



VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL WATER JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT February 28, 2025

Notes: Descriptions summarize bills as introduced. Due to amendments throughout session, the substance of bills following introduction may differ from summary descriptions. Please refer to bill text for current provisions. Links are provided for your convenience. Relevant Budget Information is also provided at the [end](#) of this report. **Yellow** highlighting indicates new information compared to the last published tracking report. Bills in *italics* are dead and have been moved to the end of each section.

KEY DATES

Jan. 8 – Session convenes; pre-filed bill introduction deadline
Jan. 10 – Budget amendment and bill drafting request deadline (5pm)
Jan. 17 – Last day to introduce legislation (3pm)
Feb. 4 – Crossover deadline; beginning Feb. 5 each house may only consider the other's bills
Feb. 12 – Each house to complete work on other house's Budget Bill and appoint conferees
Feb. 22 – Adjournment Sine Die
April 2 – Reconvened Session ("Veto Session")

WATER SUPPLY / DRINKING WATER

HB 2050 (Bulova) Drinking water; Occoquan Reservoir PFAS Reduction Program established. Creates the Occoquan Reservoir PFAS Reduction Program to reduce excessive levels of PFAS substances in public drinking water derived from the Occoquan Reservoir. The bill requires certain facilities to monitor for PFAS on or before Oct. 1, 2025, using EPA's Method 1633 or an alternative method approved by the EPA and DEQ. Requires such facility to report all results to DEQ no later than the tenth day of the next month after the month in which the result is reported by the laboratory and to include in such report all PFAS analytes measured by the test method. Beginning July 1, 2028, requires PFAS discharged by such facilities that have PFAS in excess of the method detection level to not exceed the level of any MCLs for PFAS in drinking water promulgated on or before Jan. 1, 2025... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2050>
Passed House with substitute (98-Y 0-N)
Reported from ACNR and re-referred to Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 4-N)
Reported from Finance and Appropriations (13-Y 1-N)
Passed Senate with substitute with amendments (38-Y 0-N)
Senate substitute agreed to by House (95-Y 0-N)

HB 2327 (Hodges) Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee; extension of sunset date. Extends from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2029, the sunset date of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee to assist the State Water Commission and DEQ in the management of groundwater in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2327>

Reported from ACNR with amendments (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House (99-Y 0-N)

Reported from ACNR with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (36-Y 0-N)

Senate substitute agreed to by House (97-Y 0-N)

HB 2749 (LeVere Bolling) Department of Health; waterworks; mandatory reporting of anomalies; negligence. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2749>

Reported from Health and Human Services with substitute (21-Y 0-N)

Incorporates HB 2407 (Scott)

Passed House (99-Y 0-N)

Reported from Education and Health with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N)

Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 97-N)

Amended by Conference Committee

Conference report agreed to by House (94-Y 0-N)

Conference report agreed to by Senate (38-Y 0-N)

SB 851 (Diggs) Local ordinances for the use of certain rainwater harvesting systems. Provides that existing local ordinances adopted prior to July 1, 2025, governing rainwater harvesting systems, shall continue in force; however, in the event of a conflict between a Board of Health regulation and a local ordinance adopted prior to July 1, 2025, the Board regulation shall govern, except when the conflicting local ordinance is more stringent. Prohibits a locality from adopting any local ordinance requiring owners of Tier 4 rainwater harvesting systems to connect to any municipal water supply or impose any penalty... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB851>

Reported from ACNR (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

Reported from ACNR (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House (96-Y 0-N)

SB 1234 (Aird) Water Testing and Treatment Program; Residential Well Water Testing and Treatment Program Fund; certification; permits. Requires the Board of Health to promulgate regulations for use of drinking water treatment or filtration systems certified as compliant with National Sanitation Foundation and American National Standards Institute standards to remove or significantly reduce concentrations of PFOA, PFOS, and other contaminants of concern. The bill requires any permit application for private well construction to include (i) an indication as to whether such permit is for new construction of a well, repair of an existing well, or modification of an existing well and (ii) if such permit is for new construction of a well that is intended to replace an existing well, an indication as to the reason such existing well will no longer be used. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1234>

Reported from Education & Health with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

Reported from Health and Human Services (17-Y 5-N)

Passed House (54-Y 43-N)

SB 1408 (Reeves) Department of Health; waterworks; mandatory reporting of anomalies; negligence. Requires owners of waterworks to report any operational anomaly that could affect water quality, public health, or service continuity to VDH's Office of Drinking Water within 24 hours of discovery. The bill requires any critical equipment failure, including a pump failure or any other

malfunction that poses an immediate risk to public health or disrupts water service to be reported to the Office within six hours of discovery. Under the bill, failure to comply with the reporting requirements constitutes negligence and failure to comply with the critical equipment failure reporting requirements constitutes gross negligence. **Same as HB 2407.** <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1408>

Reported from Education and Health with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

Reported from Health and Human Services with substitute (20-Y 0-N)

Passed House with substitute (96-Y 0-N)

House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)

HB1618 (Clark) Public drinking water; Commissioner of Health work group to study occurrence of microplastics. Directs Commissioner of Health to convene a work group to study the occurrence of microplastics in the Commonwealth's public drinking water and develop recommendations for the reduction of microplastics in public drinking water. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1618>

Left in Rules

HB 1908 (Kent) VIMS; study of the cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries; report. Directs the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to study the cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries. Requires VIMS to submit a report of its findings and any recommendations no later than Oct. 1, 2028. Same as SB 930. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1908>

Left in Appropriations

HB 2035 (Simonds) High-energy facilities; water and energy usage information reports; statewide clearinghouse established. Requires any owner or operator of a high-energy facility, as defined in the bill, to submit to DEQ no later than May 2026, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, a report that contains certain information relating to water and energy usage for each such facility. **Same as SB 1353.** <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2035>

Left in Labor and Commerce

HB 2300 (Campbell) Drinking water; MCLs; water treatment or filtration systems; Residential Well Water Testing and Treatment Program and Program Fund established. Directs the State Board of Health to adopt regulations to utilize point-of-use or point-of-entry drinking water treatment or filtration systems to remove or significantly reduce concentrations of contaminants of concern that meet or exceed any maximum contaminant level or health advisory for the same contaminant adopted by EPA. **Same as SB 1090.** <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2300>

Tabled in Appropriations

HB 2377 (Hodges) Comprehensive plan; data centers; water usage. Requires every locality to incorporate into its comprehensive plan provisions that prioritize and evaluate alternative methods of cooling, such as air cooling, geothermal cooling, or other innovative technologies that minimize water usage, particularly in the context of approving or siting data centers or similar land uses.... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2377>

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HB 2407 (Scott) Department of Health; waterworks; mandatory reporting of anomalies; negligence. Requires owners of waterworks to report any operational anomaly that could affect water quality, public health, or service continuity to VDH's Office of Drinking Water (the Office) within 24 hours of discovery. Requires any critical equipment failure, including a pump failure or any other malfunction that poses an immediate risk to public health or disrupts water service to be reported ...**Same as SB 1408.** <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2407>

Incorporated by Health and Human Services (HB 2749 (LeVere Bolling))

HB 2712 (Lovejoy) Siting of data centers; local authority. Provides that a locality, in considering any land use application required for the siting of a data center, may (i) require and consider water use estimates for proposed data center developments; (ii) require sound modeling studies for proposed data center developments; (iii) establish and enforce maximum allowable sound levels for operational data ... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2712>
Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

SB 899 (Stuart) Zoning; data centers; water use. Authorizes a locality to include in its zoning ordinance provisions for (i) requiring proposed data center developments to submit water use estimates and (ii) considering water use when making rezoning and special use permit decisions related to data center development. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB899>
Defeated in Senate (13-Y 26-N 1-A)

SB 923 (Stuart) Virginia Water Protection Permit; interbasin transfers of water prohibited. Prohibits DEQ from issuing a Virginia Water Protection Permit for a surface water withdrawal if more than five percent of the non-consumptive volume of such withdrawal will be returned to a different major river basin, as defined in the bill.
<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB923>
Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 930 (Stuart) VIMS; study of cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries; report. Directs VIMS to study the cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries. Requires VIMS to submit a report of findings and recommendations ... Same as HB 1908. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB930>
Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 1090 (Perry) Drinking water; MCLs; water treatment or filtration systems; Residential Well Water Testing and Treatment Program and Program Fund established. Directs the State Board of Health to adopt regulations to utilize point-of-use or point-of-entry drinking water treatment or filtration systems to remove or significantly reduce concentrations of contaminants of concern that meet or exceed any maximum contaminant level or health advisory for the same contaminant adopted by EPA. Same as HB 2300. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1090>
Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 1353 (Srinivasan) High-energy facilities; water and energy usage information reports; statewide clearinghouse established. Requires any owner or operator of a high-energy facility, as defined in the bill, to submit to DEQ no later than May 1, 2026, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, a report that contains certain information relating to water and energy usage for each such facility... Same as HB 2035 <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1353>
Left in Finance and Appropriations

WASTEWATER (INCLUDING BIOSOLIDS)

HB 2309 (Hodges) Department of Health; local health districts and local health departments; guidance for septic and well permits. Directs VDH to develop guidance directing local health districts and local health departments to evaluate and recommend administrative solutions to problems with a valid septic or well permit prior to issuing a revocation for such valid septic or well permit. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2309>
Reported from Health and Human Services with substitute (20-Y 1-N)
Passed House (98-Y 0-N)
Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)
Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

HB 2517 (Runion) Land application of sewage sludge; permit exemptions. Exempts from permitting requirements for land application, marketing, and distribution of sewage sludge any land application when such land is owned and operated by an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2517>

Reported from ACNR with substitute and amendments (10-Y 0-N)

Reported from ACNR (21-Y 1-N)

Passed House (82-Y 17-N)

Reported from ACNR with amendments (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate with amendments (36-Y 0-N)

Senate amendments agreed to by House (94-Y 3-N)

HB 2671 (Phillips) Septic system inspectors; minimum requirements. Adds a definition of "inspection" for the purposes of septic system inspections in connection with real estate transactions. The bill also adds minimum requirements for septic system inspectors in conducting such inspections.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2671>

Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (19-Y 3-N)

Passed House (93-Y 5-N)

Reported from Commerce and Labor (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

SB 1319 (McPike) DEQ; industrial wastewater; publicly owned treatment works; PFAS monitoring. Directs DEQ to require quarterly monitoring for one year for PFAS substances for every industrial wastewater source that discharges pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works. The bill requires (i) any owner or operator of such industrial wastewater source to submit the results of such monitoring quarterly to the publicly owned treatment works and DEQ; (ii) if quarterly monitoring reveals PFAS in any amount, the owner or operator of such industrial wastewater source to continue to monitor for PFAS on a quarterly basis and submit the results of such monitoring to the publicly owned treatment works and DEQ; and (iii) any new industrial wastewater source that discharges pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works to monitor discharges from each outfall for PFAS and submit the results of such monitoring within 90 days of the commencement of such discharges to the publicly owned treatment works and DEQ. ... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1319>

Reported from ACNR with substitute (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

Reported from ACNR with amendments (16-Y 6-N)

Passed House with amendment (69-Y 27-N)

House amendment agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)

HB 2031 (Orrock) Sewage disposal; alternative onsite sewage systems; elimination of report filing fee. Eliminates the \$1 filing fee required for the filing of site visit reports by licensed operators of alternative onsite sewage systems. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2031>

Left in Health and Human Services

HB 2035/SB 1353 (Simonds/Srinivasan) High-energy facilities; water and energy usage information reports; statewide clearinghouse established. (See [Drinking Water Section](#) of this Tracking Report).

