

2019 Legislative Update

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HB2490-Tech Talent Investment Program and Fund; created, report.

Primary Patron(s): S. Chris Jones, L. Nick Rush

Tech Talent Investment Program. Creates a grant program to assist qualified public institutions of higher education, defined in the bill, in reaching, by 2039, a goal of increasing, in the aggregate, the number of bachelor's and master's degrees awarded in computer science, computer engineering, and closely related fields by at least 25,000 degrees. To be eligible for an annual grant, a qualified institution is required to enter into a memorandum of understanding setting forth specific criteria for eligible degrees, eligible expenses, and degree production goals. The bill requires qualified institutions that are grant recipients to report annually on progress towards meeting such goals and that grants issued pursuant to the program are subject to appropriation.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006935>

SB1617-Tech Talent Investment Program and Fund; created, report.

Primary Patron(s): Frank Ruff, Richard Saslaw

Tech Talent Investment Program. Creates a grant program to assist qualified public institutions of higher education, defined in the bill, in reaching, by 2039, a goal of increasing, in the aggregate, the number of bachelor's and master's degrees awarded in computer science, computer engineering, and closely related fields by at least 25,000 degrees. To be eligible for an annual grant, a qualified institution is required to enter into a memorandum of understanding setting forth specific criteria for eligible degrees, eligible expenses, and degree production goals. The bill requires qualified institutions that are grant recipients to report annually on progress towards meeting such goals and that grants issued pursuant to the program are subject to appropriation.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1008085>

Dual Enrollment and Transfer

SB1522-Dual enrollment and graduation requirements; postsecondary credential, certification.

Primary Patron(s): Frank Ruff

Dual enrollment and graduation requirements; postsecondary credential, certification, or license attainment. Requires local school boards and comprehensive community colleges to enter into dual enrollment agreements for postsecondary credential, certification, or license

attainment concurrent with a high school diploma. The bill also requires the Board of Education to include in its graduation requirements provisions for the award of standard units of credit for successfully completing such a program at a comprehensive community college through a dual enrollment agreement.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1008089>

HB2123-School boards; boards permitted to enter into College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships.

Primary Patron(s): Jennifer Carroll Foy

School boards; public institutions of higher education; College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships. Permits each local school board to enter into College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships (Partnerships), currently referred to as agreements, with comprehensive community colleges or other public institutions of higher education or educational institutions that offer a career and technical education curriculum. The bill requires any such Partnership to (i) specify the options for students to take courses, including dual enrollment courses, as part of the career and technical education curriculum that lead to course credit or an industry-recognized credential, certification, or license concurrent with a high school diploma, (ii) specify the credit, credentials, certifications, or licenses available for such courses, and (iii) permit students to participate in pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs at comprehensive community colleges concurrent with a high school diploma and receive college credit and high school credit for successful completion of any such program. Current law allows local school boards to enter into agreements with such institutions but does not specify course credit as being part of the

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005051>

HB1837-Students; eligibility for free or reduced price lunch, dual enrollment, tuition or fees.

Primary Patron(s): Daniel Marshall

Students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunch; dual enrollment; tuition or fees. Provides that no student who is eligible to receive free or reduced price lunch and who enrolls in a dual enrollment course shall be charged tuition or any other fee for such enrollment.

Last Action: *Assigned Education sub: Subcommittee #2*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1001289>

HB2589-Teacher licensure; dual enrollment courses; three-year licenses.

Primary Patron(s): Kathy Tran

Teacher licensure; dual enrollment courses; three-year licenses. Requires the Board of Education (the Board) to provide for the issuance of three-year licenses to teach, either full

time or part time, dual enrollment courses at high schools in specific subject areas to an individual who (i) submits an application to the Board, in the form prescribed by the Board, that includes a recommendation for such a license from the local school board; (ii) meets certain basic conditions for licensure as prescribed by the Board; (iii) holds (a) at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and has completed coursework in the subject area in which the individual seeks to teach or (b) the required professional license in the specific subject area in which the individual seeks to teach, where applicable; (iv) has at least four years of full-time work experience or its equivalent in the subject area in which the individual seeks to teach; and (v) if appropriate, has obtained qualifying scores on the communication and literacy professional teacher's assessment prescribed by the Board. The bill requires the employing school board to assign a mentor to supervise an individual issued such a license during his first two years of teaching. The bill also contains provisions relating to the extension of such licenses.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007437>

SB1575-Teacher licensure; exemption for certain teachers.

Primary Patron(s): Adam Ebbin

Teacher licensure; exemption for certain teachers. Permits any school board to employ any individual, who is employed by an accredited institution of higher education as an instructor, to teach career and technical education courses or dual enrollment courses in the local school division, regardless of whether such individual holds a license issued by the Board of Education.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007942>

Financial Aid and Student Loans

HB1704-Higher educational institutions; certain students, federal financial aid.

Primary Patron(s): Kaye Kory, David Reid, Debra Rodman

Public institutions of higher education; certain students; federal financial aid. Provides that no public institution of higher education is eligible to receive funds from the state general fund unless it provides each individual who has been accepted to the institution for first-time enrollment in a degree or certificate program and who has applied for federal financial aid with a standardized financial aid award letter in the form of the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet developed and made available by the U.S. Department of Education.

Last Action: *House Education - Subcommittee #3 Committee Hearing (00:00 1/14/2019 House Comm*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/997703>

SB1593-State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; financial aid award notification.

Primary Patron(s): Siobhan Dunnavant

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; financial aid award notification. Requires any

comprehensive financial aid award notification provided to a student by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education to meet the requirements and best practices established by the Council in its Financial Award Letters Policies and Guidance.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007673>

HB1760-Student loans; licensing of qualified education loan servicers, civil penalties, report.

Primary Patron(s): Marcia Price, Marcus Simon

Qualified education loan servicers. Prohibits any Qualified education loan servicers. Prohibits any person from acting as a qualified education loan servicer except in accordance with provisions established by this bill. The bill requires a loan servicer to obtain a license from the State Corporation Commission (SCC) and establishes procedures pertaining to such licenses. Banks, savings institutions, credit unions, and nonprofit institutions of higher education are exempt from the licensing provisions. The servicing of a qualified education loan encompasses (i) receiving any scheduled periodic payments from a qualified education loan borrower pursuant to the terms of a qualified education loan; (ii) applying the payments of principal and interest and such other payments, with respect to the amounts received from a qualified education loan borrower, as may be required pursuant to the terms of a qualified education loan; and (iii) performing other administrative services with respect to a qualified education loan. Qualified education loan servicers are prohibited from, among other things, (a) misrepresenting the amount, nature, or terms of any fee or payment due or claimed to be due on a qualified education loan, the terms and conditions of the loan agreement, or the borrower's obligations under the loan; (b) knowingly misapplying or recklessly applying loan payments to the outstanding balance of a qualified education loan; and (c) failing to report both the favorable and unfavorable payment history of the borrower to a nationally recognized consumer credit bureau at least annually if the loan servicer regularly reports information to such a credit bureau. Violations are subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$2,500. The bill has a delayed effective date of October 1, 2020, but provides that applications shall be accepted, and investigations commenced,

Last Action: *Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #3*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1000438>

SB1112-Student loans; licensing of qualified education loan servicers, civil penalties.

