b) the time elapsed between the institution of proceedings and the continued noncompliance to date exceeds 10 percent of the academic year.	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
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<a href="#">HB 777</a>	Callsen	<b>Enrollment of students transitioning into, between, and out of foster care and kinship care placements.</b> Requires the school division in which a student who has transitioned into, between, or out of a foster care or kinship care placement by a local social services agency last attended school prior to such transition and the school division in which such a student resides after such transition to cooperate in facilitating the enrollment of any such student for the purpose of enhancing continuity of instruction. The bill provides that any such student shall be allowed to continue to attend the school in which he was enrolled prior to his placement transition upon the joint determination of the placing social services agency and the local school division that such attendance is in the best interest of the student. Current law contains similar provisions but is limited to students who have transitioned into foster care placements.	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
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<p><a href="#">HB 783</a></p>	<p>Herring</p>	<p><b>Adoption; parental placement and agency adoption.</b> Makes various changes to statutes governing parental placement and agency adoptions. The bill authorizes a hospital to release a child to his adoptive parents when the birth parent has executed a health care power of attorney. The bill provides that when a juvenile and domestic relations district court enters an order waiving the consent of one or both birth parents who have failed, without good cause, to appear at a hearing to execute consent for which they were given proper notice and transferring custody of a child who has been in the physical care and custody of prospective adoptive parents, such adoption shall be considered a parental placement adoption. The bill also allows the juvenile and domestic relations court to find, even if a birth parent has been given proper notice and appears at a hearing to execute consent or withholds consent, that the consent of such birth parent is withheld contrary to the best interest of the child or is unobtainable. The bill also clarifies that the effect of an order of the juvenile and domestic relations district court accepting a birth parent's consent and finding that any applicable revocation period has expired is to terminate a consenting birth parent's residual parental rights. The bill provides that a juvenile and domestic relations court shall accept consent from an out-of-state birth parent. Under current law, a juvenile and domestic relations district court is required to request consent from an out-of-state court having jurisdiction over custody matters in the jurisdiction where a birth parent resides when such birth parent does not reside in the Commonwealth. <b>The bill adds licensed child-placing agencies</b></p>	<p>C&amp;F</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
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<a href="#">HB 786</a>	Hope	<b>Guardianship and conservatorship; restoration of capacity or modification or termination of order; informal communication.</b> Allows a person subject to a guardianship or conservatorship who is not represented by counsel to initiate the process to be restored to capacity or have such guardianship or conservatorship modified or terminated by informal communication to the court by any means, including by informal letter, telephone call, email, or in-person visit, in lieu of the petition requirement specified under current law.	AS	Support	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 833</a>	Cousins	<b>Child abuse and neglect; custody and visitation; possession or consumption of authorized substances.</b> Provides that a child shall not be considered an abused or neglected child, and no person shall be denied custody or visitation of a child, based only on the fact that the child's parent or other person responsible for his care, or the person petitioning for custody or visitation of the child, possessed or consumed legally authorized substances. The bill directs the Board of Social Services to amend its regulations, guidance documents, and other instructional materials to ensure that such regulations, documents, and materials comply with, and that investigations and family assessments are conducted by local departments of social services in accordance with, the provisions of the bill.	C&F	Monitor	Monitor



<a href="#">HB 855</a>	Hernandez	<p><b>State Department of Social Services; Home Energy Assistance Program.</b> Requires the State Department of Social Services to allow applications for the Home Energy Assistance Program to be submitted during all months of the year.</p>	Benefits	Support	Support
<a href="#">HB 992</a>	Tran	<p><b>Local departments of social services; agreements with local workforce development boards;</b> coordinated workforce development services. Directs each local department of social services (local department) to develop and enter into a written agreement with the local workforce development board serving the jurisdiction served by the local department. The bill requires that such agreement (i) provide for the coordinated provision of workforce development services to participants in the Virginia Initiative for Education and Work and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training and (ii) comply with any other requirements established by the Department of Social Services.</p>	Employment	Monitor	Monitor

<a href="#">HB 1128</a>	Bennett-Parker	<p><b>Children's advocacy centers; definitions; investigations by local departments of social services.</b> Replaces the term "child advocacy center" with "children's advocacy center" and defines such term. The bill provides that if during the course of an investigation of child abuse by a local department of social services a local multidisciplinary team determines that an interview of the child by a children's advocacy center is needed and such interview cannot be completed within the jurisdiction within 14 days, the local department of social services may facilitate the interview with another trained child forensic interviewer. The bill also provides that if it is determined during a human trafficking assessment that a forensic interview of the child is needed, such interview may be conducted by a children's advocacy center within the jurisdiction; however, if the interview cannot be completed within 14 days, the forensic interview may be conducted by a children's advocacy center located in another jurisdiction or another trained child forensic interviewer.</p>	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 1140</a>	Cordoza	<p><b>Department of Medical Assistance Services; Medicaid eligibility; asset limits.</b> Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to (i) submit an amendment to the state plan for medical assistance services to remove or lower any asset limits related to Medicaid eligibility and (ii) to the extent permitted under federal laws and regulations, remove or lower any asset caps that may be removed or lowered without an amendment to the state plan.</p>	Benefits	Support	Monitor

<a href="#">HB 1144</a>	Cordoza	<p><b>Children alleged to be abused or neglected; preliminary removal hearing; appointment of counsel for parent of such child.</b> Provides that at a preliminary removal hearing in cases in which a child is alleged to have been abused or neglected, the court shall appoint an attorney-at-law to represent such child's parent, guardian, or other adult standing in loco parentis if the court determines that such parent, guardian, or other adult standing in loco parentis is indigent, unless he has waived his right to representation or otherwise employed counsel. Under current law, any such appointment is made at an adjudicatory hearing on such removal after a preliminary removal order is issued.</p>	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 1168</a>	Cordoza	<p><b>Office of the Children's Ombudsman; powers.</b> Grants the Children's Ombudsman with regard to children receiving child-protective services, in foster care, or placed for adoption and children who may have died as a result of alleged abuse or neglect the power to directly oversee local departments of social services, reverse the decisions of local departments of social services, and petition a court to reverse any custody or visitation changes made as a result of the error of a local department of social services.</p>	C&F	Oppose	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 1277</a>	Laufer	<p><b>Child care; background checks.</b> Allows applicants for employment and applicants to serve as volunteers to work in certain child day centers, family day homes, and family day systems pending the results of a full background check, provided that the applicant (i) has received qualifying results on a fingerprint-based background check through the Central Criminal Records Exchange or the Federal Bureau of Investigation and (ii) is employed or serves as a volunteer in a position that does not involve direct contact with children.</p>	Child Care	Monitor	Monitor

