

Legislative Update, March 14, 2022

COVID-19 and Pandemic Response

Bills related to state government and institutional responses to the pandemic.

[SJ 10 \(Surovell\)](#) Study; joint subcommittee to study pandemic response and preparedness in the Commonwealth; report.

Connections with K-12 Education

Bills that encourage innovative practices by higher education institutions through the establishment of college partnership laboratory schools.

[HB 346 \(Davis\)](#) and [SB 598 \(Pillion\)](#) College partnership laboratory schools; application and establishment.

Note: Bills were still in conference upon March 12th adjournment.

Data Transparency

Bills requiring institutions to post certain data in an effort to increase transparency of higher education for students and the public.

[HB 355 \(Freitas\)](#) Baccalaureate public institution of higher education; website; posting of certain comparative data relating to undergraduate students.

[HB 1299 \(Coyner\)](#) and [SB 738 \(Morrissey\)](#) Department of Education; State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; instruction concerning post-graduate opportunities for high school students.

Financial Aid and In-State Tuition Eligibility

Bills establishing additional financial assistance for students to help pay for higher education or modifying eligibility requirements.

[HB 526 \(Batten\)](#) Victims of human trafficking; eligibility for in-state tuition.

[HB 1004 \(Guzman\)](#) Selective Service; Two-Year College Transfer Grant; Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program.

Procurement

Bills affecting institutional procurement processes, including construction contracts.

[HB 19 \(Fowler\)](#) and [SB 210 \(Petersen\)](#) Virginia Public Procurement Act; public institutions of higher education; disclosure required by certain offerors; civil penalty.

[SB 225 \(McPike\)](#) Virginia Public Procurement Act; architectural and professional engineering term contracting; limitations.

SCHEV Statewide Strategic Plan

Resolutions expressing the endorsement of the House and Senate of SCHEV's Strategic Plan for Higher Education: Pathways to Opportunity.

[HJR 145 \(Davis\)](#) and [SJ 53 \(Locke\)](#) State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; statewide strategic plan; report.

Student Affairs and Campus Safety

Bills concerning the relationship of applicants, students, and student athletes to the institution, including methods to address food insecurity, campus safety policies

[HB 507 \(Austin\)](#) and [SB 223 \(McPike\)](#) Intercollegiate athletics; student-athletes; compensation and representation for name, image, or likeness.

[HB 525 \(Murphy\)](#) and [HB 439 \(Boysko\)](#) Institutions of higher education; hazing; policies.

[HB 582 \(Roem\)](#) Public institutions of higher education; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; notice to students; SNAP benefits.

Teacher Pipeline and Training

Bills related to providing scholarships to students entering teacher education programs or establishing specific training requirements for future teachers.

[HB 128 \(Davis\)](#) Virginia Diverse Educator Scholarship Fund and Program established. Note that this bill was still in conference upon the March 12th adjournment.

[HB 319 \(Covner\)](#) and [SB 616 \(Lucas\)](#) Virginia Literacy Act; early student literacy; evidence-based literacy instruction; science-based reading research.

[HB 419 \(Delaney\)](#) Institutions of higher education; education preparation programs; coursework; audit.

Workforce Development and Experiential Learning

Bills related to internships, workforce development and award of credentials.

[HB 191 \(Hodges\)](#) Health workforce development; Special Advisor to the Governor for Health Workforce Development; Virginia Health Workforce Development Fund

[HB 565 \(O'Quinn\)](#) and [SB 685 \(Mason\)](#) Advanced Manufacturing Talent Investment Program and Fund.

[SB 84 \(Stanley\)](#) New College Institute; noncredit workforce training.

[SB 667 \(Hashmi\)](#) Innovative Internship Program; Virginia Office of Education Economics.

Other Bills of Interest:

Bills that did not pass but the subject matter of which SCHEV has committed to study further.

HB 1226 (Davis) State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; productivity analysis.

HB 1275 (Freitas) Virginia Credential Registry; established.