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HB-House Bill, SB-Senate Bill, HJ-House Joint Resolution, SJ-Senate Joint Resolution

Legislation, Patron	Description	Committee Status
HB1596, Clark	DMAS to allow telemedicine by audio communication if video is not available. Current law limits Medicaid telemedicine to video.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Social Services recommends reporting & rereferring to Appropriations
HB1611, Cole HB2572, Leftwich	Dept of Human Resource Management to develop a direct experience recruitment policy with guidance to state agencies on how to remove postsecondary degree requirements from hiring considerations using appropriate baseline requirements.	General Laws
HB1629, Thomas	Prohibits a health care provider from charging a fee for a request by a patient, or his attorney, for health care records to be used for the purpose of supporting a claim or appeal under the Social Security Act or any federal or state financial needs-based benefit program.	Courts of Justice, Subcom Civil recommends reporting
HB1673, Jones (SB1233)	Permit pedestrian crossing violation and stop sign violation monitoring systems in school crossing zones, highway work zones, and high-risk intersection segments for purposes of recording pedestrian crossing and stop sign violations	Transportation, Subcom Innovations recommends striking
HB1680, Cohen	Amends the definition of "place of public accommodation" to include a website that a private entity owns, leases or leases to, or operates and whose operations affect commerce.	General Laws
HB1708, Gardner and Martinez	Establish a Housing Task Force to make recommendations to the Governor on strategies to increase the housing supply of affordable, attainable housing.	General Laws

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HB1712, Watts (SB1194)	Provides that no law-enforcement officer with the power to arrest is required to arrest an individual who is currently subject to an emergency custody order, temporary detention order, or involuntary admission. Includes training requirements.	Courts of Justice, Subcom Criminal recommends reporting & rereferring to Appropriations
HB1724, Delaney	Establishes the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to protect stakeholders within the health care system from the high costs of prescription drug products.	Appropriations, Subcom Health & Human Resources recommends reporting
HB1753, Watts	Dept of Health to develop regulations to implement federal requirements for minimum staffing requirements in nursing facilities	Health & Human Services, Subcom Health
HB1762, Morefield	DMAS to seek federal authorization to provide Medicaid coverage, regardless of income or assets, to individuals who receive Social Security Disability Insurance but are not yet eligible for Medicare coverage.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Social Services recommends reporting & rereferring to Appropriations
HB1772, Hope	Autism Advisory Council to be reconstituted as an independently staffed agency in the legislative branch of state government. Name change to Autism Commission.	Rules
HB1800, Cohen	Clarifies that people with disabilities have the same rights as other persons to the full and free use of public playgrounds.	House
HB1802, Cohen	Adds employment service organization to Code sections dealing with promotion and enhancement of small, women-owned, or minority-owned businesses	General Laws
HB1804, Cohen	DMAS to seek the necessary federal approval to amend the application for Medicaid to gather all necessary information to determine an applicant's eligibility for the Medicaid Works program.	Appropriations, Subcom Health & Human Resources recommends reporting
HB1805, Cohen	Adds language regarding acceptable documentation of disability to be accepted by higher education when the student with a disability needs accommodations.	Appropriations, Subcom Higher Education
HB1806, Cohen (SB1126)	IEPs shall contain a section addressing individualized accommodations and supports for the student during emergency evacuations and situations as appropriate and identified by the IEP team.	Passed House. Senate Education & Health
HB1811, Campbell	DMAS to seek federal approval to create a monthly income exemption up to \$3,500 for personal care aides working for a licensed agency.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Social Services, recommends striking
HB1827, Simonds	Localities' comprehensive plans to include how social-determinants of health impact public health and access to health care services.	Passed House. Senate Local Government

