

**VIRGINIA BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
LEGISLATIVE TRACKING
2026 SESSION**

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KEY TERMS

SUPPORT: VBPD staff will provide written or oral comment to educate legislators on the bill's effects for people with disabilities

POSITIVE: The bill has positive impacts for people with disabilities

FOLLOW: The bill is relevant for the disability community

NEGATIVE: The bill has negative impacts for people with disabilities

OPPOSE: VBPD staff will provide written or oral comment on the bill effects for people with disabilities

PENDING: VBPD is researching the impact of the bill

* Bills may be revised/changed, or unintended consequences identified. This could change the position taken.

Bill	Chief Patron	Catchline	Committee (H)	Committee (S)	Last Action	Last Action Date	VBPD Position
<u>HB27</u>	Henson	Overtime for certain employees; pay for domestic workers, delayed effective date.	Labor and Commerce		(H) Assigned HCL sub: Subcommittee #2	01/15/2026	Follow
<u>HB37</u>	Shin	Developmental disability waivers; financial eligibility standards, sunset repeal.	Health and Human Services		(H) Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services	12/23/2025	Support
<u>HB66</u>	Feggans	Medical assistance and social services programs; DMAS and DSS to modernize technology systems.	Health and Human Services		(H) Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services	12/30/2025	Follow

<u>HB85</u>	Laufer	Va.-specific postsecondary transition counselor certificate program; development and establishment.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/01/2026	Support
<u>HB92</u>	Rasoul	Equity in public school funding and staffing; at-risk Program established, standards of quality.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/02/2026	Follow
<u>HB103</u>	Ballard	Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities; program extension.	Health and Human Services	(H) Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services	01/02/2026	Follow
<u>HB132</u>	Simon	Graduation with an advanced studies diploma; requirements, complet. of Int'l Baccalaureate diploma.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/03/2026	Positive
<u>HB180</u>	Anthony	Work-Based Learning Coordinator Pilot Program; established, report, sunset.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/07/2026	Positive
<u>HB231</u>	Cohen	Autism Advisory Council; name change, membership, staffing, powers and duties.	Rules	(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB231)	01/13/2026	Follow
<u>HB246</u>	Watts	Mental illness, neurocognitive disorder, etc.; affirmative defense or reduced penalty.	Courts of Justice	(H) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	01/08/2026	Positive
<u>HB247</u>	Watts	Deferred disposition in a criminal case; persons w/autism or intellectual disabilities, expungement.	Courts of Justice	(H) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	01/08/2026	Positive
<u>HB267</u>	Tata	Workers with disabilities; earned income disregard, cost-of-living adjustment.	Health and Human Services	(H) Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services	01/09/2026	Support
<u>HB298</u>	McQuinn	Public elementary or secondary school students; evidence-based restorative disciplinary practices.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/09/2026	Support

<u>HB299</u>	Helmer	SOL assessments and related assessment methods; development, administration, scoring, and release.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/09/2026	Follow
<u>HB337</u>	Anthony	Community health workers; DMAS to evaluate, etc., to integrate into Medicaid managed care, report.	Rules	(H) Referred to Committee on Rules	01/11/2026	Follow
<u>HB359</u>	Helmer	Private elementary or secondary school; use of public funds for tuition, standards.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/12/2026	Follow
<u>HB428</u>	LeVere Bolling	High school graduation requirements; alternative pathway to standard diploma established, report.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/12/2026	Support
<u>HB461</u>	Cohen	Special education; certain educational settings, student age range restriction.		(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/12/2026	Positive
<u>HB468</u>	Cohen	Students with disabilities; development of a model transition IEP, access by students, report.		(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/12/2026	Support
<u>HB469</u>	Cohen	Autism Competencies Checklist; positive behavior support facilitators, training.		(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/12/2026	Positive
<u>HB470</u>	Cohen	Medicaid waivers; consumer-directed services, employer of record.		(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB470)	01/15/2026	Positive
<u>HB471</u>	Cohen	Higher ed. institutions, public; financial aid for students with intellectual disabilities, etc.		(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/12/2026	Positive
<u>HB473</u>	Convirs-Fowler	Public ed.; special ed. dispute resolution system, regional special education ombudsman established.		(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/12/2026	Positive
<u>HB497</u>	Guzman	Students with disabilities, certain; certain communication, reporting, and data posting.		(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/12/2026	Follow