Primary Patron(s): Janet Howell

Qualified education loan servicers. Prohibits any Qualified education loan servicers. Prohibits any person from acting as a qualified education loan servicer except in accordance with provisions established by this bill. The bill requires a loan servicer to obtain a license from the State Corporation Commission (SCC) and establishes procedures pertaining to such licenses. Banks, savings institutions, credit unions, and nonprofit institutions of higher education are exempt from the licensing provisions. The servicing of a qualified education

loan encompasses (i) receiving any scheduled periodic payments from a qualified education loan borrower pursuant to the terms of a qualified education loan; (ii) applying the payments of principal and interest and such other payments, with respect to the amounts received from a qualified education loan borrower, as may be required pursuant to the terms of a qualified education loan; and (iii) performing other administrative services with respect to a qualified education loan. Qualified education loan servicers are prohibited from, among other things, (a) misrepresenting the amount, nature, or terms of any fee or payment due or claimed to be due on a qualified education loan, the terms and conditions of the loan agreement, or the borrower's obligations under the loan; (b) knowingly misapplying or recklessly applying loan payments to the outstanding balance of a qualified education loan; and (c) failing to report both the favorable and unfavorable payment history of the borrower to a nationally recognized consumer credit bureau at least annually if the loan servicer regularly reports information to such a credit bureau. Violations are subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$2,500. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2020, but provides that applications shall be accepted, and investigations commenced,

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1001259>

SB1000-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Scholarship Pilot Program; VCCS to establish and administer.

Primary Patron(s): Lynwood Lewis, William Stanley

Virginia Community College System; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Scholarship Pilot Program. Directs the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) to establish and administer a two-year Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Scholarship Pilot Program (the Program), beginning in 2019, for the purpose of providing access to postsecondary educational opportunities to students living in poverty. The Program would provide scholarships to select comprehensive community colleges in the maximum amount of \$4,000 per year to 200 selected students who meet TANF eligibility requirements. The Program would be funded by the unexpended balance in federal TANF block grant funds. The bill directs VCCS to report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1 of each year of the Program regarding the effectiveness of and other information about the Program.

Last Action: *Rereferred to Finance*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/994336>

SB1665-Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility.

Primary Patron(s): Richard Stuart

Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility. Expands the definition of "Qualified survivors and dependents" eligible for benefits of the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program to the spouse or child of all veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States, or the Virginia National Guard with at least a 90 percent permanent, service-

related disability. Under current law, the spouse or child would be eligible for benefits only if the veteran's disability was incurred during military operations against terrorism, on a peacekeeping mission, as a result of a terrorist act, or in any armed conflict.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1012785>

SB1173-Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility.

Primary Patron(s): Jeremy McPike

Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility. Expands the definition of "Qualified survivors and dependents" eligible for benefits of the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program to the spouse or child of all veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States, or the Virginia National Guard with at least a 90 percent permanent, service-related disability. Under current law, the spouse or child would be eligible for benefits only if the veteran's disability was incurred during military operations against terrorism, on a peacekeeping mission, as a result of a terrorist act, or in any armed conflict.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003666>

General Higher Education Interest

HB1835-Advanced Learning and Research, Institute for; executive director, duties.

Primary Patron(s): Daniel Marshall

Institute for Advanced Learning and Research; executive director; duties. Removes as duties of the executive director of the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research the supervision and management of the Institute and the preparation and submission, upon the direction and approval of the board of trustees of the Institute, of all budgets and requests for appropriations.

Last Action: *House Education - Subcommittee #3 Committee Hearing (00:00 1/14/2019 House Comm*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1001276>

HB2595-Chief Information Officer; transition of web-based services for executive branch agencies to cloud.

Primary Patron(s): Glenn Davis

Chief Information Officer; transition of web-based services for executive branch agencies to cloud-based server solutions. Requires the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth on or before November 30, 2019, to submit to the Governor and the Chair of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science a plan providing for the transition of web-based tier one services used by executive branch agencies, with some exceptions listed in the bill, from state servers to cloud-based server solutions by July 1, 2024.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007499>

HB2113-Higher educational institutions, public; withdrawal of veteran student.

Primary Patron(s): Kathleen Murphy

Public institutions of higher education; veterans; withdrawal; tuition refund. Requires each public institution of higher education to provide a refund of the tuition and mandatory fees paid by any veteran student for any course from which he is forced to withdraw, for the first time, due to a medical condition during a semester, as certified in writing to the institution by a physician licensed to practice medicine who treated the veteran student for such medical condition.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005040>

HB2507-Office of the Attorney General; FOIA Ombudsman; powers and duties; report.

Primary Patron(s): Danica Roem

Office of the Attorney General; FOIA Ombudsman; powers and duties; report. Requires the Attorney General to appoint a Virginia Freedom of Information Act Ombudsman (Ombudsman) to promote compliance by state agencies with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The bill outlines the powers and duties of the Ombudsman and provides for the Ombudsman to submit by November 30 of each year a report on his activities and policy recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006956>

HB2567-Public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth; free exercise of religion on campus.

Primary Patron(s): David LaRock

Public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth; free exercise of religion on campus. Provides that, except as otherwise permitted by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, no public institution of higher education shall prohibit the free exercise of religion by any individual, including enrolled students, faculty and other employees, and invited guests, on campus.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007407>

HB2471-Public institutions of higher education; admissions applications; criminal history.

Primary Patron(s): Lashrecse Aird

Public institutions of higher education; admissions applications; criminal history. Prohibits each public institution of higher education from (i) utilizing an institution-specific admissions application that contains questions about the criminal history of the applicant or (ii) denying admission to any applicant on the basis of any criminal history information provided by the applicant on any third-party admissions application accepted by the

institution.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006875>

HB2380-Public institutions of higher education; online course catalogue; no-cost and low-cost materials.