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HB1879, Sewell (SB832)	Establishes a rental assistance pilot program to provide monthly rental assistance to families with at least one child 16 years of age or younger and whose income does not exceed 50% percent of the area median income	General Laws, Subcom Housing/Consumer Protection recommends reporting & rereferring to Appropriations
HB1880, Sewell	School enrollment of military children with disabilities to be coordinated to facilitate the prompt provision of comparable special education services and accommodations.	Passed House. Senate Education & Health
HB1881, Sewell	Provision to allow schools to establish policies for children whose parent is full-time active duty member of the military when the child is not a resident of the school district to enroll in the school district in limited circumstances. The policy may deny such enrollment if it lacks the resources or capacity to serve the student.	Passed House. Senate Education & Health.
HB1892, Seibold, Cole and Martinez	Require that when students enrolled in a public high school are entering the 11 th or 12 th grade, the IEP team provide the parents written notice of the student's rights and obligations relating to dual enrollment courses and IDEA and ADA rights.	Education, Subcom K-12
HB1906, Willett	Require Depts of social services and health districts to screen people seeking services for unmet social needs and refer clients to services for such unmet needs.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Social Services recommends tabling
HB1921, Ward	Require paid sick leave for home health workers of all private employers and state and local governments	Labor & Commerce, Subcom #2 recommends reporting & rereferring to Appropriations
HB1928, Ward	Codifies the state hourly minimum wage of \$12.41 per hour that was effective January 1, 2025 and increases the minimum wage to \$13.50 per hour effective January 1, 2026 and to \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2027.	Appropriations reported
HB1943, Cole	Expands the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices to include (i) refusing because the income of an applicant renter does not meet a threshold determined by the landlord and (ii) requiring any charges or deposits from a renter prior to the date of a rental agreement for any purpose other than monthly rent, a security deposit, and any other deposit meant to pay for access to a specific service or facility related to the rental of the dwelling.	General Laws, Subcom Housing/Consumer Protection
HB1954, Rasoul	Requires changes to state funding for public schools considering students with disabilities, at-risk students and English language learner students.	Appropriations, Subcom Elementary & Secondary Ed recommends reporting

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HB1957, Helmer (SB855)	Modifies provisions relating to assessment methods for determining the level of achievement of the Standards of Learning objectives by all students.	Education
HB1961, Rasoul (SB738)	Addresses school policies on restrictions to the use of cell phones. Requires exceptions pursuant to an IEP or Section 504 Plan to monitor or address a health concern.	Education, Subcom K-12
HB2017, Anthony (SB1111)	Establishes requirements for nonprofit organizations that provide student support services to at-risk public school students.	Education, Subcom K-12
HB2089, Shin	Establishes within DMAS the Virginia Home Care Authority to authorize providers, including consumer-directed providers, to select to collectively bargain with the Authority regarding wages, benefits, and terms and conditions of employment within the Authority's control.	Labor & Commerce, Subcom #2
HB2094, Maldonado (SB1214)	Creates requirements for the development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems.	Communications, Technology & Innovations, Subcom Communications
HB2104, Bennett-Parker (SB1036)	Permits certain school employees and secondary school students to possess and use intranasal seizure medications for acute repetitive seizures or clusters.	House
HB2116, Keys-Gamarra	Adds indicators of non-apparent disabilities (physical, sensory, mental, or emotional impairment that substantially limits one or more activities of daily living and that may not be visible or otherwise apparent, or a record of such impairment) to DMV licenses at the request of the person with a disability.	House
HB2160, Carr	DMAS to change the CL and FIS Waivers to allow compensation of direct support professionals who provide support in an acute care hospital under some circumstances. This would include group home, sponsored, supported living, and in-home support services.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Social Services recommends reporting & rereferring to Appropriations
HB2198, McQuinn	Board of Health to license nonresidential pediatric care centers for medically dependent or technology dependent children.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Health
HB2219, Tran (SB1034)	Requires schools to document the use of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) on the IEP and training on its use to people who provide instruction or support to students who use AAC.	House
HB2278, Price	Require school divisions review program access of schools. Report findings to General Assembly.	House

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HB2282, Coyner (SB801)	Changes to the Children’s Services Act to expand eligibility and addresses pooling funds.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Social Services recommends reporting
HB2285, Coyner	Establishment of an autism data dashboard to promote greater public transparency and access to information and resources on autism spectrum disorders.	Rules
HB2344, Obenshain	Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to allow children up to four years of age to receives services through the early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Social Services, recommends reporting & rereferring to Appropriations
HB2394, Sickles	DMAS to provide presumptive eligibility for Medicaid long-term services and supports or PACE while financial eligibility is being determined.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Social Services recommends reporting & rereferring to Appropriations
HB2471, Rasoul	Dept of Education to enter into one or more contracts with billing platforms for school districts to use for billing Medicaid services. Also requires school districts to identify barriers to Medicaid billing.	House
HB2485, Krizek (SB970)	Establishes a framework for the creation of a retail marijuana market in the Commonwealth.	General Laws, Subcom #5 recommends reporting & rereferring to Appropriations
HB2501, Rasoul (SB1265)	DMV to implement a program for the promotion, printing, and distribution of envelopes for use by drivers with a disability that can impair communication provide to a law-enforcement officer for the purpose of easing communication during a traffic stop or upon arrival at the scene of a traffic accident.	Transportation, Subcom DMV
HB2535, Hope	Repeals most provisions of the Health Care Decisions Act and enacts the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act. Addresses advance health care directives, criteria for determining capacity to make health care decisions, and other provisions.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Health
HB2541, Tran	Makes numerous changes to the Information Technology Access Act for people with disabilities.	Communication, Technology & Innovation, Subcom Tech & Innovations recommends reporting and rereferring to Appropriations
HB2554, Henson (SB1161)	Establishes the Artificial Intelligence Transparency Act.	Communication, Technology & Innovation, Subcom Tech