<u>HB517</u>	Martinez	Driver communication improvement program; expands program, drivers with autism spectrum disorder.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/13/2026	Support
<u>HB595</u>	Simonds	Board of Education; requirements for graduation with an advanced studies diploma; simultaneous completion of International Baccalaureate diploma and advanced studies diploma; approval of alternatives for certain credit requirements; regulations.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/13/2026	Follow
<u>HB602</u>	Hernandez	Open captioning at motion picture theaters.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/13/2026	Positive
<u>HB614</u>	Rasoul	History and social science standards and instruction; historically marginalized communities.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/13/2026	Follow
<u>HB823</u>	Carr	Department of Medical Assistance Services; 1915(c) Home and Community Based Waivers; program rule amendments; direct support professionals.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/13/2026	Support
<u>HB996</u>	Seibold	Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services; Department of Education; Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition Program.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/13/2026	Support
<u>HB1009</u>	Tran	Administration of government; language access equity; report.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Positive
<u>HB1014</u>	Tran	Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Support
<u>HB1032</u>	Wilt	Department of Transportation; rest areas and welcome centers; adult changing stations.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Support

<u>HB1097</u>	Laufer	Driver communication improvement program for drivers diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; education for law-enforcement officers and emergency medical services providers; educational materials for public schools.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Positive
<u>HB1109</u>	Hodges	Managed care organizations; pharmacy benefits manager; data collection and reporting requirements; civil penalty.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Follow
<u>HB1119</u>	Nivar	Guardianship; copy of appointment, termination, or modification order; Department of Medical Assistance Services.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Follow
<u>HB1171</u>	Rasoul	Board of Education; development, approval, and implementation of alternative graduation pathways to earn a Standard Diploma; report.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Support
<u>HB1229</u>	Scott, P.A.	Use of seclusion and restraint in public elementary and secondary schools.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Follow
<u>HB1240</u>	Willett	Department of Medical Assistance Services; Department of Social Services; Medicaid eligibility determination appeal time limit; mailed communications time period.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Follow
<u>HJ25</u>	Price	Invisible Disabilities Awareness Week.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/12/2026	Positive
<u>HJ37</u>	Wilt	JLARC; study and review of Virginia's entitlement programs.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Follow
<u>HJ49</u>	Cohen	Study; SCHEV; public institutions of higher education; inclusive postsecondary education programs; report.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/14/2026	Support

<u>SB28</u>	Carroll Foy	Overtime for certain employees; pay for domestic workers, delayed effective date.	Commerce and Labor	(S) Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	11/17/2025	Follow
<u>SB34</u>	Favola	Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.	Privileges and Elections	(S) Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections	11/19/2025	Support
<u>SB35</u>	Favola	Juvenile & domestic relations district courts; delinquent juv., mental health/disability evaluation.	Courts of Justice	(S) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	11/19/2025	Follow
<u>SB63</u>	Salim	Graduation with an advanced studies diploma; requirements, complet. of Int'l Baccalaureate diploma.	Education and Health	(S) Assigned Education sub: Public Education	01/15/2026	Positive
<u>SB73</u>	Srinivasan	Medicaid billing navigator positions; Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish, report.	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	12/17/2025	Positive
<u>SB90</u>	Favola	Equity in public school funding and staffing; at-risk Program established, standards of quality.	Education and Health	(S) Assigned Education sub: Public Education	01/15/2026	Positive
<u>SB114</u>	Durant	Medicaid waivers; consumer-directed services, employer of record.	Education and Health	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB114)	01/15/2026	Positive
<u>SB147</u>	Pekarsky	Alternative graduation pathways to earn Standard Diploma; development, approval, and implementation,	Education and Health	(S) Assigned Education sub: Public Education	01/15/2026	Support
<u>SB198</u>	Favola	Individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities; admissibility of statements.	Courts of Justice	(S) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	01/09/2026	Follow

<u>SB200</u>	VanValkenburg	SOL assessments and related assessment methods; development, administration, scoring, and release.	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	01/09/2026	Follow
<u>SB205</u>	Suetterlein	Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities; program extension.	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	01/09/2026	Follow
<u>SB210</u>	DeSteph	Positive behavior support facilitators; scope of practice, supervision, and qualifications.	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	01/09/2026	Follow
<u>SB216</u>	Boysko	Guardianship; copy of appointment, termination, or modification order.	Courts of Justice	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB216)	01/15/2026	Follow
<u>SB264</u>	Stanley	Department of Education; individualized education programs; social skills development.	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	01/12/2026	Support
<u>SB275</u>	Williams Graves	Department of Medical Assistance Services; community health worker expansion.	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	01/13/2026	Follow
<u>SB280</u>	Aird	Autism Advisory Council; name change; membership; staffing; powers and duties.	Rules	(S) Referred to Committee on Rules	01/14/2026	Follow
<u>SB309</u>	Pekarsky	Driver education programs; voluntary initiatives for driver with autism spectrum disorder.	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	01/13/26	Positive