<a href="#">HB 1313</a>	Tata	<b>Fostering Futures program; eligibility; age limit.</b> Increases from 21 to 23 the age at which an individual may no longer participate in the Fostering Futures program.	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 1366</a>	Delaney	<b>Local departments of social services; employee criminal background checks.</b> Establishes a process for local departments of social services to conduct background checks for current or prospective employees and prohibits local departments from employing any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense that relates to his employment. The bill includes criteria for the local department to consider when deciding if a criminal offense related to employment is relevant when hiring a specific employment position.	Admin	<a href="#">Support</a>	Support

<p><a href="#">HB 1375</a></p>	<p>Gardner</p>	<p><b>Mixed Delivery Grant Program and Child Care Subsidy Program established.</b> Codifies the Mixed Delivery Grant Program, which is currently established pursuant to the general appropriation act, for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis to local public entities that enter into partnerships with local private early childhood care and education entities and other community organizations, as applicable, to provide, under the direction and leadership of a lead agency identified in the grant proposal, high-quality care and education, either part time or full time, for at-risk infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children who reside in the locality. The bill requires the Mixed Delivery Grant Program to be administered by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation in partnership with the Department of Education and, consistent with any provisions relating to the Program in the general appropriation act, requires the Foundation and the Department to establish policies, procedures, and standards for the Program. The bill also codifies the Child Care Subsidy Program, which is currently established pursuant to regulations of the Board of Education, for the purpose of assisting families who meet certain eligibility criteria with the cost of child care provided by approved vendors. The bill requires the Child Care Subsidy Program to be overseen by the Department of Education and permits the Department to contract with state and local agencies to administer the Program. The bill requires the Department and Board of Education, as applicable, to establish rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and standards for the Program.</p>	<p>Child Care</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
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<a href="#">HB 1426</a>	Glass	<b>Social services; Dynamic Benefit Adjustment System.</b> Establishes a Dynamic Benefit Adjustment System that gradually reduces public assistance benefits in response to beneficiaries' earned income. The bill requires the Department of Social Services to establish the formula for the system, collect and analyze data on the System, and make regular reports on the System's performance to the General Assembly.	Benefits	Oppose	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 1517</a>	Earley	<b>Adoption tax credit.</b> Creates a tax credit for taxable years 2024 through 2028 that may be claimed by an individual or married couple filing jointly for qualified adoption expenses, as defined in the bill. The bill imposes certain limitations on who may claim this credit and how much credit may be claimed based on a taxpayer's Virginia adjusted gross income.	C&F	Monitor	Monitor
<a href="#">HB 1542</a>	Mundon King	<b>Child abuse and neglect; mandatory reporters; statute of limitations; penalties.</b> A prosecution for any misdemeanor violation of § 63.2-1509 shall be commenced within one year of the discovery of the offense.	C&F	Monitor	Monitor

**Bills of Interest**

Bill Number	Patron	Description	Column1	Column2	Column3
<b>Senate</b>					
<a href="#">SB 13</a>	Favola	1. That the Board of Education shall amend its regulations to permit any child day program to operate in an office building, defined as any building containing more than two rental units that are rented primarily for retail, commercial, or professional use, provided that such facility satisfies the requirements for licensure as a child day program pursuant to §§ 22.1-289.011, 22.1-289.017, and 22.1-289.052 of the Code of Virginia and 8VAC20-780-250, 8VAC20-780-270, 8VAC20-780-280, 8VAC20-780-290 if such child day center is to serve children of preschool age or younger, 8VAC20-780-300 if such child day center is to serve school age children only, 8VAC20-780-310, and 8VAC20-780-320	03/28/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 263 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB13ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB13ER</a>	

<a href="#">SB 23</a>	Locke	<p><b>Juveniles; adjudication of delinquency.</b> Specifies that a delinquent child is a child 11 years of age or older who has committed a delinquent act. Currently, there is no minimum age for a child to be adjudicated delinquent. The bill provides that if a juvenile younger than 11 years of age is found to have committed a delinquent act, the juvenile shall not be proceeded upon as delinquent; however, the court may make any orders of disposition authorized for a child in need of services or a child in need of supervision.</p>	03/20/24 Governor: Vetoed by Governor	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB23ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB23ER</a>	
<a href="#">SB 43</a>	Favola	<p><b>Persons with disabilities;</b> disAbility Law Center of Virginia; ombudsman program. Establishes an ombudsman program for persons with disabilities within the disAbility Law Center of Virginia. The program may receive and respond to questions regarding state-operated programs that provide services to persons with disabilities. The program is required to establish a toll-free phone number and web-based portal for receiving questions.</p>	02/26/24 House: Tabled in Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)	No estimate as to the cost of ombudsman operations is currently available.	
<a href="#">SB 149</a>	Suetterlein	<p><b>Department of Medical Assistance Services; Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waivers;</b> state plan amendments; program rule modifications. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to seek to modify the program rules for certain 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waivers to (i) eliminate the requirement that, in order for a legally responsible individual to receive reimbursement for personal care services, no one else is available to provide services to the member; (ii) modify the program rules to allow for respite services when the legally responsible individual is the unpaid caregiver; and (iii) modify the program rules to allow a legally responsible individual or stepparent to be the employer of record.</p>	02/01/24 Senate: Incorporated by Education and Health (SB488- Aird) (15-Y 0-N)		
<a href="#">SB 173</a>	Craig	<p><b>Adult day care centers; name change.</b> Renames "adult day care centers" as "adult day centers" throughout the Code of Virginia.</p>	03/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 37 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB173ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB173ER</a>	