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HB2582, Cordoza	Amends the definition of "permanently and totally disabled" for the purposes of real property tax exemptions to include those individuals who are blind or have uncorrectable vision loss that interferes with daily activities.	Finance, Subcom #1
HB2606, Ware	Board of Education to amend regulations relating to due process hearings for students with disabilities to not allow a due process hearing until there is verified claim that the complaint includes only claims different from other claims still actively being considered and appeals exhausted.	Education, Subcom K-12
HB2714, Wilt	Provides DBHDS the authority to reallocate Medicaid DD Waivers if the slot is unused for a 30-day period.	Health & Human Services, Subcom Behavioral Health
HB2746, Tran (SB765)	Provides that a finding that a person is incapacitated in a proceeding for guardianship or conservatorship shall not be synonymous with a finding that such person is "mentally incompetent," and therefore not qualified to vote in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of Virginia. The bill requires a court to make a finding of mental incompetence by clear and convincing evidence that the person is unable to communicate, with or without accommodations, an interest in participating in the voting process.	Courts of Justice
HJ2, Bennett-Parker	Amendment to the Constitution of Virginia. One change would be, "No person who has been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting shall be entitled to vote during such period of incapacity until his capacity has been reestablished as prescribed by law." This resolution also contains the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony after their release from incarceration.	Passed House Senate Privileges & Elections
HJ445, Laufer	Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study transportation options in rural areas for persons with disabilities and identify ways to expand or enhance such transportation services.	Rules
SB738, Pekarsky (HB1961)	Addresses school policies on restrictions to the use of cell phones. Requires exceptions pursuant to an IEP or Section 504 Plan to monitor or address a health concern.	Senate
SB765, Favola (HB2746)	Provides that a finding that a person is incapacitated in a proceeding for guardianship or conservatorship shall not be synonymous with a finding that such person is "mentally incompetent," and therefore not qualified to vote in accordance with the	Courts of Justice

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SB768, Favola	Dept of Education to survey local school districts on school-based mental and behavioral health services. Report findings to Youth Commission.	Passed Senate
SB801, Favola (HB2282)	Changes to the Children’s Services Act to expand eligibility and addresses pooling funds.	Passed Senate
SB821, Craig	Allow residents of nursing facilities to place electronic monitoring devices in their rooms.	Senate
SB832, Locke (HB1879)	Establishes the rental assistance pilot program within the Department of Housing and Community Development for monthly rental assistance to families with at least one child under 16 and income under 50 of AMI.	General Laws & Technology reported. Rereferred to Finance
SB855, VanValkenburg (HB1957)	Modifies provisions relating to assessment methods for determining the level of achievement of the Standards of Learning objectives by all students.	Education & Health reported. Rereferred to Finance & Appropriations
SB869, Favola	Requires that, prior to the custodial interrogation of a person with autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability, such person have contact with his guardian, parent, or adult next of kin in person, electronically, by telephone, or by video conference.	Courts of Justice
SB897, Carroll Foy	Require overtime payment for domestic workers, including those who provide in-home care for a person with a disability. Effective date July 1, 2026.	Passed Senate
SB917, Surovell	Creates the Public Employee Relations Board to establish a structure for collective bargaining of state employees and local government employees. (SB964 regarding collective bargaining by Medicaid-funded consumer-directed employees was incorporated into SB917.)	Commerce & Labor, reported. Rereferred to Finance & Appropriations
SB970, Rouse (HB2485)	Establishes a framework for the creation of a retail marijuana market in the Commonwealth.	Rehabilitation & Social Services reported. Rereferred to Finance & Appropriations
SB988, Williams Graves	Adds that 40 feet beyond any area designated for curbside voting as a prohibited area where campaigning and certain other activities are unlawful during elections.	Privileges & Elections, passed by for th eday
SB1013, Boysko	Provides an affirmative defense to prosecution of an individual for assault or assault and battery against certain specified persons for which the enhanced Class 6 felony	Courts of Justice