Primary Patron(s): Chris Hurst

Public institutions of higher education; online course catalogue; no-cost and low-cost course materials. Requires the registrar or another appropriate employee of each public institution of higher education to identify conspicuously (i) in the online course catalogue or registration system or (ii) as soon as practicable after the necessary information becomes available each course for which the instructor exclusively uses no-cost course materials or low-cost course materials.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006847>

SB1506-Radford University; authority to establish Roanoke Division.

Primary Patron(s): Charles Carrico

Radford University; authority to establish Roanoke Division. Authorizes the Radford University Board of Visitors (the board) to establish the Radford University-Roanoke Division (the Division) through the acquisition of Jefferson College of Health Sciences, a nonprofit private institution wholly owned and operated by Carilion Clinic. The bill authorizes the board, upon establishment of the Division, to (i) exercise the same powers with respect to the operation of the Division as are vested in the board regarding the University and (ii) offer at the Division all programs of instruction offered by Jefferson College of Health Sciences at the time of acquisition, including associate-degree programs. The bill permits Radford University to award merit-based and need-based institutional aid to students enrolled at the Division in a manner that is consistent with practices at the former Jefferson College of Health Sciences.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1008038>

HB2181-Radford University; authority to establish Roanoke Division.

Primary Patron(s): L. Nick Rush

Radford University; authority to establish Roanoke Division. Authorizes the Radford University Board of Visitors (the board) to establish the Radford University-Roanoke Division (the Division) through the acquisition of Jefferson College of Health Sciences, a nonprofit private institution wholly owned and operated by Carilion Clinic. The bill authorizes the board, upon establishment of the Division, to (i) exercise the same powers with respect to the operation of the Division as are vested in the board regarding the University and (ii) offer at the Division all programs of instruction offered by Jefferson

College of Health Sciences at the time of acquisition, including associate-degree programs. The bill permits Radford University to award merit-based and need-based institutional aid to students enrolled at the Division in a manner that is consistent with practices at the former Jefferson College of Health Sciences.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005474>

HB1928-Renewable energy power purchase agreements; pilot programs.

Primary Patron(s): David Bulova

Renewable energy power purchase agreements; pilot programs. Increases the aggregated capacity of all solar-powered or wind-powered generation facilities that are subject to third party power purchase agreements from 50 megawatts to 150 megawatts in Dominion Energy's pilot program and from seven to 21 megawatts in Appalachian Power's pilot program. The measure allows any public or private elementary or secondary school or any public or private institution of higher education to participate in Appalachian Power's pilot program; currently only nonprofit, private institutions of higher education may do so. The measure increases the maximum generation capacity of an eligible solar-powered or wind-powered generation facility from one megawatt to three megawatts. The measure also requires the State Corporation Commission to update its guidelines for the pilot program and repeals the sunset clause applicable to the pilot program in effect for Dominion Energy.

Last Action: *Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #3*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003577>

HB2520-Secretary of Education; establishment of the College and Career Readiness Steering Committee.

Primary Patron(s): Hala Ayala

Secretary of Education; establishment of the College and Career Readiness Steering Committee. Requires the Secretary of Education to establish the 21-member College and Career Readiness Steering Committee to (i) develop and oversee implementation of a strategic plan for ensuring that all students in the Commonwealth, and particularly subgroups of students who have been historically underserved, graduate from high school (a) meeting the requirements for an advanced studies diploma, (b) having had the opportunity to participate and succeed in pathways that integrate rigorous academic instruction aligned with the Standards of Learning, including career and technical education, work-based learning, wraparound services, and opportunities to earn credit for postsecondary education while enrolled in high school, and (c) having had a high school experience that is aligned with expectations for postsecondary education and employer demand and (ii) provide certain recommendations, guidance, leadership, goals, and assistance relating to the implementation of such strategic plan.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007465>

HB1902-Solar Demonstration Projects Grant Program; established, Solar Energy Special Fund created.

Primary Patron(s): Sam Rasoul

Solar Demonstration Projects Grant Program. Establishes Solar Demonstration Projects Grant Program. Establishes the Solar Demonstration Projects Grant Program (the Program). The Program, to be administered by the Virginia Solar Energy Center, will make \$1 billion in grants available over three years to religious institutions (to the extent permitted under Article IV, Section 16 of the Constitution of Virginia), public schools, institutions of higher education, and localities in order to finance the installation and operation of solar photovoltaic energy generation systems. Grants may be used by the eligible entity to make payments (i) to an EPC firm that will install or operate the solar facility, which will be owned by the eligible entity, or (ii) to a third party that will own and operate the solar facility pursuant to a third-party power purchase agreement. The measure provides that the sale of electric power under a third-party power purchase agreement does not constitute a retail sale of electricity and is not subject to regulation by the State Corporation Commission. The measure establishes the Solar Energy Special Fund from which the grants are to be paid. Sources of moneys in the Fund include \$1 billion in voluntary contributions over three years that are required to be made by each Phase I Utility and each Phase II Utility. The utilities are barred from recovering the contributed funds from ratepayers by raising electricity rates, adding fees, or other means. Of the grants awarded, 40 percent shall be awarded to congregations, 50 percent shall be awarded to educational institutions, and 10 percent shall be awarded to localities. The measure establishes a Community Advisory Board to oversee the

Last Action: *Assigned App. sub: Commerce, Agriculture, Natural Resources & Technology*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1002295>

SB1238-Sports betting; Virginia Sports Betting Department created; Problem Gambling Treatment and Support.

Primary Patron(s): Chap Petersen, Scott Surovell

Sports betting; Virginia Sports Betting Department created; Sports betting; Virginia Sports Betting Department created; Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund; Sports Betting Operations Fund; penalties. Establishes the Virginia Sports Betting Department (the Department) and authorizes it to regulate sports betting. Before administering a sports betting operation, an entity is required to apply for a three-year license and pay an application fee of \$5,000. An entity could apply for a license to operate only (i) at a racetrack or off-track betting facility in a locality that as of 2019 had approved such facilities at referendum or (ii) in a locality that votes to allow sports betting at referendum. Licensed vendors must apply for renewal of a license every three years, which requires

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003588>

SB1315-Virginia College Savings Plan.

Primary Patron(s): Emmett Hanger

Virginia College Savings Plan. Makes several changes to the provisions that establish the Virginia College Savings Plan (the Plan), including (i) permitting the Plan to maintain an independent disbursement system for the disbursement of prepaid tuition contract benefits and (ii) requiring each prepaid tuition contract entered into on or after July 1, 2019, to include provisions for the application of tuition prepayments, at a rate equal to the percentage of enrollment-weighted average tuition at public institutions of higher education to be determined by the board, at (a) public institutions of higher education, (b) accredited nonprofit independent or private institutions of higher education, and (c) non-Virginia public and accredited nonprofit independent or private institutions of higher education, provided that no such payment is less than the sum of tuition prepayments made, less any fees as determined by the board. The bill has an emergency clause.

Last Action: *Referred To Committee On Finance*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005316>

HB1972-Virginia College Savings Plan; prepaid tuition contracts, etc.

Primary Patron(s): Roxann Robinson

Virginia College Savings Plan. Makes several changes to the provisions that establish the Virginia College Savings Plan (the Plan), including (i) permitting the Plan to maintain an independent disbursement system for the disbursement of prepaid tuition contract benefits and (ii) requiring each prepaid tuition contract entered into on or after July 1, 2019, to include provisions for the application of tuition prepayments, at a rate equal to the percentage of enrollment-weighted average tuition at public institutions of higher education to be determined by the board, at (a) public institutions of higher education, (b) accredited nonprofit independent or private institutions of higher education, and (c) non-Virginia public and accredited nonprofit independent or private institutions of higher education, provided that no such payment is less than the sum of tuition prepayments made, less any fees as determined by the board. The bill has an emergency clause.

Last Action: *House Education - Subcommittee #3 Committee Hearing (00:00 1/14/2019 House Comm*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003604>

SB1368-Virginia College Savings Plan; prepaid tuition contracts, pricing reserves.

Primary Patron(s): Thomas Norment

Virginia College Savings Plan; prepaid tuition contracts; pricing reserves. Provides that in the event that the ratio of the assets of the Virginia College Savings Plan (the Plan) to the obligations of the Plan exceeds 105 percent, the pricing reserve, which the bill defines as the percentage by which the sum of advanced payments to be made pursuant to each prepaid tuition contract of the Plan exceeds the amount estimated to be required to provide tuition at the fixed, guaranteed level that is specified in such prepaid tuition contract, shall not exceed five percent. The bill provides that in the event that the ratio of the assets of the Plan to the obligations of the Plan does not meet or exceed 105 percent, the pricing reserve may exceed five percent but shall not exceed 10 percent. The bill also requires the governing board of the

Plan to provide to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission written notification and a detailed explanation of any change to the pricing reserve within 30 days of such change.

Last Action: *Rereferred to Finance*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005718>

SB1180-Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definition of trade secret.

Primary Patron(s): Richard Stuart

Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definition of trade secret. Defines the term "trade secret," for the purposes of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as meaning the same as that term is defined in the Uniform Trade Secrets Act (§59.1-336 et seq.). This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003683>

Higher Education Finance

HB2359-Capital outlay plan; updates six-year plan for projects.

Primary Patron(s): S. Chris Jones

Capital outlay plan. Updates the six-year capital outlay plan for projects to be funded entirely or partially from general fund-supported resources.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Appropriations*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006816>

SB1323-Capital outlay plan; updates six-year plan for projects.

Primary Patron(s): Emmett Hanger

Capital outlay plan. Updates the six-year capital outlay plan for projects to be funded entirely or partially from general fund-supported resources.

Last Action: *Referred To Committee On Finance*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005297>

HB2246-Higher Education Advisory Committee; higher education funding.

Primary Patron(s): Glenn Davis

Higher Education Advisory Committee; higher education funding. Requires the Higher Education Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) to (i) develop a methodology by which to rate the performance of each public institution of higher education and (ii) review and make recommendations for changes to existing funding methodology and targeted financial incentives. The bill requires the Advisory Committee to consult with national and state policy experts and institutional innovators in other states and consider trends in the implementation of various performance-based funding models, accounting for institutional differences. The Advisory Committee's recommendations shall be designed to achieve increased degree and credential attainment within high-demand fields, reduction of average

time-to-degree, improved affordability for Virginia students and families, reduction of debt of former students and graduates, and improved graduate employment outcomes. The bill requires that such recommendations be designed to result in a funding methodology and targeted financial incentives that allocate at least 80 percent of state appropriations for public higher education according to a set of certain performance metrics. Such recommendations are required to be submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than the first day of the regular session of the General Assembly in 2020.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Appropriations*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005597>

HB2653-Public institutions of higher education; institutional partnership performance agreements.

Primary Patron(s): Marvin Cox

Public institutions of higher education; institutional partnership performance agreements. Permits any public institution of higher education to propose in conjunction with the six-year plan process, and the General Assembly to adopt by reference in the general appropriation act, an institutional partnership performance agreement that advances the objectives of the Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011 by aligning the strategies, activities, and investments of the institution, the Commonwealth, and any identified partners concerning (i) college access, affordability, cost predictability, and employment pathways for undergraduate Virginia students and (ii) strategic talent development and other high-priority economic initiatives of the Commonwealth. The bill contains provisions relating to mandatory and permissive contents of, the approval process for, and the legal effect of any such agreement.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1012393>

SB1519-University of Virginia's College at Wise; reduced rate tuition.

Primary Patron(s): Charles Carrico

University of Virginia's College at Wise; reduced rate tuition. Permits the board of visitors of the University of Virginia to charge reduced rate tuition to any student enrolled at the University of Virginia's College at Wise who resides in the Appalachian Region as defined in relevant federal law, is domiciled in the Appalachian Region, and is entitled to in-state tuition charges at a public institution of higher education in the Appalachian Region. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007885>

In-State Tuition Eligibility

SB1640-Eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency.

Primary Patron(s): Jennifer Boysko

Eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1012956>

HB2388-Eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals.

Primary Patron(s): Alfonso Lopez

Eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals. Declares eligible for in-state tuition any individual who meets certain eligibility criteria and who has filed an application for permanent residency or asylum or is under the age of 27 and is the child of an individual who has filed an application for asylum. The bill provides that any such individual shall remain eligible for in-state tuition for as long as he maintains continuous enrollment in the public institution of higher education and such application has not been denied. The bill also prohibits any student who became eligible for in-state tuition as a result of his lawful presence in the United States pursuant to approval under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program or any other federal deferred action program from being deemed ineligible for in-state tuition by virtue of the elimination or modification of any such program.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006711>

HB1936-Higher educational institutions, public; in-state tuition, foreign service officers.

Primary Patron(s): Karrie Delaney, Patrick Hope, Kaye Kory, Paul Krizek, Marcus Simon
Public institutions of higher education; in-state tuition; foreign service officers. Requires public institutions of higher education to waive the one-year domiciliary intent requirement for foreign service officers residing in the Commonwealth and their spouses and dependents. The bill requires any dependent of any foreign service officer who resided in the Commonwealth immediately prior to receiving his foreign service assignment to be deemed to be domiciled in the Commonwealth and declares any such dependent eligible to receive in-state tuition.

Last Action: *Assigned App. sub: Higher Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003463>

SB1055-In-state tuition; domicile, individuals granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Primary Patron(s): Dave Marsden

In-state tuition; domicile; individuals granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Declares that, absent congressional intent to the contrary, any individual currently granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has the capacity to intend to remain in the Commonwealth indefinitely and is therefore eligible to establish domicile and receive in-state tuition charges at any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth.

Last Action: *Senate Committee on Education and Health Hearing (09:00 1/10/2019 Senate Room A, P*
Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/997591>

HB1882-In-state tuition; eligibility, certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency.

Primary Patron(s): Mark Keam

Eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency. Declares eligible for in-state tuition any individual who (i) graduated from a public or private high school or program of home instruction in the Commonwealth or passed a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education; (ii) registers as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education; (iii) has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least one year prior to the date of registration or enrollment; and (iv) provides an affidavit to the public institution of higher education in which he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled stating that he has filed an application to become a permanent resident of the United States and is actively pursuing such permanent residency or will do so as soon as he becomes eligible for such permanent residency.

Last Action: *Assigned App. sub: Higher Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1001856>

SB1148-In-state tuition; eligibility, certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency.

Primary Patron(s): Dave Marsden

Eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency. Declares eligible for in-state tuition any individual who (i) graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or passed a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education; (ii) registers as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education; (iii) has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least one year prior to the date of registration or enrollment; and (iv) provides an affidavit to the public institution of higher education in which he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled stating that he has filed an application to become a permanent resident of the United States and is actively pursuing such permanent residency or will do so as soon as he becomes eligible for such permanent residency.

Last Action: *Senate Committee on Education and Health Hearing (09:00 1/10/2019 Senate Room A, P*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1001498>

Institutional Management

SB1234-Governing boards of public institutions of higher education; educational programs.

Primary Patron(s): William DeSteph

Governing boards of public institutions of higher education; educational programs. Requires educational programs for the governing boards of public institutions of higher education to include presentations relating to student debt trends.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003486>

SB1239-Higher educational institutions, public; primary duties of members of governing boards.

Primary Patron(s): William DeSteph

Higher education; members of governing boards; duties. Provides that the primary duty of any member of a governing board of a public institution of higher education is to the Commonwealth. The bill requires that the educational programs for the governing boards of public institutions of higher education, developed by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, shall include presentations on such primary duty.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003454>

SB1068-Members of boards of visitors; employment waiting period.

Primary Patron(s): Amanda Chase, Mark Obenshain

Members of boards of visitors; employment waiting period. Prohibits a baccalaureate public institution of higher education from employing an individual appointed by the Governor to the board of visitors of such institution within four years of the expiration of such member's term.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/998333>

HB2336-Public institutions of higher education; executive officers; salaries.

Primary Patron(s): R. Steven Landes

Public institutions of higher education; executive officers; salaries. Prohibits the salary of any executive officer of a public institution of higher education from exceeding the salary limit for the chief executive officer of such institution set forth in Part 4 of the general appropriation act but provides that the governing board of any institution may supplement the salary of any such executive officer with private gifts, endowment funds, foundation funds, and income from private gifts and endowments.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005665>

Procurement

HB2308-Virginia Public Procurement Act; public institutions of higher education; disclosure required.

Primary Patron(s): Buddy Fowler, R. Steven Landes

Virginia Public Procurement Act; public institutions of higher education; disclosure required by certain offerors. Requires every offeror who submits a proposal to a public institution of higher education for any construction project that (i) has a total cost of \$5 million or more and (ii) uses a procurement method other than competitive sealed bidding to disclose any contributions the offeror has made to the public institution of higher education or any private foundation that exists solely to support the public institution of higher education within the previous five-year period.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Appropriations*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005652>

Research and Development

HB2602-Consortium Comprehensive Cancer Center Advisory Board; established, report.

Primary Patron(s): S. Chris Jones

Consortium Comprehensive Cancer Center Advisory Board established. Establishes as an independent advisory board in state government an 11-member Consortium Comprehensive Cancer Center Advisory Board, consisting of the President of Virginia Commonwealth University or his designee, the Vice President for Health Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University or his designee, the President of the University of Virginia or his designee, the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at the University of Virginia or his designee, one representative of Eastern Virginia Medical School, one representative of Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute, and five other nonlegislative citizen members, to study the requirements for designation as a consortium Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute and make recommendations to Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Virginia relating to the process for establishing a joint National Cancer Institute-designated consortium Comprehensive Cancer Center, including recommendations relating to a joint leadership structure, research integration, and programmatic integration. The provisions of the bill sunset on July 1, 2022.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007485>

SB1597-Research and development in the Commonwealth.

Primary Patron(s): Richard Saslaw

Research and development in the Commonwealth. Makes several changes related to the funding and oversight of research and development initiatives in the Commonwealth. The bill codifies the existing Virginia Biosciences Health Research Corporation (VBHRC), and brings it under the authority of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority (IEIA). The bill also creates a new Capital Research Investment Advisory Committee (Investment Committee), and an accompanying nonstock, nonprofit corporation under the IEIA, to oversee early and seed-stage venture capital investments. The Virginia Research Investment Committee would provide guidance to the IEA and the Investment Committee. The Board membership of the IEIA is expanded to include the chairman of VRIC and the

VBHRC. Finally, the bill directs the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade and Education to convene a stakeholder group to review a recent technology report and make recommendations concerning the allocation of resources related to research, development, and commercialization.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007861>

HB2550-Research and development in the Commonwealth.

Primary Patron(s): S. Chris Jones, Mark Sickles

Research and development in the Commonwealth. Creates the Commonwealth of Virginia Research Consortium Authority (the Consortium) to oversee and support research and commercialization in the Commonwealth. The Consortium will be advised by an Investment Advisory Committee and a Research and Technology Advisory Committee. Existing grant, loan, and investment funds currently administered by the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority and the Virginia Research Investment Committee would be consolidated under the Consortium, and the Consortium would be responsible for the Commonwealth Research and Technology Strategic Roadmap. The Consortium would also be responsible for allocating research-related funds to the Virginia Biosciences Health Research Consortium and the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing. The bill repeals the existing Virginia Research Investment Committee.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007468>

SB1651-Research and development in the Commonwealth.

Primary Patron(s): Janet Howell

Research and development in the Commonwealth. Creates the Partnership for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Authority (the Partnership) to oversee and support research and commercialization in the Commonwealth. The Partnership will be advised by an Investment Advisory Committee, an Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee, and a Research Advisory Committee. Existing grant, loan, and investment funds currently administered by the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority and the Virginia Research Investment Committee would be consolidated under the Partnership. The bill repeals the existing Virginia Research Investment Committee.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1009969>

HB1638-Virginia Lottery; regulation of sports betting, creation of certain Funds, etc.

