

VIRGINIA BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
LEGISLATIVE TRACKING
2026 SESSION

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KEY TERMS

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

PENDING: VBD 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	VBD Position
HB27	Henson	Overtime for certain employees; pay for domestic workers, delayed effective date.	Labor and Commerce		(H) Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (5-Y 2-N)	01/22/2026	Follow
HB37	Shin	Developmental disability waivers; financial eligibility standards, sunset repeal.	Health and Human Services		(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB37)	01/19/2026	Support
HB66	Feggans	Medical assistance and social services programs; DMAS and DSS to modernize technology systems.	Health and Human Services		(H) Assigned sub: Social Services	01/16/2026	Follow

HB85	Laufer	Va.-specific postsecondary transition counselor certificate program; development and establishment.	Education	(H) Assigned HED sub: Higher Education	01/23/2026	Support
HB92	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
HB103	Ballard	Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities; program extension.	Health and Human Services	(H) Subcommittee recommends reporting and referring to Appropriations (7-Y 1-N)	01/22/2026	Follow
HB132	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
HB180	Anthony	Work-Based Learning Coordinator Pilot Program; established, report, sunset.	Education	(H) Assigned HED sub: K-12 Subcommittee	01/23/2026	Support
HB231	Cohen	Autism Advisory Council; name change, membership, staffing, powers and duties.	Rules	(H) Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute and referring to Appropriations (5-Y 0-N)	01/23/2026	Follow
HB246	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

HB247	Watts	Deferred disposition in a criminal case; persons w/autism or intellectual disabilities, expungement.	Courts of Justice	(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB247)	01/23/2026	Positive
HB267	Tata	Workers with disabilities; earned income disregard, cost-of-living adjustment.	Health and Human Services	(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB267)	01/21/2026	Support
HB298	McQuinn	Public elementary or secondary school students; evidence-based restorative disciplinary practices.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/09/2026	Support
HB299	Helmer	SOL assessments and related assessment methods; development, administration, scoring, and release.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/09/2026	Follow
HB337	Anthony	Community health workers; DMAS to evaluate, etc., to integrate into Medicaid managed care, report.	Rules	<u>(H) Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 0-N)</u>	01/23/2026	Follow
HB359	Helmer	Private elementary or secondary school; use of public funds for tuition, standards.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/12/2026	Follow
HB428	LeVere Bolling	High school graduation requirements; alternative pathway to standard diploma established, report.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/12/2026	Follow
HB435	LeVere Bolling	Palliative Care Info. & Ed. Prog. & Palliative Care & Quality of Life Advisory Council; established.	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Health	01/21/2026	Follow

HB461	Cohen	Special education; certain educational settings, student age range restriction.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/12/2026	Positive
HB468	Cohen	Students with disabilities; development of a model transition IEP, access by students, report.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/12/2026	Support
HB469	Cohen	Autism Competencies Checklist; positive behavior support facilitators, training.	Health and Human Services	(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB469)	01/23/2026	Positive
HB470	Cohen	Medicaid waivers; consumer-directed services, employer of record.	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Social Services	01/21/2026	Positive
HB471	Cohen	Higher ed. institutions, public; financial aid for students with intellectual disabilities, etc.	Appropriations	(H) Assigned HAPP sub: Higher Education	01/17/2026	Positive
HB473	Convirs-Fowler	Public ed.; special ed. dispute resolution system, regional special education ombudsman established.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/12/2026	Positive
HB497	Guzman	Students with disabilities, certain; certain communication, reporting, and data posting.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/12/2026	Follow
HB517	Martinez	Driver communication improvement program; expands program, drivers with autism spectrum disorder.	Transportation	(H) Assigned HTRAN sub: Department of Motor Vehicles	01/19/2026	Support

