

2025 Virginia Association for Career & Technical Education February 27 Bill Report

In response to the current uncertainty surrounding federal employment and funding, Speaker Don Scott formed a special bi-partisan committee to address the implications these actions will have on Virginia. You can find information on the committee's February 22 meeting [here](#). During this first discussion, members heard from various groups providing a preliminary analysis and outlook on the effects at the state level. Four additional meetings will be scheduled in NOVA, Hampton Roads, SWVA and Richmond.

The following Delegates were appointed to the committee:

David Bulova (D, Fairfax), Chair
Robert Bloxom (R, Accomack), Vice-Chair
Bonita Anthony (D, Norfolk)
Ellen Campbell (R, Rockbridge)
Josh Cole (D, Fredericksburg)
Michael Feggans (D, Virginia Beach)
Hillary Pugh Kent (R, Richmond County)
Marcus Simon (D, Fairfax)
Anne Ferrell Tata (R, Virginia Beach)
Josh Thomas (D, Prince William)
Tony Wilt (R, Rockingham)
Vivian Watts (D, Fairfax)

Through some procedural maneuvering, the Democrats decided to utilize the fact they never technically adjourned the 2024 Special Session used to complete the state budget; they simply recessed. Unlike regular sessions, special sessions are active until officially adjourned. Calling a new special session can only be done by the Governor or a super majority in the legislature.

Before taking up tasks for the 2025 regular session, both chambers briefly 'gaveled in' for the 2024 special session to amend the scope of issues which can be addressed to now include issues pertaining to the current federal workforce and funding situation. This was done by a simple majority vote (which Democrats in both chambers had) through a procedural resolution. Republicans are reluctant to reconvene for a special session due to fears of it turning into a platform to criticize the current administration's decisions concerning funding and federal employees.

The 2025 ‘regular’ session adjourned after sending about 900 bills to the Governor. As we wait for Reconvene Day (April 2), DBA will continue to monitor action taken by the Governor during his 30-day window to address legislation sent to him. Below you will find our report on pertinent bills that passed the legislature, and those that died. This list includes bills that were killed early in committee, after crossover, failed to have action taken, or died in conference committees.

On behalf of DBA, it has been our pleasure to be your advocate in Richmond. We look forward to reporting final actions taken in April, as well as discussing your priorities for the 2026 legislative session. We look forward to helping you develop a strategy which best fits your legislative and regulatory goals moving forward. Please do not hesitate to contact us as we enter the planning stage for 2026.

Best,

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BILLS PASSED

Bill	Catch Line	Status	Chief Patron	Last Event
HB1626	Public elementary & secondary school teachers; training activities, requirements & limitations.	Passed	Thomas	Conference report agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)
HB1783	Public middle & high schools; establishing career & technical student organizations, etc.	Passed	Orrock	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
HB1831	Public schools; certain calculations in Standards of Quality, support services.	Incorporated	Simonds	Incorporated by Appropriations (HB1954-Rasoul) (Voice Vote)
HB2018	Teachers; career and technical education, alternative pathway to provisional licensure.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Anthony	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025
HB2103	Regulations Governing Allowable Credit for Teaching Experience; etc.	Passed	Kent	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
HB2360	High School diploma seal of biliteracy; designation as high-demand industry workforce credential.	Passed	Wilt	Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
HB2454	Public school accountability system; Three 'E' Readiness Framework.	Pending Governor's Communication	Rasoul	Signed by President



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SB738	Public elementary & secondary schools; student cell phone & smart device possession & use policies.	Passed	Pekarsky	Conference report agreed to by Senate (21-Y 18-N)
SB768	School-based mental and behavioral health services; DOE to survey local education agencies, report.	Passed	Favola	Passed House (97-Y 1-N)
SB784	Public school accountability system; Three 'E' Readiness Framework.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Suetterlein	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025
SB822	Public elementary and secondary school teachers; non-academic training activities, requirements.	Passed	VanValkenburg	Conference report agreed to by Senate (37-Y 1-N)
SB879	Teachers; career and technical education, alternative pathway to provisional licensure.	Pending Governor's Communication	Ebbin	Signed by President
SB1032	Public school teachers; written notice of noncontinuation of continuing contract.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Pekarsky	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., March 24, 2025
SJ251	Public school libraries; removal of certain books, report.	Passed	Locke	Bill text as passed Senate and House (SJ251ER)

BILLS FAILED

Bill	Catch Line	Status	Chief Patron	Last Event
HB1594	Average teacher salary in the Commonwealth; national average.	Failed	Clark	Left in Appropriations
HB1599	Certain end-of-course Standards of Learning assessments; elimination and replacement.	Failed	Cole	Left in Education
HB1801	School crossing zones; increases maximum boundaries of a zone from limits of school property.	Failed	Cohen	Left in Transportation
HB1818	School Safety Firearm Detection Software Pilot Program; established.	Failed	Reid	Left in Appropriations
HB1909	Agricultural Education Excellence, Virginia Commission for; established, report, sunset.	Failed	Kent	Left in Appropriations
HB2009	Career and technical education courses, pathways, and credentials; biennial review, report.	Failed	Campbell	Left in Education
HB2044	Teachers; employment and licensure; locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credentials.	Failed	Walker	Left in Education
HB2070	Virginia Retirement System; service credit for career and technical education teachers.	Failed	Garrett	Left in Appropriations
SB753	Standards of Quality; SOL assessments in languages other than English, development & administration.	Failed	Favola	Left in Finance and Appropriations
SB755	School safety; employment of school security officers, criteria.	Failed	Mulchi	Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (9-Y 6-N)
SB820	Virginia School Improvement Grant Program; established, report.	Failed	Favola	Left in Finance and Appropriations



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SB829	Professionally Licensed Teacher Supplemental Pay Program; established, report.	Failed	Locke	Left in Finance and Appropriations
SB898	Teachers; employment and licensure, locally awarded subject matter expert teaching credentials.	Failed	Craig	Failed to report (defeated) in Education and Health (6-Y 9-N)
SB915	School boards; private higher educational institutions, industry and trade dual-enrollment.	Failed	Stanley	Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (9-Y 6-N)
SB1063	College and Career Ready Virginia Program; changes to Program and duties of certain entities.	Failed	Hashmi	Left in Finance and Appropriations
SB1129	National Board Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund; eligibility.	Failed	Boysko	Left in Finance and Appropriations
SB1264	Career and technical education courses, pathways, and credentials; biennial review, report.	Failed	Bagby	Left in Finance and Appropriations