Primary Patron(s): Mark Sickles

Virginia Lottery; repeal prohibition against sale of Virginia Lottery; repeal prohibition against sale of lottery tickets over the Internet; sports betting; Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund; Major Research Project Subfund; Sports Betting Operations Fund;

penalties. Directs the Virginia Lottery (the Lottery) to regulate sports betting. Before administering a sports betting operation, an entity is required to apply for a three-year permit and pay an application fee of \$250,000. Permit holders must apply for renewal of a permit every three years, which includes a renewal fee of \$200,000. The Director may issue up to five

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Rules*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/995303>

Restructuring

HB2290-James Madison University; management agreement with the Commonwealth.

Primary Patron(s): Jay Leftwich

James Madison University; management agreement. Provides a management agreement between the Commonwealth and James Madison University pursuant to the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act (§23.1-1000 et seq.).

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Appropriations*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005725>

SB1386-James Madison University; management agreement with the Commonwealth.

Primary Patron(s): Ryan McDougle

James Madison University; management agreement. Provides a management agreement between the Commonwealth and James Madison University pursuant to the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act (§23.1-1000 et seq.).

Last Action: *Referred To Committee On Finance*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005745>

SB1628-Public institutions of higher education; innovation.

Primary Patron(s): Siobhan Dunnivant

Public institutions of higher education; innovation. Establishes the Innovative Internship Fund and Innovative Internship Pilot Program, to be administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis to public institutions of higher education that partner with at least one private sector entity that agrees to provide matching funds to facilitate innovative internship programs for students enrolled at the institution that accomplish one or more enumerated goals related to the workforce. The bill also permits any public institution of higher education to propose in conjunction with the six-year plan process, and the General Assembly to adopt by reference in the general appropriation act, an institutional partnership performance agreement (agreement) that advances the objectives of the Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011 by aligning the strategies, activities, and investments of the institution, the Commonwealth, and any identified partners concerning (i) college access, affordability, cost predictability, and employment pathways for undergraduate Virginia students and (ii) strategic talent development and other high-priority economic initiatives of the

Commonwealth. The bill contains provisions relating to mandatory and permissive contents of, the approval process for, and the legal effect of any such agreement.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007700>

HJR660-Study: JLARC; compliance reviews; higher education managements agreements; report.

Primary Patron(s): Charles Poindexter

Study; JLARC; compliance reviews; higher education management agreements; report.

Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to perform compliance reviews of the management agreements between the Commonwealth and The College of William and Mary in Virginia, the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University that were entered into pursuant to the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act of 2005 (the Restructuring Act) and to make recommendations for any amendment to any such management agreement that it deems necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Restructuring Act.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Rules*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005445>

HB1666-University of Virginia's College at Wise; reduced rate tuition.

Primary Patron(s): Terry Kilgore, Kaye Kory

University of Virginia's College at Wise; reduced rate tuition. Permits the board of visitors of the University of Virginia to charge reduced rate tuition to any student enrolled at the University of Virginia's College at Wise who resides in the Appalachian Region as defined in relevant federal law, is domiciled in the Appalachian Region, and is entitled to in-state tuition charges at a public institution of higher education in the Appalachian Region. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Last Action: *House Appropriations - Higher Education Subcommittee Hearing (00:00 1/14/2019 Shar*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/996689>

Student Affairs and Campus Safety

SB1184-FOIA; applicability to sexual assault response teams, etc.

Primary Patron(s): Richard Stuart

Virginia Freedom of Information Act; applicability; sexual assault response teams and multidisciplinary child sexual abuse response teams. Provides that the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) shall not apply to sexual assault response teams, with the exception of records relating to (i) protocols and policies of the sexual assault response team and (ii) guidelines for the community's response established by the sexual assault response team, which the bill provides shall be public records and subject to the provisions of FOIA. The bill also provides that FOIA shall not apply to multidisciplinary child sexual abuse response

teams. This bill is a recommendation of the Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003477>

HB1830-Higher educational institutions, certain; sexual violence policies, student rights.

Primary Patron(s): Kaye Kory, Joseph Lindsey

Certain institutions of higher education; sexual violence policies; scope; student rights.

Requires the Virginia Community College System, Richard Bland College, each baccalaureate public institution of higher education, and each nonprofit private institution of higher education to include in its sexual violence policy certain rights of each student who alleges a violation of such policy and each student who is alleged to have violated such policy, including notice, an opportunity to be heard, and assistance by a licensed attorney, an advocate supervised by a licensed attorney, or another trained advocate in any disciplinary proceeding relating to the alleged violation. The bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (the Council) (i) in consultation with state and local bar associations and legal services providers with experience and expertise in disciplinary proceedings relating to alleged violations of the sexual violence policies of such institutions, to generate and maintain a list of attorneys and advocates who are qualified and willing to provide such assistance to students on a pro bono basis or at a reduced-fee rate equivalent to the fee charged by the Legal Services Corporation of Virginia to provide such assistance and (ii) to provide to any attorney or advocate retained by a student funds to provide such assistance at such reduced-fee rate, regardless of whether such attorney or advocate is on the list generated and maintained by the Council.

Last Action: *Assigned Education sub: Subcommittee #3*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1001272>

HB1831-Higher educational institutions, public; disciplinary proceedings against enrolled students.

Primary Patron(s): Lamont Bagby, Mark Cole, Cliff Hayes, Kaye Kory, Joseph Lindsey, Sam
Public institutions of higher education; enrolled students; disciplinary proceedings; due process. Establishes several requirements for formal and informal proceedings against any student enrolled at a public institution of higher education who is alleged to have violated a rule, policy, or code of student conduct adopted by the institution, including (i) requiring the institution to provide to the student written notice of (a) the specific rule, policy, or code of student conduct that the student is alleged to have violated and the facts upon which such allegation is based; (b) the time, place, and nature of the proceeding; and (c) the rules governing the proceeding and (ii) granting the student in any such proceeding the right to be present, be represented by legal counsel for the duration of the proceeding and any appeal of the decision or sanctions imposed in the proceeding, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, make objections, and present arguments.

Last Action: *Assigned Education sub: Subcommittee #3*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1001238>

HB1726-Mail voter registration application forms; distribution to certain public and private institutions.

Primary Patron(s): Debra Rodman

Distribution of mail voter registration application forms; certain public and private institutions of higher education. Requires the Department of Elections to provide a reasonable number of mail voter registration application forms to public institutions of higher education, nonprofit private institutions of higher education that are eligible to participate in the Tuition Assistance Grant Program, and any other education institution that is authorized to issue bonds. The bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to assist the Department by providing a list of such institutions and by requesting those institutions to make the mail voter registration application forms available to students.

Last Action: *Assigned P & E sub: Subcommittee #1*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/999432>

HB2449-Scholastic records; disclosure of directory information.

Primary Patron(s): Tony Wilt

Scholastic records; disclosure of directory information. Provides that a school or institution of higher education may disclose certain directory information of a student to certain internal persons for educational purposes or internal business if the student has not opted out of such disclosure. Under current law, such disclosures require written consent. The bill also provides an exception for state and federal law requirements from the prohibition of such disclosures.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006947>

HB2382-Student journalists; freedom of speech and the press.

Primary Patron(s): Chris Hurst, Danica Roem

Student journalists; freedom of speech and the press. Declares that, except in certain limited circumstances, a student journalist at a public elementary or secondary school or public institution of higher education has the right to exercise freedom of speech and the press in school-sponsored media, including determining the news, opinion, feature, and advertising content of school-sponsored media, regardless of whether the media is supported financially by the school board, supported through the use of school facilities in the school division, or produced in conjunction with a course or class in which the student is enrolled. The bill defines "school-sponsored media" as any material that is prepared, substantially written, published, or broadcast by a student journalist at a public elementary or secondary school or public institution of higher education under the direction of a student media adviser and distributed or generally made available to members of the student body.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006787>

HB1795-Student voters; Virginia voter registration.

Primary Patron(s): Lamont Bagby, Karrie Delaney, Cliff Hayes, Patrick Hope, Kaye Kory, Student voters; Virginia voter registration. Requires each public high school and public institution of higher education to provide to any enrolled student who is of voting age or otherwise eligible to register to vote access to Virginia voter registration information and applications.

Last Action: *Assigned P & E sub: Subcommittee #1*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1000784>

SB1591-Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety; guidelines on information sharing.

Primary Patron(s): Siobhan Dunnivant

Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety; guidelines on information sharing. Directs the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (the Center) to convene a work group to develop guidelines and best practices for the sharing of information between a local school board or public institution of higher education and law enforcement regarding a student whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of a school or institution or the community. Such guidelines and best practices shall seek to balance the interests of safety and student privacy and shall be consistent with the provisions of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable. The bill requires the Center to develop such guidelines and best practices, report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and make such guidelines available to local school boards, public institutions of higher education, law enforcement, and the public by October 1, 2019.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007711>

Teacher Shortages

HB1724-Grow Your Own Teacher Pilot Programs Fund; created.

Primary Patron(s): Patrick Hope, Paul Krizek, Debra Rodman, Cheryl Turpin
Grow Your Own Teacher Pilot Programs Fund. Establishes the Grow Your Own Teacher Pilot Programs Fund and permits the Department of Education to award grants from such fund to local school boards to establish Grow Your Own Teacher Pilot Programs whereby the local school board provides scholarships not to exceed \$7,500 per academic year for attendance at a baccalaureate institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to any individual who (i) graduated from a public high school in the local school division, (ii) was eligible for free or reduced price lunch throughout the individual's attendance at a public high school in the local school division, and (iii) commits to teach, within three years of graduating from the baccalaureate institution of higher education in the Commonwealth and for a period of at least four years, at a public high school at which at least 50 percent of students qualify for free or reduced price lunch in the school division in which such individual graduated from high school. The bill provides that in the event that any program

scholarship recipient fails or refuses to comply with such teaching obligation, the sum of all scholarship funds received by such individual shall be converted to a loan that is subject to repayment with interest. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2024.

Last Action: *Assigned Education sub: Subcommittee #2*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/998847>

HJR654-Teacher licensing process; Department of Education to study.

Primary Patron(s): Lamont Bagby

Study; Department of Education to study teacher licensing process; report. Requests the Department of Education to study the teacher licensure process and the assessment requirements therein for any inherent biases that may prevent minority teacher candidates from entering the profession.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Rules*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005326>

SJR6-Teacher licensing process; Department of Education to study.

Primary Patron(s): Barbara Favola, Mamie Locke

Study; Department of Education to study teacher licensing process; report. Requests to study the teacher licensure process and the assessment requirements therein for any inherent biases that may prevent minority teacher candidates from entering the profession.

Last Action: *Left in Rules*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/994361>

HB2486-Teacher licensure; provisional license; American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence.

Primary Patron(s): Roxann Robinson

Teacher licensure; provisional license; American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence certification. Requires the Board of Education (Board) to provide for the issuance of a provisional license, valid for a period not to exceed three years, to any individual who has successfully completed the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence alternative teacher certification program and who meets the basic conditions for licensure established by the Board pursuant to subsection A of 8VAC20-23-40.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006929>

Tuition Mandates

SB1660-Baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; fixed four-year tuition rate.

Primary Patron(s): William Stanley

Baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; fixed four-year tuition rate. Requires the governing board of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education to prospectively fix the cost of tuition for incoming freshman Virginia students for four

consecutive years, subject to eligibility conditions, beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year. The bill also provides that such institutions may additionally offer a variable in-state tuition rate as an option for such eligible students. The bill exempts the governing board of any such institution that maintains an undergraduate student population composed of at least 80 percent Virginia students from the requirement to establish a four-year fixed tuition rate.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1009712>

HB2337-Governing boards of public institutions of higher education; tuition and mandatory fee rates.

Primary Patron(s): R. Steven Landes

Governing boards of public institutions of higher education; tuition and mandatory fee rates. Requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to approve rates for tuition and mandatory fees for each academic year no later than December 1 of the immediately preceding academic year.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005710>

SB1546-Higher education; in-state tuition.

Primary Patron(s): Glen Sturtevant

Higher education; in-state tuition. Prohibits, without the prior statutory approval of the General Assembly, any percentage increase in in-state tuition for undergraduate students at Virginia's public institutions of higher education that exceeds twice the annual percentage increase, as determined by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in the Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, from January 1 through December 31 of the year immediately preceding the affected year.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007873>

SB1204-Higher educational institutions, public; student approval of increase in tuition or mandatory fees.

Primary Patron(s): William Stanley, Richard Stuart

Public institutions of higher education; student approval of increase in tuition or mandatory fees. Provides that no increase in undergraduate tuition or mandatory fees approved by a governing board of a public institution of higher education will take effect unless such increase receives an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of undergraduate students enrolled in such institution.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003674>

SB1261-Higher educational institutions, public; tuition and fee increases, public comment.