HB 2178 (Clark) Regulation of discharging preproduction plastic; requirements. Requires DEQ to establish a program to ensure zero discharge or release from point and nonpoint source at certain facilities that discharge to (i) a surface water under a VPDES permit issued by DEQ or (ii) a POTW under an industrial pretreatment program permit or other written authorization issued by a local permit control authority... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2178>

Left in ACNR

SB 1242 (Durant) Watershed general permits for nutrients; priority projects; compliance schedule; emergency. Amends the compliance schedule for three priority projects for additional nitrogen and phosphorus removal under the Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program: Fredericksburg WWTF, the Spotsylvania County-FMC WWTF, and the Spotsylvania County-Massaponax WWTF. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1242>
Left in Finance and Appropriations

STORMWATER

HB 2000 (Laufer) Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance; Dam Safety Act; powers and duties of DCR; rights and requirements of dam owners; civil penalty. Amends various provisions of the Dam Safety Act to streamline DCR's enforcement powers for impounding structures under the Act and clarifies DCR's powers and duties during an active dam failure. The bill also makes changes to a dam owner's responsibilities under the Act, including adding additional requirements to obtain a general permit for a low hazard impounding structure, making a dam owner responsible for ensuring that his impounding structure that presents an imminent danger has a safety inspection performed as provided in the bill, and allowing a dam owner to identify the dam break inundation zone of his impounding structure by providing the limits of the dam break inundation zone in lieu of filing a map... **Same as SB 857.** <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2000>
Reported from ACNR with amendments (22-Y 0-N), referred to Approps; Subc Ag & Nat Resources
Reported from Appropriations (19-Y 3-N)
Passed House (87-Y 11-N)
Reported from ACNR (15-Y 0-N)
Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)
Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

HB 2008 (Martinez) Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program authority; right of entry. Removes the restriction on localities that operate regulated MS4s to only enter on those properties from which a discharge enters their MS4 and allows such localities to, at reasonable times and under reasonable circumstances, enter any establishment or upon any property, public or private, for the purpose of obtaining information or conducting surveys or investigations necessary in the enforcement of the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program. The bill restricts operators of an MS4 that are not a locality, or any duly authorized agent thereof, to only enter on those properties from which a discharge enters their MS4. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2008>
Reported from ACNR (21-Y 1-N)
Passed House (95-A 4-N 0-A)
Reported from ACNR (8-Y 6-N)
Passed Senate (21-Y 15-N)

HB 2034 (Simonds) Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources; protection of existing tidal and nontidal wetlands; wetland restoration and creation; policy task force; report. Directs the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources to establish a policy task force to develop (i) strategies to protect existing tidal and nontidal wetlands and restore, create, and plan for the persistence of such wetlands in the Commonwealth and (ii) mechanisms to incorporate such strategies into appropriate plans, including the Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan and the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan, to address losses and adverse impacts from human activities and climate change. Requires task force to include certain relevant stakeholders, to meet at least two times annually...
<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2034>
Reported from ACNR with amendments (22-Y 0-N)
Passed House (80-Y 18-N)
Reported from ACNR (15-Y 0-N)
Passed Senate (36-Y 0-N)

HB 2077 (Krizek) Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund; loan and grant program; eligible recipients; federally recognized tribes and Virginia recognized tribes. Expands the type of eligible recipients for loans and grants from the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund to include federally recognized tribes and Virginia recognized tribes. Under current law, only localities are eligible to receive loans or grants from the Fund. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2077>

Passed House with substitute (90-Y 6-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (39-Y 0-N)

House rejects Senate substitute (0-Y 93-N)

Amended by Conference Committee

Conference Report agreed to by Senate (38-Y 0-N)

Conference Report agreed to by House (91-Y 7-N)

HB 2630 (Willett) Replacement of trees during development process in localities; tree canopy fund. Allows localities by ordinance to establish a tree canopy fund to collect, maintain, and distribute fees collected from developers that cannot provide for full tree canopy requirements where the development project is situated. Requires the ordinance to establish cost units that are based on average costs of two-inch caliper nursery stock trees. The bill allows a locality to use money from the fund to (i) plant and maintain trees on public or private property or (ii) make disbursements to a community-based organization ... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2630>

Reported from ACNR (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House (63-Y 35-N)

Reported from ACNR (10-Y 4-N)

Passed Senate (27-Y 9-N)

HB 2638 (Hope) Conservation and replacement of trees during development process. Expands certain existing local government authority to conserve or replace trees during the development process by expanding such authority statewide. The bill allows localities to establish higher tree canopy replacement percentages based on density per acre. The bill also alters the current process for granting exceptions to a local ordinance by altering a provision that requires the granting of an exception when strict application of the ordinance would result in unnecessary or unreasonable hardship to the developer and requiring that the locality concur with such alteration. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2638>

Reported from ACNR (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House (63-Y 35-N)

Reported from ACNR (8-Y 7-N)

Passed Senate (22-Y 18-N)

HJ 434 (Feggans) Coastal storm risk management studies; non-federal sponsor contributions by localities. Directs JLARC to study the methodology for determining the monetary contributions by localities or other non-federal sponsors to the total cost of coastal storm risk management studies. The study also directs JLARC to determine whether a separate fund should be established to support and manage cost-share requests from non-federal sponsors for such studies. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HJ434>

Reported from Rules with amendments (13-Y 0-N)

Passed House (69-Y 27-N)

Reported from Senate Rules by voice vote

Passed Senate by voice vote

HJ 437 (Convirs-Fowler) Study; reestablishes the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding; report. Reestablishes the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding, which sunset in 2023, to continue its work through the 2026 interim. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HJ437>

Reported from Rules (11-Y 4-N)

Agreed to by House (72-Y 24-N)

Reported from Senate Rules by voice vote
Passed Senate by voice vote

SB 857 (French) Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance; Dam Safety Act; powers and duties of DCR; rights and requirements of dam owners; civil penalty. Amends various provisions of the Dam Safety Act to streamline DCR's enforcement powers for impounding structures under the Act and clarifies the Department's powers and duties during an active dam failure. Makes changes to a dam owner's responsibilities under the Act, including adding additional requirements to obtain a general permit for a low hazard impounding structure, making a dam owner responsible for ensuring his impounding structure that presents an imminent danger has a safety inspection performed as provided in the bill, and allowing a dam owner to identify the dam break inundation zone of his impounding structure by providing the limits of the dam break inundation zone in lieu of filing a map...

Same as HB 2000. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB857>

Reported from ACNR with amendments (13-Y 0-N) and re-referred to Finance and Appropriations

Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)

Reported from ACNR with amendments (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House with amendments (89-Y 6-N)

House amendments agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)

SB 1093 (Perry) Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program authority; right of entry. Removes the restriction on localities that operate regulated MS4s to only enter on those properties from which a discharge enters their MS4 and allows such localities to, at reasonable times and under reasonable circumstances, enter any establishment or upon any property, public or private, for the purpose of obtaining information or conducting surveys or investigations necessary in the enforcement of the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program. Restricts operators of an MS4 that are not a locality, or any duly authorized agent thereof, to only enter on those properties from which a discharge enters their MS4. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1093>

Reported from ACNR (10-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (22-Y 18-N)

Reported from ACNR (21-Y 1-N)

Passed House (87-Y 9-N)

SB 1335 (Marsden) Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund; loan and grant program; eligible recipients; federally recognized tribes. Expands the type of eligible recipients for loans and grants from the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund to include federally recognized tribes. Under current law, only localities are eligible to receive loans or grants from the Fund. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1335>

Reported from ACNR with substitute and re-referred to Finance and Appropriations (12-Y 0-N 2-A)

Reported from Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

Reported from Appropriations with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House with substitute (89-Y 8-N)

House substitute agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)

HB 1949 (Hernandez) Coastal storm risk management; Office of Commonwealth Resilience to study costs of feasibility studies; report. Directs the Office of Commonwealth Resilience to conduct a study to (i) examine the methodologies and criteria, if any, that other states in the United States use to apportion responsibility between the state and the participating localities for that portion of the cost of coastal storm risk management feasibility studies and plan implementation... **Same as SB 1337.**

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1949>

Tabled in Rules (14-Y 0-N)

HB 2025 (Gardner) Wildlife corridors or crossings; action plan and programs; Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan. Requires the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan created by the Department of Wildlife Resources to address the financial needs of the Plan and implement certain additional initiatives... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2025>

Tabled in Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)

HB 2132 (Milde) Erosion and sediment control for certain localities; bond for sediment basin. Limits the amount of the performance bond that an agency issuing a permit for a land-disturbing activity under the erosion and sediment control laws for certain localities can require when the final site plan includes a stormwater management facility that is built on top of a sediment basin or other sediment trap. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2132>

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HB 2212 (O'Quinn) Stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed. Requires SWCB and DEQ to apply in a locality that is located outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed the regulations establishing minimum design criteria for measures that were in effect prior to July 1, 2014 to control (i) nonpoint source pollution and (ii) localized flooding and stream channel erosion. Same as SB 1365. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2212>

Left in ACNR

HB 2331 (Hodges) Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas; acceptance of signed and sealed plan in lieu of local plan review. Authorizes a locality subject to the provisions of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act to accept a set of plans and supporting calculations prepared by a licensed professional, as described in the bill, for any land-disturbing activity that disturbs 2,500 square feet or more but less than one acre in an area of a locality designated as a CBPA... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2331>

Left in ACNR

HB 2348 (Hernandez) Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; flood-related disclosures. Requires the owner of residential real property located in the Commonwealth who has actual knowledge that the dwelling unit is located within certain flood hazard areas or floodplains to disclose such fact to the purchaser. Removes from the disclosure statement provided by the Real Estate Board that is furnished to the purchaser of residential real property that the owner makes no representation with respect to whether the property is located in one or more special flood hazard areas. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2348>

Left in General Laws

HB 2349 (Owen) Release of developer performance guarantees. Clarifies that existing provisions related to the periodic partial and final release of developer performance guarantees also applies to performance guarantees for erosion and sediment control measures, stormwater management facilities, and fill and borrow areas. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2349>

Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

SB 1337 (Marsden) Coastal storm risk management; Office of Commonwealth Resilience to study costs of feasibility studies; report. Directs the Office of Commonwealth Resilience to conduct a study to (i) examine the methodologies and criteria, if any, that other states in the United States use to apportion responsibility between the state and the participating localities for that portion of the cost of coastal storm risk management (CSR) feasibility studies and plan implementation for which the nonfederal sponsor is responsible and (ii) develop a recommended methodology and associated criteria... Same as HB 1949. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1337>

Tabled in House Rules (18-Y 0-N)

SB 1365 (Pillion) Stormwater management regulations; localities outside Chesapeake Bay watershed. Requires the State Water Control Board and DEQ to apply in a locality that is located outside of the Bay watershed the regulations establishing minimum design criteria for measures that were in effect prior to July 1, 2014 to control (i) nonpoint source pollution and (ii) localized flooding and stream channel erosion. **Same as HB 2212.** <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1365>
Stricken at request of Patron in ACNR (14-Y 0-N)

RATES & CHARGES / DISCONNECTIONS / LIENS

HB 2621 (Ballard) Phase I Utilities; Securitized asset costs. Authorizes Appalachian Power to petition the State Corporation Commission for a financing order for securitized asset costs, as defined in the bill. Creates the securitized asset cost charge and provides that the revenues generated by this charge, known as securitized asset cost property, are a property right that can be transferred and pledged as security for the securitized asset cost bonds. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2621>

Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (21-Y 1-N)

Passed House with new amendments (81-Y 17-N)

Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N)

Senate substitute rejected by House (0-Y 98-N)

Amended by Conference Committee

Conference report agreed to by Senate (38-Y 0-N)

Conference report agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)

SB 1263 (Bagby) Water and sewer connection fees; new residential development. Allows a locality to provide for the full or partial reimbursement of water and sewer connection fees, capital recovery charges, and availability fees remitted by an applicant in connection with any new residential development. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1263>

Passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)

Passed House (97-Y 0-N)

HB 1588 (Williams) Public utilities; rate increases during certain months prohibited. Prohibits the regulated operating revenues of certain (SCC-regulated) public utilities from being increased in the months of November, December, January, or February. The bill's limitation does not apply to certain increases, which are the same exceptions as allowed for the existing prohibition on multiple rate increases during a 12-month period. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1588>
Incorporated by Labor and Commerce into HB 2621 (Ballard) Voice Vote

HB 2422 (Webert) Public utilities; classification of customers. Requires that a public electric utility or a public (SCC-regulated) utility authorized to furnish water or water and sewer service include a separate classification for data centers, as defined in the bill, when satisfying the existing requirement that any rate, toll, charge, or schedule of a public utility is only considered to be just and reasonable by the SCC if the public utility has demonstrated that such rates, tolls, charges, or schedules contain reasonable classifications of customers. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2422>

Left in Labor and Commerce

GRANTS & FUNDING

HB 2711 (Lopez) Water utilities and wastewater utilities; eligible infrastructure replacement and enhancement; cost recovery. Permits a water or wastewater utility to petition the State Corporation Commission for the approval of an eligible infrastructure replacement and enhancement plan, as defined in the bill, to recover related eligible infrastructure costs.
<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2711>

Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (17-Y 4-N 1-A)
Passed House (83-Y 14-N)
Reported from Commerce and Labor with amendments (15-Y 0-N)
Passed Senate with amendments (40-Y 0-N)

Senate Amendments rejected by House (2-Y 96-N)

Amended by conference committee

Conference report agreed to by House (81-Y 14-N 0-A)

Conference report agreed to by Senate (39-Y 1-N)

SB 850 (Surovell) Water utilities and wastewater utilities; eligible infrastructure replacement and enhancement; cost recovery. Permits a water or wastewater utility to petition the SCC for the approval of an eligible infrastructure replacement and enhancement plan, as defined in the bill. The bill also permits a public utility that provides both water and wastewater services to request, in a general base rate proceeding, that the Commission allocate a portion of the public utility's wastewater service revenue requirement for recovery through water service base rates, allocate a portion of the public utility's water service revenue requirement through wastewater base rates, or combine the public utility's water service and wastewater service revenue requirements. This bill is a recommendation of the State Water Commission. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB850>

Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute (12-Y 1-N 2-A)

Passed Senate (38-Y 2-N)

Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (17-Y 4-N)

Passed House with substitute (87-Y 10-N)

House substitute agreed to by Senate (35-Y 0-N)

HB 2170 (Bloxom) Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund; Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund; work group. Directs DCR Director to establish a reserve fund within the Virginia WQIF (the Fund) to be used when annual general fund revenue collections do not exceed the official revenue estimates contained in the general appropriation act and requires 15% of any amounts appropriated to the Fund due to annual general fund revenue collections in excess of the official estimates contained in the general appropriation act to be withheld from appropriation and held in the reserve fund unless otherwise specified. Allows certain funds distributed to the Va Agricultural BMPs Cost-Share Program for the purpose of matching grants for Ag BMPs cannot be obligated or are not used due to a canceled contract by a grant recipient... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2170>

Reported from ACNR with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House (97-Y 0-N)

Reported from ACNR and re-referred to Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)

Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 4-N)

HB 2247 (Runion) Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund; Director of DEQ; point source pollution grant agreements. Clarifies that the Director of DEQ is only required to enter into water quality improvement grant agreements with all facilities designated as significant dischargers or eligible nonsignificant dischargers that apply for such grants if sufficient and unobligated funds are available in the Virginia WQIF at the time the Director enters into such grant agreements. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2247>

Left in ACNR

SB 958 (Stuart) Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund; Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund. Directs the Director of DCR to establish a reserve fund within the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund (the Fund) to be used when annual general fund revenue collections do not exceed the official revenue estimates contained in the general appropriation act and requires 15 percent of any amounts appropriated to the Fund due to annual general fund revenue collections in excess of the official estimates contained in the general appropriation act to be withheld from appropriation and held in the reserve fund unless otherwise specified... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB958>

Left in Finance and Appropriations

MISCELLANEOUS WATER & ENVIRONMENT

HB 2516 (Lopez) Hazardous substances; Hazardous Substance Facility Response Plans; civil penalties. Requires any person that is required to submit a facility response plan under the EPA's CWA Hazardous Substance Facility Response Plans to submit evidence of an EPA-approved facility response plan to DEQ within a certain time period and to comply with such plan. The bill provides certain requirements for reporting, recordkeeping, and inspection and authorizes DEQ to initiate a civil action to obtain certain equitable relief for violations of the bill's provisions. The bill imposes civil penalties for any person that negligently, willfully, or knowingly (i) discharges or causes to discharge a hazardous substance from a facility or (ii) fails to implement or comply with an EPA-approved facility response plan. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2516>

Reported from ACNR (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House (99-Y 0-N)

Reported from ACNR and re-referred to Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)

Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER

HB 1601 (Thomas) Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility. Provides that prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception, or special use permit for the siting of a new high energy use facility (HEUF), as defined in the bill, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine the sound profile of the HEUF on residential areas and schools within 500 feet of the HEUF property boundary. The bill also allows a locality to require that a site assessment examine the effect of the proposed facility on (i) water, (ii) agricultural resources, (iii) parks, (iv) registered historic sites, or (v) forestland on the HEUF site or immediately contiguous land. Shall not apply to a site with an existing legislative or administrative approval where an applicant is seeking an expansion or modification of an already existing or approved facility and such expansion does not exceed an additional 100 megawatts or more of electrical power. **Same as SB 1449.**

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1601>

Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with amendments (13-Y 9-N)

Passed House (57-Y 40-N)

Reported from Local Government with substitute (11-Y 3-N 1-A)

Passed Senate with substitute (26-Y 10-N 1-A)

Senate substitute rejected by House (2-Y 94-N)

Senate insists on substitute (38-Y 0-N)

Amended by Conference Committee

Conference report agreed to by Senate (22-Y 13-N 1-A)

Conference report agreed to by House (55-Y 44-N)

HB 2024 (Seibold) Virginia Public Procurement Act; environmental protection and product safety standards. Provides that no public body in any procurement policy, bid, request for proposal, public contract, or other document shall prohibit or otherwise exclude from use any materials contained in or products associated with solar photovoltaic equipment and facilities that meet the U.S. EPA's Recommendations of Specifications, Standards, and Ecolabels.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2024>

Reported from General Laws with substitute (15-Y 6-N)

Passed House (69-Y 29-N)

Reported from General Laws and Technology (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

HB 1819 (Reid) C-PACE financing programs. Makes several changes to the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing program, including adding references to a borrower, defined in the bill to include a leasehold owner, who may also be eligible for a C-PACE loan with consent of the fee simple property owner. Also (i) expands the definition of eligible properties to include common areas of a condominium, (ii) changes from two years to three years from a locality's issuance of a certificate of occupancy the time period by which a local C-PACE ordinance may allow submittal of a loan application... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1819>

Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

Passed House (97-Y 0-N)

Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate with substitute (35-Y 0-N)

Senate substitute agreed to by House (95-Y 1-N)

HB 1940 (Willett) Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; international licensure and certification; regulations. Directs the regulatory boards within DPOR to promulgate regulations allowing the issuance of a license or certification to any applicant who holds a comparable international license or certification issued by another country. **Same as SB 1188 and HB 2251.**

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1940>

Reported from General Laws with substitute (20-Y 2-N)

Incorporates HB 2251 (Maldonado)

Passed House (94-Y 5-N)

Reported from General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (30-Y 9-N)

HB 2482 (Krizek) Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive sealed bidding; required criteria in invitations to bid for certain construction projects. Excludes transportation-related construction projects from the requirement to include certain criteria used to determine whether a bidder is a responsible bidder in Invitations to Bid. The bill also provides that, for non-transportation-related construction projects in excess of \$250,000, such criteria shall also require at least 12.5% of total labor hours of any required construction be performed by individuals registered with and enrolled in approved apprenticeship programs. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2482>

Reported from General Laws with substitute (12-Y 9-N)

Passed House (55-Y 43-N)

Reported from General Laws and Technology with amendment; re-referred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)

Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 4-N)

Passed Senate with amendment (20-Y 19-N)

Senate amendment agreed to by House (51-Y 44-N)

HB 2553 (Reaser) Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation; powers and duties. Requires the Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation to (i) review and comment on the budget for DPOR and (ii) periodically review professions and occupations regulated by the Department and determine whether the regulation level for such professions or occupations should change or whether such professions or occupations should be deregulated. Should the Board determine that a profession or occupation should be regulated at a different level than its current level of regulation or should be deregulated, the bill provides that it must make such recommendations to the General Assembly. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2553>

Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N)

Passed House (99-Y 0-N)

Reported from General Laws and Technology (14-Y 0-N)

Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

HB 2743 (Shin) Prevailing wage rate for underground infrastructure works by public service companies. Directs the Department of Labor and Industry to determine and make available the prevailing wage rate for underground infrastructure work. Under the bill, each public service company shall ensure that its bid specifications or other contracts applicable to underground infrastructure works require payment at the prevailing wage rate. The bill requires contractors and subcontractors to post the prevailing wage rate in a prominent and accessible place at the work site. The bill also requires each public service company, contractor, or subcontractor subject to the provisions of the bill to comply with certain recordkeeping requirements. The provisions of the bill apply to contracts entered into on or after July 1, 2025. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2743>
Reported from Labor and Commerce with substitute (12-Y 0-N)
Reported from Appropriations (12-Y 0-N)
Passed House (51-Y 46-N)
Reported from General Laws and Technology; re-referred to Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 6-N)
Reported from Finance and Appropriations (9-Y 5-N)
Passed Senate (20-Y 18-N)

SB 962 (Carroll Foy) Virginia Public Procurement Act; additional public works contract requirements. Provides that public bodies shall require the contractor and its subcontractors for any capital outlay project, as defined in the bill, to complete certain safety training programs, maintain records of compliance with applicable laws, and participate in approved apprenticeship training programs. The bill provides exemptions from such requirements for reasons related to lack of availability of apprentices and high costs. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB962>
Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute (9-Y 6-N)
Reported from Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 5-N)
Passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)
Reported from General Laws with substitute (12-Y 9-N)
Passed House with substitute with amendment (50-Y 47-N)
House substitute with amendment agreed to by Senate (21-Y 15-N)

SB 974 (VanValkenburg) Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent. Removes planning commission and governing body approval authority for the administrative review process for plats and plans and assigns such authority solely to a designated agent, defined in the bill. The bill also expedites the review process by shortening the timeframe for forwarding plats and plans to state agencies for review. **Same as HB 2293.** <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB974>
Reported from Local Government with substitute (12-Y 2-N)
Passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)
House Counties, Cities and Towns Subc recommends reporting with amendments (8-Y 0-N)
Passed House with amendments (89-Y 8-N)
House Amendments agreed to by Senate (30-Y 5-N)