<p><a href="#">SB 209</a></p>	<p>Perry</p>	<p><b>Adoption; award of damages;</b> death by wrongful act. Provides that, in a case for death by wrongful act, the child of a decedent who has been adopted after the death of such decedent shall be included in the class of beneficiaries entitled to an award of damages resulting from such case, provided that a court had not previously terminated the parental rights of such decedent.</p>	<p>HB140 Companion</p>	<p>03/14/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 70 (effective 7/1/24)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB209ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB209ER</a></p>
<p><a href="#">SB 239</a></p>	<p>Hashmi</p>	<p><b>Social Work Licensure Compact.</b> Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Social Work Licensure Compact. The Compact allows social workers who have or are eligible for an active, unencumbered license in the compact member state where they reside to apply for a multistate license. After verifying eligibility, the social worker is granted a multistate license that authorizes practice in all other compact member states. The Compact takes effect when it is enacted by a seventh member state.</p>	<p>HB326 Companion</p>	<p>04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 704 (effective 7/1/24)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB239ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB239ER</a></p>
<p><a href="#">SB 291</a></p>	<p>Roem</p>	<p><b>Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services; training; powers and duties of guardian; annual reports by guardians; information required.</b> Directs the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to develop and provide training for court-appointed guardians by July 1, 2025. The bill requires a court-appointed guardian and any skilled professional retained by such guardian to perform guardianship duties to complete the initial training developed by the Department within four months after the date of qualification of such guardian. Under the bill, guardians appointed prior to July 1, 2025, must complete such training by January 1, 2027. The bill further requires a guardian to include in his annual report to the local department of social services a statement as to whether such training has been completed.</p>	<p>If passes will suggest online training</p>	<p>04/05/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 587 (effective 7/1/24)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB291ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB291ER</a></p>



<p><a href="#">SB 293</a></p>	<p>Roem</p>	<p><b>Guardianship and conservatorship; duties and powers of guardian and conservator; self-dealing prohibited.</b> Provides that a guardian and conservator shall avoid all conflicts of interest and self-dealing, including all appearances of conflicts of interest and self-dealing, when addressing the needs of the incapacitated person to whom the guardian or conservator owes a fiduciary duty. The bill provides that a conflict of interest arises when the guardian or conservator has a personal or agency interest that can be perceived as self-serving or adverse to the position or best interest of the incapacitated person, and self-dealing arises when the guardian or conservator seeks to take advantage of his position as guardian or conservator and acts for his own interests rather than for the interests of the incapacitated person. The bill further provides that any sale or transaction that constitutes self-dealing shall be voidable by the court.</p>	<p>02/05/24 Senate: Continued to 2025 in Courts of Justice (12-Y 0-N)</p>		
<p><a href="#">SB 310</a></p>	<p>Jordan</p>	<p><b>Tax credit; nonfamily adoptions.</b> Creates a \$4,000 nonrefundable tax credit for taxable years 2024 through 2028 for an individual or married couple who, during the taxable year, finalize a legal nonfamily adoption as defined in the bill.</p>	<p>02/07/24 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)</p>		
<p><a href="#">SB 320</a></p>	<p>Roem</p>	<p><b>Department of Health; WIC applications; information.</b> Directs the Department of Health to provide information, resources, and education to food banks regarding providing assistance to individuals completing a Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) application.</p>	<p>02/26/24 House: Tabled in Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)</p>		

<p><a href="#">SB 432</a></p>	<p>Suetterlein</p>	<p><b>Consumer Data Protection Act; protections for children.</b> Requires a controller or processor to obtain verifiable parental consent, defined in the bill, prior to registering any child with the operator's product or service or before collecting, using, or disclosing such child's personal data and prohibits a controller from knowingly processing the personal data of a child for purposes of (i) targeted advertising, (ii) the sale of such personal data, or (iii) profiling in furtherance of decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects concerning a consumer. The bill also amends the definition of child for purposes of the Consumer Data Protection Act to include any natural person younger than 18 years of age.</p>	<p>01/31/24 Senate: Continued to 2025 in General Laws and Technology (8-Y 7-N)</p>		
<p><a href="#">SB 529</a></p>	<p>Jordan</p>	<p><b>Employee protections; medicinal use of cannabis oil.</b> Amends the provision that prohibits an employer from discriminating against an employee for such employee's lawful use of cannabis oil pursuant to a valid written certification issued by a practitioner for the treatment or to eliminate the symptoms of the employee's diagnosed condition or disease, with certain exceptions, by specifying that such use must conform to the laws of the Commonwealth and that such protections extend to the employees of the Commonwealth and other public bodies.</p>	<p>01/19/24 Senate: Incorporated by Rehabilitation and Social Services (SB391-Pekarsky) (11-Y 0-N)</p>		

<p><a href="#">SB 683</a></p>	<p>McDougle</p>	<p><b>Family and Children's Trust Fund; membership; powers and duties; counsel.</b> Modifies the membership provisions of the Board of Trustees of the Family and Children's Trust Fund by (i) designating the Commissioner of Social Services or his designee as an ex officio member with nonvoting privileges, (ii) allowing Board members to be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, and (iii) providing that the remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy other than by expiration of term shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment with respect to the prohibition on members serving more than two successive terms. Under current law, the Commissioner is designated as a permanent member of the Board. The bill authorizes the Board to establish a nonprofit organization to assist in the details of administering its affairs and in raising funds and provides that legal services for the Board shall be provided by the Attorney General.</p>	<p>04/04/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 427 (effective 7/1/24)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+S683ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+S683ER</a></p>	
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<p><a href="#">SB 702</a></p>	<p>Subramanyam</p>	<p><b>Early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exemption from licensure for certain child day programs.</b> Excepts military child care fee assistance or any child care subsidy paid by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States from the federal funds that would otherwise render a child day program as a "publicly funded provider," as that term is defined and used in relevant law relating to early childhood care and education. The bill also exempts from licensure by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day program that (i) serves only dependent children of military personnel and (ii) (a) is located on a military base or federal property or (b) is certified as a family child care provider by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and provides that any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or its agent, including an installation commander of a military base on which a child day program is located, may assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by the program that is so exempted from licensure.</p>	<p>03/28/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 259 (effective 7/1/24)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB702ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB702ER</a></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Implications:</b> There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.</p>
<p><b>House</b></p>					