Primary Patron(s): Siobhan Dunnavant, Glen Sturtevant

Public institutions of higher education; tuition and fee increases; public comment. Requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education, prior to a vote on an increase in undergraduate tuition or mandatory fees, to permit public comment on the proposed increase at a meeting of the governing board. The bill requires each such governing board to establish policies for such public comment, which may include reasonable time limitations.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003672>

SB1118-Higher educational institutions, public; tuition and fee increases, public comment.

Primary Patron(s): Amanda Chase, Chap Petersen

Public institutions of higher education; tuition and fee increases; public comment. Requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education, prior to a vote on an increase in undergraduate tuition or mandatory fees, to permit public comment on the proposed increase at a meeting of the governing board. The bill requires each such governing board to establish policies for such public comment, which may include reasonable time limitations.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1001294>

HB2173-Higher educational institutions, public; tuition and fee increases, public comment.

Primary Patron(s): Jason Miyares

Public institutions of higher education; tuition and fee increases; public comment. Requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to establish policies for the public to comment directly to a quorum of such governing board in a live, real-time setting on any proposed increase in undergraduate tuition or mandatory fees within the 30-day period prior to any vote on such increase. The bill permits such policies to include (i) reasonable limits on an individual public comment and total time reserved for public comment and (ii) additional electronic means for the public to communicate with such governing board.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005203>

HB2476-Higher educational institutions, public; tuition and mandatory fees.

Primary Patron(s): David Reid

Public institutions of higher education; tuition and mandatory fees. Declares the governing board of any public institution of higher education for which the average increase in the amount of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees over the most recent 10-academic-year period exceeds the average increase in the amount of undergraduate tuition and mandatory

fees over such period across each public institution of higher education ineligible to increase undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees for the subsequent academic year. The bill permits each other public institution of higher education to increase undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees for the subsequent academic year by a certain percentage, but prohibits any such percentage increase from exceeding the following product: the annual percentage increase in the average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, from January 1 through December 31 of the year immediately preceding the relevant academic year, multiplied by a certain factor that is based on the size of the increase in the undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees over the most recent 10-academic-year period.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006792>

SB1616-Higher educational institutions, public; tuition and mandatory fees.

Primary Patron(s): Frank Wagner

Public institutions of higher education; tuition and mandatory fees. Declares the governing board of any public institution of higher education for which the average increase in the amount of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees over the most recent 10-academic-year period exceeds the average increase in the amount of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees over such period across each public institution of higher education ineligible to increase undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees for the subsequent academic year. The bill permits each other public institution of higher education to increase undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees for the subsequent academic year by a certain percentage, but prohibits any such percentage increase from exceeding the following product: the annual percentage increase in the average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, from January 1 through December 31 of the year immediately preceding the relevant academic year, multiplied by a certain factor that is based on the size of the increase in the undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees over the most recent 10-academic-year period.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1008091>

HB2350-Public institutions of higher education; tuition and fees; foster care youth.

Primary Patron(s): Jason Miyares

Public institutions of higher education; tuition and fees; foster care youth. Requires each associate degree-granting public institution of higher education (i.e., Richard Bland College and each comprehensive community college) and each baccalaureate public institution of higher education to provide a grant for the payment of tuition and certain fees for any Virginia student who (i) (a) has received a high school diploma or has passed a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education and was in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or is considered a special needs adoption at the time such diploma or certificate was awarded or (b) was in foster care when he turned 18

and subsequently received a high school diploma or passed a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education and (ii) meets certain other criteria. Under current law, such grants are limited to tuition and fees for Virginia students who are enrolled at comprehensive community colleges.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Appropriations*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1005761>

Workforce and Career Training

SB1589-Education and workforce development; Virginia Works Portal created.

Primary Patron(s): Siobhan Dunnavant

Education and workforce development; Virginia Works Portal created. Creates the Virginia Works Portal, administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, to provide one-stop access to information regarding career paths, education, workforce development, and employment opportunities in the Commonwealth. The bill creates the five-person Virginia Works Board to oversee the Portal and the Virginia Works Advisory Committee of public and private sector stakeholders to advise the Board.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007646>

SB1511-Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center.

Primary Patron(s): Charles Carrico

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. Requires the board of trustees of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center to seek opportunities to collaborate with local comprehensive community colleges to meet specialized noncredit workforce training needs identified by industry. The bill provides that if the local comprehensive community college is unable to meet such needs, then the board of trustees may seek to collaborate with other education providers or may provide Center-delivered specialized noncredit workforce training independent of local comprehensive community colleges.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007659>

SB1461-State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; certification of certain private schools;exemptions.

Primary Patron(s): Jennifer McClellan

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; certification of certain private schools; exemptions. Provides that certain courses or programs of instruction are exempt from certification requirements and regulation by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The bill provides that any course or program of instruction designed to prepare students to achieve a passing score on an industry certification exam administered by a trade or occupational association or similar association is exempt provided that (i) regional or national certifications are commonplace in the employment marketplace in the relevant

industry, (ii) any instructor of the course or program is approved or certified as an instructor by such trade or occupational association, and (iii) such course or program of instruction is offered by an instructor that does not offer any courses or programs of instruction for preparation for an exam administered by any additional trade or occupational association.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on Education and Health*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1006708>

HB2020-Virginia Community College System; certain registered apprenticeships, uniform instruction.

Primary Patron(s): Matthew James, Kaye Kory, Marcus Simon, Vivian Watts

Virginia Community College System; certain registered apprenticeships; uniform instruction. Requires the Virginia Community College System, in consultation with the state agency that is responsible for administering the registered apprenticeship program, to develop and deliver uniform, related instruction for registered apprenticeships in high-demand programs, as determined by the Virginia Board of Workforce Development, and for which coursework is not otherwise available. The bill requires such instruction to be available statewide and to be delivered in a face-to-face, online, or blended format.

Last Action: *Assigned Education sub: Subcommittee #3*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1003785>

HB2545-Workforce Development, Secretary of; created.

Primary Patron(s): Kathy Byron, Roxann Robinson

Governor's secretaries; Secretary of Workforce Development created. Creates in the Governor's cabinet the position of Secretary of Workforce Development (the Secretary). The bill removes the position of Chief Workforce Development Advisor and reassigns that position's responsibilities to the Secretary.

Last Action: *Committee Referral Pending*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1007427>

SB1523-Workforce Development, Secretary of; created.

Primary Patron(s): Frank Ruff

Governor's secretaries; Secretary of Workforce Development created. Creates in the Governor's cabinet the position of Secretary of Workforce Development (the Secretary). The bill removes the position of Chief Workforce Development Advisor and reassigns that position's responsibilities to the Secretary.

Last Action: *Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology*

Bill URL: <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1008108>