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	and six-month mandatory minimum apply if such individual proves, by a preponderance of the evidence, that at the time of the assault or assault and battery (i) the individual's behaviors were a result of (a) mental illness or (b) a neurocognitive disorder, including dementia, or developmental disability.	
SB1014, VanValkenburg	Prohibits, with certain exceptions, any state agency from requiring an applicant to have a baccalaureate degree as a condition of hire in state employment.	General Laws & Technology reported. Rereferred to Finance & Appropriations
SB1034, Pekarsky (HB2219)	Requires schools to document the use of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) on the IEP and training on its use to people who provide instruction or support to students who use AAC.	Senate
SB1036, Pekarsky	Permits certain school employees and students to possess and use intranasal seizure medications for acute repetitive seizures or clusters.	Education & Health, Subcom Public Education
SB1054, Ebbin	Directs the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority to draft regulations governing the indoor cultivation, processing, manufacturing, testing, packaging, labeling, distribution, sale, and delivery of marijuana.	Rehabilitation & Social Services
SB1111, Williams Graves (HB2017)	Establishes requirements for nonprofit organizations that provide student support services to at-risk public school students.	Education & Health, Subcom Public Education
SB1117, Roem	Creates a non-refundable income tax credit, as applicable for expenditures incurred in the development and implementation of a braille labeling program on products, items, or packages sold in or shipped to the Commonwealth.	Finance & Appropriations, passed by for the day
SB1126, Boysko (HB1806)	IEPs to include consideration of need for accommodations and supports during school emergency situations. If teachers feel the plan is not feasible, the IEP team would meet again.	Education & Health, Subcom Public Ed recommends reporting substitute
SB1194, Deeds (HB1712)	Provides that no law-enforcement officer with the power to arrest is required to arrest an individual who is currently subject to an emergency custody order, temporary detention order, or involuntary admission. Includes training requirements.	Courts of Justice
SB1214, Aird (HB2094)	Creates requirements for the development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems.	General Laws & Technology reported. Referred to Finance & Appropriations
SB1232, Aird (HB1772)	Autism Advisory Council to be reconstituted as an independently staffed agency in the legislative branch of state government. Name change to Autism Commission.	Rules reported. Referred to Finance & Appropriations.

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SB1233, Williams Graves (HB1673)	Permit pedestrian crossing violation and stop sign violation monitoring systems in school crossing zones, highway work zones, and high-risk intersection segments for purposes of recording pedestrian crossing and stop sign violations	Transportation reported
SB1265, DeSteph (HB2501)	DMV to implement a program for use of envelopes by drivers with a disability that can impair communication to show law-enforcement officers for the purpose of easing communication during a traffic stop or arrival at the scene of a traffic accident.	Transportation reported. Rereferred to Finance & Appropriations.
SB1293, Stanley	Board of Education to provide guidance and school boards to provide professional development on communicating with & supporting children with autism.	Education & Health, Subcom Public Education
SB1328, Durant	DMAS to allow a person with a disability using consumer-directed services to be the employer of record (EOR) and obtain an IRS employer identification number and then the person with a disability assign someone to perform the duties of the EOR.	Education & Health
SB1344, Jordan	Department of Housing and Community Development shall use at least 65% of money from the Virginia Housing Trust Fund to provide flexible financing for low-interest loans and up to 35% to reduce homelessness. Currently, 80% is for low-interest loans and 20% is to reduce homelessness.	General Laws & Technology
SB1480, Suetterlein	Eliminate the 16-hour a day cap that DD Waivers consumer-directed employees can work for Medicaid payment.	Rehabilitation & Social Services reported, Rereferred to Finance
SB1488, Cifers	Creates a family caregiver tax credit up to \$1,000	Finance & Appropriations
SJ248, Locke	Amendment to Constitution of Virginia. One change would be, "No person who has been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting shall be entitled to vote during such period of incapacity until his capacity has been reestablished as prescribed by law." Bill also contains restoration of voting rights to people convicted of a felony after release from incarceration.	Passed Senate

FAILED LEGISLATION

Legislation, Patron	Description	Outcome
SB1161, Salim (HB2554)	Establishes the Artificial Intelligence Transparency Act.	Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology.