

Committee Teams: Week of 2/3- 2/7

Hello VA NOW General Assembly Advocates! Please use this document as a tool to figure out where legislation you care about is. Legislation will either be:

- In a committee, waiting for a vote (each committee has a link to its docket, which is where you can find out if your legislation will be voted on that week or day). Typically, dockets are only posted a day or two in advance, so be sure to check your committee docket more than once!
- On the floor, waiting for a full body vote
- Assigned to the opposite chamber, waiting for assignment to a committee post crossover

Remember, we are only asking for you to take action if you see that your bill is on the docket in its committee! If it is on the floor of either the House or the Senate, don't worry about it for now! It won't be assigned to a committee again until after Crossover (which is when bills from the House get assigned and heard in the Senate and vice versa). Crossover is on: Feb 11th!

When you see a bill (s) on the docket, send out an email to committee members:

- List of standing committees: <http://lis.virginia.gov/141/com/COM.HTM> (remember, you can find legislator emails for each committee by clicking on their names, highlighted in blue!)
- State: who you are and what group you are a part of (VA NOW),
- if you support or oppose the bill (s) up for vote,
- why they should support or oppose the bill (s) –use your fact sheets from the 1st GA advocacy email, or simply google the topic for statistics or facts, &
- if you like, ask for a follow up response

HOUSE FLOOR (Just FYI, no need to take action on these bills yet!):

Support SB 10 Water and sewer; discounted fees and charges for certain low-income and disabled customers

Support SJ 47 Study; joint subcommittee to study the mental health services in the Commonwealth; report

Support SJ 10 Study; improving access to higher ed for students with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Support HB 669 Absentee ballots; date requirement.

Support HB 670 Absentee ballots; name and signature requirements.

HOUSE Education (Mon, 9:00 a.m., House Room C and Wed, 8:30 a.m., 9th Floor Appropriations Room)

Landes (Chairman), Lingamfelter, Rust, Cole, Pogge, Massie, Greason, Bell, Richard P., LeMunyon, Robinson, Yost, Yancey, Farrell, Davis, Leftwich, McClellan, Tyler, Bulova, Morrissey, Keam, Hester, Brink

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCH09>

Support HB 1182 A-to-F school grading system; exemption for schools with alternative accreditation

Oppose HB 778 School boards; administration of student surveys and questionnaires.

Oppose HB 21 School boards; employee firearms training.

Oppose SB 236 Students; codifies right to religious viewpoint expression

HOUSE Finance (Monday, 8:30 a.m. 9th Floor Appropriations Room)

Ware (Chairman), Orrock, Byron, Cole, Hugo, Cline, Marshall, R.G., Pogge, Bell, Richard P., O'Quinn, Head, Farrell, Fariss, Fowler, DeSteph, Watts, Lewis, Keam, James, Carr, Filler-Corn, Futrell

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCH10>

Oppose HB 444 Individual income filing status; married persons

HOUSE Appropriations (Mon, Wed, and Fri, 1/2 hour after adjournment, 9th Floor Appropriations Room)

Jones (Chairman), Ingram, Cox, Landes, O'Bannon, Lingamfelter, Poindexter, Massie, Scott, Peace, Greason, Knight, Anderson, Garrett, Stolle, Joannou, Brink, Howell, A.T., BaCote, Dance, Torian, Hester

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCH02>

Support HB 894 Auxiliary grants; expands eligibility for program to certain individuals.
Support HB 1 Sexual and Domestic Violence Subfund; funding of sexual and domestic violence prevention, etc.
Support HB 293 Temporary detention order; facility of detention.
Support HB 708 Assault and battery; family or household member.
Support HB 595 Criminal Justice Services, Department of; human trafficking policy
Support HB 1068 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); eligibility, drug-related felonies
Support HB 747 Tuition, in-state; student eligibility, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.
Support HB 229 Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; special education programs.

Oppose HB 234 VIEW Program; screening and assessment for use of illegal substances

HOUSE Courts of Justice (Mon, Wed and Fri, 1/2 hour after adjournment, House Room C)

Albo (Chairman), Kilgore, Bell, Robert B., Cline, Gilbert, Miller, Loupassi, Villanueva, Habeeb, Minchew, Morris, Leftwich, Chafin, Adams, Campbell, Watts, Toscano, Herring, McClellan, Hope, Keam, Mason

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCH08>

Support HB 546 Abortion; optional ultrasound.
Support HB 547 Ultrasound prior to abortion; physician civil penalty
Support HB 565 Birth control; definition.
Support HB 1056 Abortion; informed consent
Support HB 48 Firearms; possession following conviction of certain crimes, penalty
Support HB 1226 Stalking; penalty.
Support HB 1233 Address Confidentiality Program; victims of stalking eligible for Program.
Support HB 716 Trafficking in persons; penalties.
Support HB 472 Student conduct; parental responsibility to prevent bullying

Oppose HB 98 Abortions; sex-selective, penalty.
Oppose HB 493 Student religious viewpoint expression; limited public forums, school division policy.
Oppose HB 207 Science; Board of Education, et.al., to encourage students to explore scientific questions.

HOUSE Health, Welfare, and Institutions (Tues and Thurs, 8:30 a.m., House Room D)

Orrock (Chairman), O'Bannon, Bell, Robert B., Peace, Pogge, Bell, Richard P., Garrett, Stolle, Robinson, Helsel, Yost, Ransone, Hodges, Edmunds, Head, Spruill, Sickles, Howell, A.T., BaCote, Hope, Dance, Krupicka

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCH12>

Support SB 416 Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan; eligibility for assistance.

HOUSE Commerce and Labor (Tues and Thurs, 1/2 hour after adjournment, House Room D)

Kilgore (Chairman), Byron, Ware, Hugo, Rust, Marshall, D.W., Cline, Miller, Loupassi, Bell, Robert B., Comstock, Habeeb, Villanueva, Farrell, O'Quinn, Joannou, McClellan, Ward, Lewis, Tyler, Spruill, James

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCH14>

Support HB 292 Virginia Health Benefit Exchange; established and operated by new division within SCC.
Support HB 1186 Health insurance; essential health benefits, abortion coverage
Support HB 1185 Health insurance; coverage for mental health services.

Oppose HB 18 Health insurance; health care plan that includes contraception coverage, etc.

Oppose HB 19 Health insurance; contraception coverage if subscriber or enrollee requests such coverage.

Oppose HB 20 Health insurance; no health insurance plan is required to include contraception coverage

HOUSE Privileges and Elections (Fri, 9:30 a.m., 9th Floor Appropriation Room)

Cole (Chairman), Ingram, Jones, Albo, O'Bannon, Miller, Landes, Hugo, Ramadan, Ransone, O'Quinn, Yost, Minchew, Rush, Fowler, Brink, Joannou, Sickles, Howell, A.T., Krupicka, Futrell, Rasoul

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCH18>

Support SB 16 Absentee voting; persons age 65 or older on day of an election are entitled to vote absentee ballot.

Support SB 11 Absentee voting and procedures; secure return of voted military-overseas ballots.

Support HJ 12 United States Constitution; General Assembly to ratify and affirm Equal Rights Amendment.

Support HB 759 Absentee voting and procedures; secure return of voted military-overseas ballots

Support HJ 69 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission created.

Support HJ 70 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights

Support HJ 11 Constitutional amendment; marriage (first reference)

Oppose HJ 44 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); aid for nonpublic higher education; religious.

House Militia, Police and Public Safety (Friday, 9:00 a.m., House Room C)

Lingamfelter (Chairman), Wright, Cline, Gilbert, Morefield, Edmunds, Wilt, Webert, Morris, Fariss, O'Quinn, Head, Rush, Fowler, Berg, Tyler, Filler-Corn, Hope, Surovell, Kory, Lopez, Simon

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCH15>

Oppose HB 644 Concealed handgun; issuance of lifetime permits to Virginia residents.

HOUSE General Laws (Tues, 8:30 a.m., and Thurs, Immediately after adjournment, House Room C)

Jones (Chairman), Albo, Wright, Iaquinto, Gilbert, Peace, Anderson, Greason, Knight, LeMunyon, Cox, J.A., Helsel, Farrell, Watson, Rush, Ward, Dance, Bulova, James, Carr, Torian, McQuinn

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCH11>

SENATE Floor (Just FYI, no need to take action on these bills yet!):

Support SJ 78 United States Constitution; General Assembly to ratify and affirm Equal Rights Amendment

SENATE Courts of Justice (Mon, 8:00 a.m. and Wed, 1/2 hour after adjournment, Senate Room B)

Norment (Chairman), Saslaw, Marsh, Howell, Lucas, Edwards, Puller, Obenshain, McDougale, McEachin, Stuart, Vogel, Stanley, Reeves, Garrett

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCS03>

Support HB 86 Inpatient psychiatric hospital admission from local correctional facility; criteria.

Support SB 453 Human trafficking; penalties.

Oppose HB 392 Assault and battery; emergency health care provider.

SENATE Commerce and Labor (Mon, 1/2 hour after adjournment, Senate Room B)

Watkins (Chairman), Colgan, Saslaw, Norment, Stosch, Edwards, Wagner, Newman, Puckett, Martin, Obenshain, Stuart, McWaters, Stanley, Alexander

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCS02>

Support SB 618 Health insurance; essential health benefits, abortion coverage.
Support SB 646 Health insurance; essential health benefits, abortion coverage
Support SB 157 Payday loans; permitted interest
Support SB 164 Payday loans; permitted interest

SENATE Finance (Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Senate Room B)

Stosch (Chairman), Colgan, Howell, Saslaw, Norment, Hanger, Watkins, Marsh, Lucas, Newman, Ruff, Wagner, McDougle, Vogel, Carrico

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCS05>

Support SB 510 Firearms; possession following conviction of certain crimes.
Support SB 260 Temporary detention order; facility of detention
Support SB 14 Crimes against nature; clarifies provisions of clause, penalty

SENATE Education and Health (Thurs, 8:30 a.m. Senate Room B)

Martin (Chairman), Saslaw, Lucas, Howell, Newman, Locke, Barker, Miller, Smith, McWaters, Black, Carrico, Garrett

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCS04>

Support HB 134 Diabetes; care of students who have been diagnosed
Support HB 1187 School Safety, Virginia Center for; bullying.

Support SB 617 Abortion; removes requirement that woman undergo transabdominal ultrasound.

Oppose HB 157 Charter schools, conversion; restrictions and pre-lottery enrollment for current students

SENATE Privileges and Elections (Tues, 4:00 p.m, Senate Room A)

Obenshain (Chairman), Howell, Martin, Deeds, Edwards, McEachin, Petersen, Smith, Vogel, McWaters, Carrico, Reeves, Garrett, Alexander

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCS08>

Support SB 191 Voter registration; duties of State Board of Elections
Support SB 247 Voter registration lists; interstate cross-checking programs

Support HB 838 Absentee ballot; procedures for return of envelope.

SENATE Rehabilitation and Social Services (Fri, 8:30 a.m., Senate Room B)

Wagner (Chairman), Puller, Hanger, Locke, McDougle, Barker, Black, Reeves, Favola, Norment, Stosch, Miller, Alexander

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCS09>

SENATE General Laws and Technology (Mon, 45 minutes after adjournment, Senate Room A)

Ruff (Chairman), Colgan, Stosch, Martin, Locke, Petersen, Barker, Vogel, Stuart, Black, Reeves, Garrett, Deeds, Ebbin

Docket link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+doc+DOCS12>