SB 1008 (Surovell) DPOR; Board for Contractors; Licensing Exams. Requires that the examinations for Class A and Class B contractors licenses contain questions that include factors for determining areas that constitute Resource Protection Areas pursuant to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and when performing maintenance or constructing improvements on shorelines potentially subject to the requirements for living shorelines. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1008>
Reported from General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)
Passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)
Reported from General Laws (14-Y 5-N)
Passed House (52-Y 45-N)

SB 1188 (Pekarsky) Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; international licensure and certification; regulations. Directs the regulatory boards within DPOR to promulgate regulations allowing the issuance of a license or certification to any applicant who holds a comparable international license or certification issued by another country. **Same as HB 1940, HB 2251.**

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1188>

Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

Reported from General Laws with amendments (21-Y 0-N)

Passed House with amendment (92-Y 5-N)

House Amendment agreed to by Senate (36-Y 0-N)

SB 1254 (Bagby) Comprehensive plan; environmental justice strategy. Requires cities with populations greater than 20,000 and counties with populations greater than 100,000 to consider, at the next and all subsequent reviews of the comprehensive plan, adopting an environmental justice strategy. The bill provides that the locality's strategy shall be to identify environmental justice and fenceline communities within the jurisdiction of the local planning commission and identify objectives and policies to reduce health risks, to promote civic engagement, and to prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of environmental justice and fenceline communities, as those terms are defined by the bill. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1254>

Reported from Local Government (8-Y 7-N)

Passed Senate (20-Y 19-N)

Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns (12-Y 9-N)

Passed House (50-Y 47-N)

SB 1449 (Ebbin) Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility. Provides that prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception, or special use permit for the siting of a new high energy use facility (HEUF), as defined in the bill, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine the sound profile of the HEUF on residential areas and schools within 500 feet of the HEUF property boundary... **Same as HB 1601.**

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1449>

Reported from Local Government with substitute (12-Y 3-N)

Passed Senate (33-Y 6-N 1-A)

Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns (14-Y 7-N)

Passed House with substitute (58-Y 39-N)

House substitute rejected by Senate (4-Y 31-N 1-A)

Amended by Conference Committee

Conference report agreed to by Senate (26-Y 13-N 1-A)

Conference report agreed to by House (57-Y 40-N)

HB 1570 (Wiley) Va. Public Procurement Act; repeals provision of Act authorizing project labor agreements. Repeals the provision of the Virginia Public Procurement Act that authorizes any public body, including any state or local government, when engaged in procuring products or services or letting contracts for construction, manufacture, maintenance, or operation of public works, to require bidders to enter into or adhere to project labor agreements on the public works projects.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB1570>

Left in Labor and Commerce

HB 2030 (Anthony) Environmental Justice Task Force; report. Establishes the Environmental Justice Task Force for the purpose of furthering environmental justice in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Task Force to advise the Governor and state agencies of the Commonwealth and establish certain policies to be used by such state agencies on environmental justice issues...

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2030>

Left in Rules

HB 2046 (Anthony) High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies; work group; report. Creates requirements for the development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems, as defined in the bill, by public bodies. The bill directs the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth (CIO) to develop, publish, and maintain policies and procedures concerning the development, procurement, implementation, utilization, and ongoing assessment of systems that employ high-risk artificial intelligence systems that are consistent with the requirements created by the bill. ... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2046>

Failed in Senate

HB 2215 (Kilgore) Damage or trespass to public services or utilities; penalty. Provides that any person who intentionally destroys or damages any facility, fixtures, equipment, or information technology system used to provide, process, transmit, furnish, or maintain public services, utilities, or other critical infrastructure is guilty of a Class 3 felony. Under current law, any person convicted of intentionally destroying or damaging public services or utilities is guilty of a Class 4 felony...

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2215>

Left in Courts of Justice

HB 2293 (Coyner) Subdivision ordinance; plan review by designated agent. Removes planning commission and governing body approval authority for the administrative review process for plats and plans and assigns such authority solely to a designated agent, defined in the bill. **Same as SB 974.**

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2293>

Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 2417 (Scott) Procurement; local budget. Provides that a locality may make an Invitation to Bid, a Request for Proposal, and any other solicitation prior to budgeting an anticipated expenditure for such proposal and may include a statement in an Invitation to Bid, a Request for Proposal, or any other solicitation of an intention to cancel any such invitation, request, or solicitation if all bids exceed the anticipated expenditure. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2417>

Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 2545 (Rasoul) Gas pipeline safety; regulations. Requires that for pipeline facilities used in the interstate transport of gas, as defined in federal regulations, any gas transported in transmission lines in the Commonwealth shall be adequately odorized, with an exception for certain pipelines in operation before May 5, 1975. The bill directs the SCC to promulgate regulations related to the provisions of the bill. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2545>

Defeated in Labor and Commerce (7-Y 15-N)

HB 2741 (Marshall) Virginia Public Procurement Act; local public bodies; bids for small purchases. Requires local public bodies to issue an invitation to bid for all goods and services over \$500,000. The bill provides that a civil action may be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce any violation of such requirement and permits such court to impose a penalty of up to two times the amount of the total cost of the bid at issue. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2741>

Left in General Laws

SB 1448 (Stuart) Permitting requirements for resource intensive facilities, Resource Intensive Facility Fee Fund established; report. Directs DEQ to develop a required permitting process for the construction and operation of resource intensive facilities (RIF), as defined in the bill, to protect the Commonwealth's natural resources environment and the public health. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1448>

Left in Finance and Appropriations

HB 2142 (Milde) Refund by localities of certain land use application fees. Provides a method whereby an applicant who fails to receive approval of a land use application due to failure to meet a

statutory deadline for a completed application may seek an application fee refund from a locality that is at least partially responsible for the delay that caused the applicant to miss the deadline.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2142>

Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 2148 (Milde) Proposed plat, site plan, or plan of development or preliminary subdivision plat; time period for action by local planning commission. Reduces from 45 days to 30 days the period of time that a local planning commission or other agent has to act on any proposed plat, site plan, or plan of development that it has previously disapproved after the first time such plat or plan has been modified, corrected, and resubmitted for approval... <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2148>

Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 2184 (Milde) Cash proffers; land transfer; extinguishing development rights. Provides that (i) cash payments proffered pursuant to relevant zoning law and (ii) the transfer of land may be used by an applicant for the purpose of extinguishing development rights elsewhere in the locality if the development rights to be extinguished are greater than the development rights being granted and the extinguishing of those development rights results in a perpetual conservation easement.