<p><a href="#">HB 112</a></p>	<p>Sullivan</p>	<p><b>Adoption; parental placement and agency adoption.</b> Makes various changes to statutes governing parental placement and agency adoptions. The bill authorizes a hospital to release a child to his adoptive parents when the birth parent has executed a health care power of attorney. The bill provides that when a juvenile and domestic relations district court enters an order waiving the consent of one or both birth parents who have failed, without good cause, to appear at a hearing to execute consent for which they were given proper notice and transferring custody of a child who has been in the physical care and custody of prospective adoptive parents, such adoption shall be considered a parental placement adoption. The bill also allows the juvenile and domestic relations court to find, even if a birth parent has been given proper notice and appears at a hearing to execute consent or withholds consent, that the consent of such birth parent is withheld contrary to the best interest of the child or is unobtainable. The bill also clarifies that the effect of an order of the juvenile and domestic relations district court accepting a birth parent's consent and finding that any applicable revocation period has expired is to terminate a consenting birth parent's residual parental rights. The bill provides that a juvenile and domestic relations court shall accept consent from an out-of-state birth parent. Under current law, a juvenile and domestic relations district court is required to request consent from an out-of-state court having jurisdiction over custody matters in the jurisdiction where a birth parent resides when such birth parent does not reside in the Commonwealth. The bill adds licensed child-placing agencies and prospective adoptive parents to those with the authority to consent to surgical and medical treatment of certain minors, subject to certain requirements. The bill decreases from 45 to 10 days the time for which a hearing is required to be held upon the filing of a petition for the approval of an entrustment agreement by a local board of social services or a child welfare agency. The bill also makes technical amendments.</p>	<p>01/19/24 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB783-Herring) by voice vote</p>		
<p><a href="#">HB 125</a></p>	<p>Watts</p>	<p><b>Special justices and independent evaluator fees; emergency custody.</b> Special justices and independent evaluator fees; emergency custody and voluntary and involuntary civil admissions. Increases the fee that a special justice receives for presiding over emergency custody and voluntary and involuntary civil admissions from \$86.25 to \$120 for each commitment hearing and from \$43.25 to \$70 for each certification hearing. The bill also increases the fee that an independent evaluator receives if required to serve as a witness or an interpreter from \$75 to \$120 for each commitment hearing and from \$43.25 to \$70 for each certification hearing.</p>	<p>04/17/24 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0802)</p>		

<p><a href="#">HB 140</a></p>	<p>Reid</p>	<p><b>Adoption; award of damages; death by wrongful act.</b> Provides that, in a case for death by wrongful act, the child of a decedent who has been adopted after the death of such decedent shall be included in the class of beneficiaries entitled to an award of damages resulting from such case, provided that a court had not previously terminated the parental rights of such decedent.</p>	<p>03/14/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 69 (effective 7/1/24)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB140ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB140ER</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">HB 146</a></p>	<p>Tata</p>	<p><b>Early childhood care and education;</b> publicly funded providers; exemption from licensure for certain child day programs. Excepts military child care fee assistance or any child care subsidy paid by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States from the federal funds that would otherwise render a child day program as a "publicly funded provider," as that term is defined and used in relevant law relating to early childhood care and education. The bill also exempts from licensure by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day program that (i) serves only dependent children of military personnel and (ii) (a) is located on a military base or federal property or (b) is certified as a family child care provider by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and provides that any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or its agent, including an installation commander of a military base on which a child day program is located, may assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by the program that is so exempted from licensure.</p>	<p>01/31/24 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB739-Sewell) by voice vote</p>		
<p><a href="#">HB 172</a></p>	<p>Hope</p>	<p><b>Family or household member;</b> definition; penalty. Adds to the definition of family or household members, for the purposes of definitions relating to juvenile and domestic relations district courts and multiple criminal and procedural statutes, an individual who is a legal custodian of a juvenile.</p>	<p>04/02/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 273 (effective 7/1/24)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB172ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB172ER</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">HB 178</a></p>	<p>Gardner</p>	<p><b>Social Work Advisory Board;</b> established; report. Establishes the Social Work Advisory Board to advise the Governor on efforts to improve the social work profession in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Social Work Advisory Board to report annually by December 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding its activities and recommendations. The bill contains an expiration date of June 30, 2027.</p>	<p>01/29/24 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2025 with substitute by voice vote</p>		

<a href="#">HB 266</a>	Watts	<p><b>Custodial interrogation of a child</b>; failure to comply with section; inadmissibility of statement. Provides that if a law-enforcement officer willfully fails to comply with existing law regarding parental notification and contact prior to a custodial interrogation of a child, any statements made by such child shall be inadmissible in any delinquency proceeding or criminal proceeding against such child.</p>	04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 719 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0266">https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0266</a>	
<a href="#">HB 275</a>	Helmer	<p><b>Public utilities; delay of termination of service for certain residential customers</b>; serious medical condition; report. Requires the State Corporation Commission to conduct a proceeding to establish limitations on the authority of public utilities and cooperatives that provide electric, gas, or water or wastewater services to terminate service to any residential customer who provides certification that the customer has a serious medical condition or the customer resides with a family member with a serious medical condition. The bill directs the Commission to adopt regulations to implement such limitations after consulting with certain stakeholders. The bill requires the Commission to submit a report by November 1, 2026, and every three years thereafter, on the effectiveness of the serious medical condition policy after implementation of the regulations and include any suggested changes to such policy for residential utility and cooperative customers.</p>	04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 637 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0275">https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0275</a>	
<a href="#">HB 294</a>	Ballard	<p><b>Protective order in case of family abuse</b>; termination of temporary order of child support. Provides that when a court includes a temporary child support order with the issuance of a protective order in the case of family abuse, such temporary child support order shall terminate when a court determines child support in a subsequent proceeding or when the protective order expires, whichever occurs first. Current law requires that such temporary child support order terminate only after a court determines child support in a subsequent proceeding. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia and the Committee on District Courts.</p>	03/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 26 (effective 7/1/23)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB294ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB294ER</a>	