HB595	Simonds	Advanced studies diploma; requirements for graduation, approval for certain credit requirements.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/13/2026	Follow
HB602	Hernandez	Motion picture heaters; establishes requirements for open captioning.	General Laws	(H) Referred to Committee on General Laws	01/13/2026	Positive
HB614	Rasoul	History and social science standards and instruction; historically marginalized communities.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/13/2026	Follow
HB823	Carr	Community Living and Family and Individual Supports Waiver; program rule amendments.	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Social Services	01/23/2026	Support
HB886	Hope	Health care; decision-making; end of life; penalties	Courts of Justice	(H) Referred to Committee on Courts of Justice	01/13/2026	Follow
HB996	Seibold	Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition Program; implementation of plan.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/13/2026	Support
HB1009	Tran	Administration of government; language access equity; report.	General Laws	(H) Referred to Committee on General Laws	01/14/2026	Positive
HB1014	Tran	Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.	Privileges and Elections	(H) Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections	01/14/2026	Support

HB1032	Wilt	Department of Transportation; rest areas and welcome centers; adult changing stations.	Transportation	(H) Referred to Committee on Transportation	01/14/2026	Support
HB1097	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.	Transportation	(H) Referred to Committee on Transportation	01/14/2026	Positive
HB1109	Hodges	Managed care organizations; pharmacy benefits manager; data collection and reporting requirements; civil penalty.	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Social Services	01/23/2026	Follow
HB1119	Nivar	Guardianship; copy of appointment, termination, or modification order.	Courts of Justice	(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1119)	01/22/2026	Follow
HB1171	Rasoul	Alternative graduation pathways to earn Standard Diploma; development, approval, and implementation,	Education	(H) Assigned HED sub: K-12 Subcommittee	01/23/2026	Positive
HB1229	Scott, P.A.	Use of seclusion and restraint in public elementary and secondary schools.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/14/2026	Follow

HB1240	Willett	Department of Medical Assistance Services; Department of Social Services; Medicaid eligibility determination appeal time limit; mailed communications time period.	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Social Services	01/23/2026	Follow
HB1304	Ware	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; individuals receiving services; right to send and receive mail.	Health and Human Services	(H) Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services	01/15/2026	Follow
HB1331	Price	School division accessibility challenges and barriers; reports, summary, and plan.	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	01/18/2026	Positive
HB1336	Fowler	Definition of three-unit service dog team; required entry to public spaces.	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Health	01/23/2026	Positive
HB1357	McQuinn	Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services; comprehensive study of the quality of care, resident safety, and operational practices of nursing facilities in the Commonwealth; work group; report.	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Health Professions	01/23/2026	Follow
HB1370	Mehta	Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; regulations; providers of services for individuals with developmental disabilities; emergency medical drills.	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Behavioral Health	01/23/2026	Positive
HB1380	Seibold	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; regulations; providers; sanctions; emergency medical drills.	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Behavioral Health	01/23/2026	Positive

HB1410	Wilt	Certain student assessment requirements; exception for certain students with disabilities.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/22/2026	Follow
HB1423	McGuire	Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services; group homes; oversight and accountability; report.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/22/2026	Follow
HB1433	Laufer	Virginia Disability Commission; independent staff.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/22/2026	Follow
HB1434	Cole, J.G.	Department of Medical Assistance Services; Medicaid benefit for nutrition services programs; sunset.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/22/2026	Follow
HB1452	Anthony	Department of Medical Assistance Services; expedited review process for Medicaid service authorization requests; report.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/22/2026	Follow
HB1478	Davis	In-person visitation policies and procedures at certain facilities.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/23/2026	Pending
HB1495	Tran	Department of Medical Assistance Services; oversight of services facilitators; maintained enrollment in medical assistance programs after failure of services facilitator to conduct eligibility determination.	(H) Committee Referral Pending	01/23/2026	Follow
HJ25	Price	Non-Apparent Disabilities Awareness Wk; designating 3rd full week of Oct 2026 & each succeeding yr.	Rules (H) Referred to Committee on Rules	01/12/2026	Positive