<p><a href="#">HB 295</a></p>	<p>Martinez</p>	<p><b>Protective order in case of family abuse;</b> parents; minors. Prohibits the parent of a minor from filing a petition for a family abuse protective order against such minor, or from filing as next friend on behalf of his minor child against another of his minor children, provided that the minor has not otherwise been emancipated pursuant to law.</p>	<p>Same as HB 244</p>	<p>01/26/24 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (7-Y 1- N)</p>	
<p><a href="#">HB 315</a></p>	<p>Simon</p>	<p><b>Department of Medical Assistance Services;</b> lien for claim of personal injuries. Creates a process by which a lien in favor of the Department of Medical Assistance Services on a claim for personal injuries may be satisfied upon the request of the injured person who received medical care or services to treat such personal injury. The bill provides that the Department is required within 30 days of receipt of the request of the injured person to provide such injured person or his personal representative with an itemized statement detailing all health care expenses paid for by a program of the Department and a sum specific demand for payment in full and final resolution of the Department's lien. The bill provides that if the Department fails to respond to such request, the injured party or his personal representative may submit to the Department an offer of payment for a sum certain in satisfaction of the lien, including an explanation of the reasons for such offer, and the Department may then, within 30 days, accept or reject such offer. The bill also clarifies that such process is not the exclusive means by which an injured person or his personal representative may request such itemized statement of health care expenses.</p>	<p>04/17/24 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text reprinted (CHAP0807)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB315E">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB315E</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">HB 326</a></p>	<p>Glass</p>	<p><b>Social Work Licensure Compact.</b> Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Social Work Licensure Compact. The Compact allows social workers who have or are eligible for an active, unencumbered license in the compact member state where they reside to apply for a multistate license. After verifying eligibility, the social worker is granted a multistate license that authorizes practice in all other compact member states. The Compact takes effect when it is enacted by a seventh member state.</p>	<p>SB239 Companion</p>	<p>04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 690 (effective 7/1/24)</p>	



<a href="#">HB 436</a>	Arnold	<p><b>Revocation of advance directive;</b> divorce or annulment; custody or visitation. Provides that an advance directive is revoked upon the filing of (i) an action for divorce or annulment of the marriage between the declarant of such advance directive and the agent or (ii) a petition for custody or visitation of the child or children born of such declarant and such agent. The provisions of the bill apply to advance directives executed on or after July 1, 2024.</p>	03/14/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 81 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB436ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB436ER</a>	
<a href="#">HB 470</a>	Martinez	<p><b>Petition for child in need of services or in need of supervision.</b> Authorizes an attorney or guardian ad litem representing a minor, or a parent, guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis of a minor, to file a petition for a child in need of services or in need of supervision with the clerk of the juvenile and domestic relations district court. Under current law, such petitions are required to be filed with an intake officer and are prohibited from being filed directly with the clerk.</p>	02/23/24 House: VOTE: REJECTED (2-Y 95-N)	<a href="https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/submitcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0470">https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/submitcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0470</a>	
<a href="#">HB 472</a>	Gardner	<p><b>TANF; child care services; reporting; repeal.</b> Repeals the requirement that the Department of Social Services (i) identify strategies for Virginia to obtain the maximum amount of federal funds available for child care services for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program recipients and families whose incomes are at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level and (ii) provide an annual report on these strategies to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and on Rehabilitation and Social Services.</p>	03/20/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 102 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB472ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB472ER</a>	
<a href="#">HB 488</a>	Garrett	<p><b>Sexual abuse of certain children; penalty.</b> Raises the penalty for sexual abuse of a child who is 13 or 14 years of age from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony.</p>	02/13/24 House: Left in Courts of Justice		
<a href="#">HB 499</a>	Cohen	<p><b>Department of Medical Assistance Services; Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; Medicaid Waivers;</b> program rule modifications. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to modify the program rules for certain Medicaid waivers to eliminate the requirement that certain visits for individuals enrolled in Family and Individual Support Waivers, Community Living Waivers, Building Independence Waivers, and CCC Plus Waivers be conducted face-to-face.</p>	02/06/24 House: Continued to 2025 in Health and Human Services by voice vote		

<p><a href="#">HB 512</a></p>	<p>Cohen</p>	<p><b>Judicial Council of Virginia; work group to study conservatorship;</b> report. Directs the Judicial Council of Virginia to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to study issues relating to conservatorship in the Commonwealth and to develop recommendations for a best practices model. The bill requires the work group to submit its findings and recommendations by November 1, 2024, to the Chairmen of the House Committee for Courts of Justice and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>02/05/24 House: Subcommittee e recommends continuing to 2025 by voice vote</p>	
<p><a href="#">HB 535</a></p>	<p>Keys-Gamarra</p>	<p><b>Division of Early Childhood Care and Education; Department of Education; comprehensive review of certain findings and recommendations</b> relating to the quality of early childhood care and education in the Commonwealth; report. Requires the Division of Early Childhood Care and Education of the Department of Education, in consultation with the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and such other stakeholders as it deems appropriate, to (i) conduct a comprehensive review of the findings and recommendations contained in the 2017 report of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, Improving Virginia's Early Childhood Development Programs, to determine what barriers, gaps, and deficiencies continue to exist in the provision of high-quality early childhood education and care in the Commonwealth, with a particular focus on gaps and deficiencies in the ongoing monitoring of Virginia Preschool Initiative program quality, including the collection and analysis of data relating to outcomes and kindergarten readiness, and (ii) report its findings and any associated policy recommendations to the Board of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2024.</p>	<p>01/31/24 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2025 by voice vote</p>		
<p><a href="#">HB 581</a></p>	<p>Simonds</p>	<p><b>Human trafficking response teams.</b> Requires attorneys for the Commonwealth to establish multidisciplinary human trafficking response teams. The bill provides that each team shall hold a meeting, at least annually, to (i) discuss implementation of protocols and policies; (ii) establish and review guidelines for the community's response to various forms of human trafficking, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking; and (iii) review protocols for the trauma-informed, victim-centered collection, preservation, and secure storage of evidence from physical evidence recovery kit examinations. The bill also provides that the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) shall not apply to human trafficking response teams, with certain exceptions.</p>	<p>04/03/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 366 (effective 7/1/24)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB581ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB581ER</a></p>	

<a href="#">HB 587</a>	McClure	<b>Study; Department of Social Services;</b> Department of Housing and Community Development; unaccompanied minor housing program; report. Directs the Department of Social Services and the Department of Housing and Community Development to convene a work group to study the implementation of an unaccompanied minor housing program. The bill requires the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the relevant committees of the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2024.	01/29/24 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2025 by voice vote		
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<p><a href="#">HB 593</a></p>	<p>Sickles</p>	<p><b>Department of Medical Assistance Services; establishment of neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities;</b> waiver services for individuals with traumatic brain injuries and neurocognitive disorders; work group. Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to add neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities to support individuals with traumatic brain injuries and neurocognitive disorders by January 1, 2025. The bill also directs the Department to submit an amendment to the state plan for medical assistance services to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to modify its existing 1915(c) waiver or seek a new 1915(c) waiver as necessary to receive federal approval to administer home and community-based services for qualifying individuals with traumatic brain injuries or neurocognitive disorders as defined by the Department no later than January 1, 2026. The bill gives the Department authority to promulgate emergency regulations for the neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities and the traumatic brain injury waiver upon approval. The bill requires the Department to convene a work group of relevant stakeholders to provide updates on the progress and the implementation of the neurobehavioral and neurorehabilitation facilities and the traumatic brain injury services waiver.</p>	<p>01/25/24 House: Incorporated by Health and Human Services (HB1064- Willett) by voice vote</p>		
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<a href="#">HB 606</a>	Price	<b>Board of Social Work; licensure of clinical social workers;</b> examination alternative; regulation amendments. Directs the Board of Social Work to amend the regulations for the licensure of clinical social workers to allow applicants to utilize an examination alternative, which shall consist of at least 1,500 hours of supervised experience that is obtained within the five calendar years immediately preceding the date of application. The bill clarifies that the examination alternative shall be in addition to any other supervised clinical experience required for licensure.	03/01/24 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Rehabilitation and Social Services (6- Y 8-N)		
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<p><a href="#">HB 692</a></p>	<p>Maldonado</p>	<p><b>Financial institutions; reporting financial exploitation of senior citizens.</b> Requires each financial institution with more than 20 employees to conduct a training to instruct the employees and officers of such financial institution on how to identify and report the suspected financial exploitation of a senior citizen, as defined in the bill, internally at such financial institution, to a designated trusted contact, as defined in the bill, and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services, and local law-enforcement authorities. The bill permits financial institutions with fewer than 20 employees to opt to provide such training in accordance with the bill's provisions. The bill requires an employee or officer of a financial institution who has received such training and reasonably believes that the financial exploitation of a senior citizen has occurred to promptly report such suspected financial exploitation to the FBI, the Department, and local law-enforcement authorities and permits such employee or officer to report such financial exploitation to any designated trusted contact unless such employee or officer reasonably believes that such trusted contact is involved in financial exploitation or other abuse of such senior citizen. The bill provides that no employees or officers who have received training pursuant to the bill's provisions shall be liable for disclosures pursuant to the bill's provisions if such disclosure was made in good faith and with reasonable care. The bill states that no financial institution that has provided training pursuant to the bill's provisions shall be liable for disclosures made by employees or officers</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>04/05/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 530 (effective 7/1/24)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB692ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB692ER</a></p>
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<a href="#">HB 769</a>	Delaney	<b>Multi-jurisdiction grand jury; elder abuse crimes.</b> Adds the following to the list of crimes that a multi-jurisdiction grand jury may investigate: (i) financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult, (ii) financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult by an agent, and (iii) abuse and neglect of a vulnerable adult. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.	04/04/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 397 (effective 7/1/24)		
<a href="#">HB 810</a>	Tata	<b>Nonfamily adoption tax credit.</b> Creates a \$4,000 nonrefundable tax credit for taxable years 2024 through 2028 for an individual or married persons who, during the taxable year, finalize a legal nonfamily adoption as defined in the bill.	02/13/24 House: Left in Finance		
<a href="#">HB 835</a>	Cousins	<b>Juvenile and domestic relations district courts;</b> appointment of counsel or guardian ad litem; removal or appeal. Specifies that any attorney appointed to represent a child or parent, guardian, or other adult at a hearing in the juvenile and domestic relations district court shall continue representation upon removal or appeal to the circuit court and upon the juvenile and domestic relations court being divested of the right to enter any further decrees or orders to determine custody, guardianship, visitation, or support. Under current law, such continued representation is discretionary upon appeal to the circuit court.	01/24/24 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket (7-Y 0-N)		