HJ37	Wilt	JLARC; study and review of Virginia's entitlement programs.	Rules	<u>(H) Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (4-Y 1-N)</u>	01/23/2026	Follow
HJ49	Cohen	Study; SCHEV; public institutions of higher education; inclusive postsecondary education programs; report.	Rules	<u>(H) Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 0-N)</u>	01/23/2026	Support
SB28	Carroll Foy	Overtime for certain employees; pay for domestic workers, delayed effective date.	Commerce and Labor	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB28)	01/22/2026	Follow
SB34	Favola	Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.	Privileges and Elections	<u>(S) Rerferred from Privileges and Elections to Courts of Justice (14-Y 0-N)</u>	01/20/2026	Support
SB35	Favola	Juvenile & domestic relations district courts; delinquent juv., mental health/disability evaluation.	Courts of Justice	<u>(S) Reported from Courts of Justice and rereferrred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)</u>	01/19/2026	Follow
SB63	Salim	Graduation with an advanced studies diploma; requirements, complet. of Int'l Baccalaureate diploma.	Education and Health	(S) Senate subcommittee offered	01/23/2026	Positive
SB73	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

SB90	Favola	Equity in public school funding and staffing; at-risk Program established, standards of quality.	Education and Health	(S) Senate subcommittee offered	01/22/2026	Positive
SB114	Durant	Medicaid waivers; consumer-directed services, employer of record.	Education and Health	<u>(S) Reported from Education and Health and rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)</u>	01/22/2026	Positive
SB147	Pekarsky	Alternative graduation pathways to earn Standard Diploma; development, approval, and implementation,	Education and Health	(S) Assigned Education sub: Public Education	01/15/2026	Positive
SB198	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
SB200	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
SB205	Suetterlein	Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities; program extension.	Education and Health	<u>(S) Rereferred from Education and Health to Rehabilitation and Social Services (14-Y 0-N)</u>	01/22/2026	Follow
SB210	DeSteph	Positive behavior support facilitators; scope of practice, supervision, and qualifications.	Education and Health	(S) Assigned Education sub: Health Professions	01/23/2026	Follow
SB216	Boysko	Guardianship; copy of appointment, termination, or modification order.	Courts of Justice	<u>(S) Passed by for the day (Voice Vote)</u>	01/23/2026	Follow

SB264	Stanley	Individualized education programs; guidelines, social skills development.	Education and Health	(S) Assigned Education sub: Public Education	01/22/2026	Support
SB275	Williams Graves	Medicaid managed care organizations; community health worker expansion, etc., report.	Education and Health	(S) Rerferred from Education and Health to Rehabilitation and Social Services (14-Y 0-N)	01/22/2026	Follow
SB280	Aird	Autism Advisory Council; name change to Autism Commission, membership, powers and duties.	Rules	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB280)	01/19/2026	Follow
SB309	Pekarsky	Driver education programs; voluntary initiatives for drivers with autism spectrum disorder.	Education and Health	(S) Assigned Education sub: Public Education	01/22/2026	Positive
SB335	Boysko	Mental illness, neurocognitive disorder, etc.; affirmative defense or reduced penalty.	Courts of Justice	(S) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	01/13/2026	Positive
SB357	McDougle	Medicaid Financial Oversight, Office of; established.	Education and Health	(S) Assigned Education sub: Health	01/27/2026	Follow
SB359	Boysko	Health care; decision-making, end of life, penalties.	Education and Health	(S) Fiscal Impact statement From VCSC (1/20/2026 1:39 pm)	01/20/2026	Follow

SB416	Boysko	Deferred disposition in a criminal case; persons with autism, intellectual disabilities, or developmental disabilities; expungement.	Courts of Justice	(S) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	01/13/2026	Positive
SB452	Jordan	Commonwealth Savers Plan; ImABLE accounts established; tax treatment.		(S) Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations	01/13/2026	Pending
SB568	Sturtevant	Public elementary and secondary schools; use of school-issued devices for instructional purposes; limitation on instructional screen time permitted; policies and procedures.	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	01/14/2026	Follow
SB580	Peake	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; individuals receiving services; right to send and receive mail.	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	01/14/2026	Follow
SB678	Pekarsky	Department of Education; special education and related services; educational rights, protections, and duties relating to the education of children with disabilities; requirements.	Education and Health	(S) Senate subcommittee offered	01/23/2026	Pending
SB722	Williams Graves	Open captioning at motion picture theaters.	Education and Health	(S) Rerferred from Education and Health to Rehabilitation and Social Services (14-Y 0-N)	01/22/2026	Positive