<p><a href="#">HB 888</a></p>	<p>Watts</p>	<p><b>Civil commitments and temporary detention orders; definition of mental illness neurocognitive disorders and neurodevelopmental disabilities; Secretary of Health and Human Resources to evaluate placements for certain individuals; report.</b> Specifies that for the purpose of civil commitments and temporary detention orders, behaviors and symptoms that manifest from a neurocognitive disorder or neurodevelopmental disability are excluded from the definition of mental illness and are, therefore, not a basis for placing an individual under a temporary detention order or committing an individual involuntarily to an inpatient psychiatric hospital. The bill provides that if a state facility has reason to believe that an individual's behaviors or symptoms are solely a manifestation of a neurocognitive disorder or neurodevelopmental disability, the state facility may require that a licensed psychiatrist or other licensed mental health professional reevaluate the individual's eligibility for a temporary detention order before the individual is admitted and may refuse to admit an individual if the licensed psychiatrist or other licensed mental health professional determines the individual's behaviors or symptoms are solely a manifestation of a neurocognitive disorder or neurodevelopmental disability. The foregoing provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2025. The bill also directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to evaluate, identify, and develop placements for individuals with neurocognitive disorders and neurodevelopmental disabilities, as well as any statutory or funding changes</p>	<p>04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 696 (effective - see bill)</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB888ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB888ER</a></p>	
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<p><a href="#">HB 893</a></p>	<p>McClure</p>	<p><b>Standards for attorneys appointed to represent parents or guardians;</b> child dependency cases; compensation; Virginia Parent Advocacy Commission established. Requires the Judicial Council of Virginia, in conjunction with the Virginia State Bar, on or before June 30, 2025, to adopt standards for the qualification and performance of attorneys appointed to represent a parent or guardian of a child when such child is the subject of a child dependency case, as defined in the bill. The bill also requires the Judicial Council of Virginia, beginning July 1, 2025, to maintain a list of attorneys admitted to practice law in Virginia who are qualified to be appointed to represent indigent parents involved in a child dependency case. The bill also requires the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, in conjunction with the Virginia State Bar and the Office of the Children's Ombudsman, on or before June 30, 2025, to develop initial qualifying educational programs on the standards of practice for attorneys representing parents and guardians of a child who is the subject of a child dependency case and educational programs for judges, guardians ad litem, and agency attorneys regarding such standards for qualification and practice. The bill provides that an attorney appointed by the court to represent a parent, guardian, or other adult in a child dependency case shall be compensated pursuant to existing law governing compensation of court-appointed counsel. Additionally, the bill provides that counsel appointed by the court to represent a parent in the appeal of a termination of his parental rights in the Court of Appeals shall be</p>	<p>03/04/24 House: VOTE: REJECTED (3-Y 93-N)</p>	<p><a href="https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0893">https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0893</a></p>	
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<a href="#">HB 997</a>	Anthony	<b>Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Team established;</b> penalty; report. Establishes the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Team to develop and implement procedures to ensure that fetal and infant deaths occurring in the Commonwealth are analyzed in a systematic way. The bill requires the Team to compile triennial statistical data regarding fetal and infant deaths and to make such data available to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Health. The bill provides that information and records obtained or created by the Team and portions of meetings of the Team at which individual fetal and infant deaths are discussed shall be confidential.	01/29/24 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N)		
<a href="#">HB 1476</a>	Keys-Gamarra	<b>Child abuse; mandatory reporters.</b> Adds to the list of persons who are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect employees of the Department of Labor and Industry whose duties include ensuring compliance with child labor laws.	01/25/24 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket (8-Y 0-N)		
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VLSSE Position	Date Approved	Status	Position
Support	1/5/2024	04/17/24 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0779)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+amd+SB12AG">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+amd+SB12AG</a>

Monitor	1/5/2024	03/26/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 152 (effective 3/26/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB24ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB24ER</a>
Support	1/5/2024	04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 662 (effective - see bill) 1/1/25	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB39ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB39ER</a>

Support	1/5/2024	02/28/24 House: Tabled in Appropriations (21-Y 1-N)	Department of Social Services Fiscal Year Dollars Positions Fund 2024 - - - 2025 \$358,181 (\$270,816) - General fund Nongeneral funds 2026 \$706,387 (\$540,384) - General fund Nongeneral funds 2027 \$706,387 (\$540,384) - General fund Nongeneral funds 2028 \$706,387 (\$540,384) - General fund Nongeneral funds 2029 \$706,387 (\$540,384) - General fund Nongeneral funds 2030 \$706,387 (\$540,384) - General fund Nongeneral funds
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Monitor	1/5/2024	03/04/24 Senate: House substitute rejected by Senate (0-Y 39-N)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB54S2">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB54S2</a>
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Monitor	1/5/2024	04/02/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 335 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB59ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB59ER</a>
Monitor	1/5/2024	02/28/24 House: Tabled in Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)	Localities that do not already provide a program indicated recurring personnel and operating costs ranging from \$110,000 associated with one employee to \$4 million associated with 21 additional employees depending on the locality's SNAP caseload and uptake.

Monitor	1/5/2024	02/08/24 Senate: Incorporated by Education and Health (SB702- Subramanyam) (15-Y 0-N)	HB 146; HB 739. <b>Fiscal Implications:</b> There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.
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Monitor	1/5/2024	02/08/24 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (9-Y 5-N 1-A)	<b>Fiscal Implications:</b> There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill.
Monitor	1/5/2024	04/17/24 Senate: Passed by for the day	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB115ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB115ER</a>

Support	1/12/2024	<b>01/19/24 Senate: Incorporated by Rehabilitation and Social Services (SB39-Favola) (12-Y 0-N)</b>	Similar to SB 39 and HB 27
Support	1/12/2024	04/05/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 578 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB174ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB174ER</a>

Support	1/12/2024	03/26/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 156 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB290ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB290ER</a>
Monitor	1/12/2024	04/05/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 588 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB292ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB292ER</a>

Monitor	1/19/2024	02/02/24 Senate: Continued to 2025 in Rehabilitation and Social Services (13-Y 0-N)	<b>Fiscal Impact Estimates:</b> Preliminary Expenditure Impact: Fiscal Year Dollars Positions Fund 2024 - - - 2025 663,083 1.0 General 2026 743,634 3.0 General 2027 743,634 3.0 General 2028 743,634 3.0 General 2029 743,634 3.0 General 3030 743,634 3.0 General
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Monitor	1/19/2024	<b>01/19/24 Senate: Incorporated by Rehabilitation and Social Services (SB39-Favola) (11-Y 0-N)</b>	
Monitor	1/19/2024	04/04/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 517 (effective 4/4/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB620ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB620ER</a>

Monitor	1/5/2024	01/25/24 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB861-Hernandez) by voice vote	<b>Fiscal Implications:</b> Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal.
Monitor	1/5/2024	04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 629 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0027">Companion to SB 39. AMENDMENT - https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0027</a>

Monitor	1/5/2024	02/02/24 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (8-Y 0-N)	
Support	1/5/2024	03/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 17 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB115ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB115ER</a>



Monitor	1/5/2024	02/13/24 House: Left in Health and Human Services
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Monitor	1/5/2024	04/04/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 435 (effective 7/1/24)	<p>The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has not yet provided feedback for this year's bill; however, OAG indicated on an identical version of this bill in the 2023 General Assembly session (HB1874) that the Office had concerns that the wording in §63.2-801 B. of House Bill 1874 (2023), which is identical in this bill, was ambiguous and could open up the Commonwealth to federal sanctions for noncompliance with federal law and regulation. Financial sanctions could include up to all SNAP administrative costs, which totaled \$175.1 million in federal fiscal year 2023.</p>
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Monitor	1/5/2024	01/24/24 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 2-N)	Companion to SB 76. <b>Fiscal Implications:</b> There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill.
Monitor	1/5/2024	01/26/24 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket (8-Y 0-N)	
Monitor	1/5/2024	03/28/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 185 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB281ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB281ER</a>

Monitor	1/12/2024	03/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 24 (effective 3/8/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB291ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB291ER</a>
Monitor	1/12/2024	04/02/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 280 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB317ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB317ER</a>
Monitor	1/12/2024	04/02/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 285 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB358ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB358ER</a>

Support	1/12/2024	04/05/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 526 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB361ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB361ER</a>
Support	1/12/2024	01/30/24 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2025 by voice vote	Companion to SB 174 ; concern expressed over financial institutions already not reporting to APS, and this could add an another barrier. <b>Fiscal Impact Estimates:</b> No fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission.
Support	1/12/2024	02/13/24 House: Left in Health and Human Services	

Monitor	1/12/2024	04/02/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 286 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB407ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB407ER</a>
Monitor	1/12/2024	01/31/24 House: Continued to 2025 in Appropriations by voice vote	

Monitor	1/12/2024	04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 722 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0419">https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0419</a>
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Monitor	1/12/2024	02/08/24 House: Incorporated by Health and Human Services (HB1542-Mundon King) by voice vote
Support	1/12/2024	04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 529 (effective 7/1/24)

**Fiscal Implications:** There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal. H

**Fiscal Implications:** The number of children in foster care will not increase under this bill; however, the number of children placed in kinship foster care may increase due to the bill's reduction of the time between the date of conviction of an applicable barrier crime and the requested approval date to become a kinship foster parent. This legislation reduces that time period from 10 years to five. The bill will only require an adjustment to the way local departments of social services staff review and make determinations about eligibility to become a kinship foster parent. Because the total number of children in foster care will not increase, this bill does not have a fiscal impact.



Monitor	1/12/2024	01/24/24 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB1277- Laufer) by voice vote	<b>Fiscal Implications:</b> There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.
Monitor	1/12/2024	04/02/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 289 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB508ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB508ER</a>

Monitor	1/12/2024	03/01/24 Senate: Continued to 2025 in Rehabilitation and Social Services (8-Y 6-N)	<b>Fiscal Implications:</b> This legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health or the Department of Social Services.
Monitor	1/12/2024	01/29/24 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2025 by voice vote	

Monitor	1/12/2024	04/04/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 449 (effective 7/1/24)	
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Monitor	1/12/2024	03/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 48 (effective 3/8/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB729ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB729ER</a>
Monitor	1/12/2024	03/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 49 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB739ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB739ER</a>

Monitor	1/12/2024	01/29/24 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2025 with substitute by voice vote	
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Monitor	1/12/2024	01/29/24 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2025 with substitute by voice vote	
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Monitor	2/9/2024	02/13/24 House: Left in Education	
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Monitor	1/12/2024	04/02/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 303 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB777ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB777ER</a>
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Monitor	1/12/2024	03/14/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 90 (effective 7/1/24)
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Monitor	1/12/2024	04/17/24 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0820)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB786ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB786ER</a>
Monitor	1/12/2024	03/08/24 Governor: Vetoed by Governor	<b>Fiscal Implications:</b> This legislation codifies the existing practice for determining the validity of a complaint of child maltreatment involving substance use by the parent or caretaker. Therefore, this legislation does not have an impact.

Support	1/12/2024	04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 734 (effective 7/1/24)	<p>Expenditure Impact: Fiscal Year Dollars Positions Fund 2024 - - - 2025 \$1,696,781 1 General fund 2026 \$660,599 1 General fund 2027 \$660,599 1 General fund 2028 \$660,599 1 General fund 2029 \$660,599 1 General fund 2030 \$660,599 1 General fund *There is a local match for this legislation of \$105,499 in FY 2025 and \$99,809 in FY 2026 and each year thereafter.</p>	<p><a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB855H">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB855H</a></p>
Monitor	1/12/2024	05/17/24 Governor: Vetoed by Governor		<p><a href="https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0992">https://committees.lis.virginia.gov/subcommitteeaction.aspx?ses=241&amp;bil=HB0992</a></p>

Monitor	1/12/2024	04/17/24 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0829)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB1128ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB1128ER</a>
Monitor	1/12/2024	02/02/24 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (8-Y 0-N)	Will this increase caseloads?

Monitor	1/12/2024	01/31/24 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N)	
Oppose	1/12/2024	02/06/24 House: Tabled in Health and Human Services (14-Y 8-N)	<b>Fiscal Implications:</b> The fiscal impacts of this legislation are indeterminate but if the powers authorized in the bill were utilized, would likely lead to increased operating costs for the Office of the Children's Ombudsman (OCO).
Monitor	1/12/2024	04/04/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 477 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB1277ER">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi- bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB1277ER</a>

Monitor	1/12/2024	02/02/24 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (8-Y 0-N)	As local departments of social services are mandated to offer case management services and are required to conduct monthly visits with youth participants in Fostering Futures, there would need to be substantial funding included in this proposed program change to cover additional staff and operations costs
Support	1/19/2024	04/05/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 555 (effective 7/1/24)	VDSS Bill

Monitor	1/19/2024	02/27/24 Senate: Continued to 2025 in Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB1375H1">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB1375H1</a>
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Monitor	1/19/2024	02/02/24 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (8-Y 0-N)	
Monitor	1/26/2024	02/05/24 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N)	
Monitor	1/26/2024	04/08/24 Governor: Approved by Governor- Chapter 615 (effective 7/1/24)	<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB1542H1">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+HB1542H1</a>












