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2184>

Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

HB 2251 (Maldonado) Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; international licensure and certification; regulations. Directs the regulatory boards within DPOR to promulgate regulations allowing the issuance of a license or certification to any applicant who holds a comparable international license or certification issued by another country. **Same as HB 1940.**

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2251>

Incorporated by General Laws (HB1940-Willett) (Voice Vote)

HB 2275 (Ennis) Virginia Freedom of Information Act; civil penalties. Increases the minimum and maximum civil penalties that may be imposed upon an officer, employee, or member of a public body for violations of certain provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The bill also adjusts the minimum and maximum civil penalty for such second and subsequent violations...

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2275>

Stricken from docket by General Laws (21-Y 0-N)

SB 975 (VanValkenburg) Statewide housing targets for localities. Requires localities to increase their total housing stock by at least 7.5 percent over the five-year period beginning January 1, 2026. In order to meet the 7.5 percent growth target, a locality shall develop a housing growth plan that best meets the needs of the locality and may include any of various listed housing growth strategies...

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB975>

Failed to Report (defeated) in Local Government (4-Y 8-N 3-A)

SB 1487 (Cifers) Governor; protecting the resiliency of the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure. Directs the Governor to establish two committees, the Critical Infrastructure Committee and the Resilient Energy Committee, consisting of security professionals, energy experts, utility representatives, and scientists, for the purpose of assessing Virginia's critical infrastructure and making recommendations for the protection of such infrastructure from all hazards. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1487>

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/SB1487>

Passed by indefinitely in Rules with letter (7-Y 4-N)

**GOVERNOR YOUNGKIN'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
2024-2026 BUDGET (HB1600 AS INTRODUCED)**

These amendments are the starting points for understanding how the Conference Committee Approved Budget Bill aligns or deviates from Governor's proposal.

VDH

Item 280, Drinking Water Improvement

H. Out of this appropriation, \$1,803,598 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, Virginia Public Water Supplies Law, Virginia Waterworks Regulations, and to support Office of Drinking Water programs. The Office of Drinking Water shall provide a report to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 1, 2025, describing actions taken to maintain compliance with federal and state regulations.

DCR

Item 359, Land & Resource Management

A.1. Out of the amounts appropriated for Financial Assistance to Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Districts, \$15,044,091 the first year and \$15,044,091 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to soil and water conservation districts for administrative and operational support. ... The amount appropriated for small dam repairs of known or suspected deficiencies and the purchase and installation of remote monitoring equipment is authorized for transfer to the Soil and Water Conservation District Dam Maintenance, Repair, and Rehabilitation Fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-611.1, Code of Virginia, the department is authorized to use interest earnings from the Soil and Water Conservation District Dam Maintenance, Repair, and Rehabilitation Fund to support two positions to oversee maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation projects necessary for District-owned dams to be in compliance with the Dam Safety Act...

X.1. Notwithstanding § 10.1-2129 A., Code of Virginia, \$26,296,400 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. Of this amount in the first year, \$8,905,800 is designated for deposit to the reserve within the WQIF.

2. Of the remaining amount in the first year, \$17,390,600 is authorized for transfer to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund, a sub fund of the Water Quality Improvement Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds transferred to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund shall be distributed by the department upon approval of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board in accordance with the board's developed policies to support Agriculture Best Management Practices needs in the next biennium.

3. The appropriation in this paragraph and in Item 365 of this act meets the mandatory deposit requirements associated with the fiscal year 2024 excess general fund revenue collections and discretionary year-end general fund balances.

DEQ

Item 365, Env't'l Financial Assistance

K. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$50,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond to pay a portion of the costs of its combined sewer overflow control project. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended at year-end shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated.

L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$20,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the establishment of a pay-for-outcomes pilot program in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The Department shall issue requests for nonpoint source pollution reduction proposals, conduct a transparent proposal selection process based on project ranking criteria, execute contracts with selected entities, verify that the promised nonpoint source pollutant reductions are being achieved, and make payments when contractually defined

terms are verified. The project ranking criteria shall include cost per pound of nutrients removed, the level of assurance that nutrient reductions shall be provided, habitat and resilience benefits, readiness to proceed, local government coordination, the provision of long-term maintenance and applicability to locally impaired waters. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended at year-end shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated.

N.1. Notwithstanding § 10.1-2129 A., Code of Virginia, and any other provision of law, \$17,390,600 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited into the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. This amount is provided to reimburse eligible entities for costs incurred in implementing the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program as provided for in § 62.1-44.19:14, Code of Virginia.

2. Notwithstanding § 10.1-2129 A., Code of Virginia, and any other provision of law, \$50,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the City of Richmond's Combined Sewer Overflow project. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended at year-end shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated.

3. The appropriations made in subparagraph N.1., N.2., and Item 359 meet the mandatory deposit requirements associated with the fiscal year 2024 excess general fund revenue collections and discretionary year-end general fund balances.

O. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Town of Richlands for water treatment plant upgrades.

VDOT

Item 436, Environmental Monitoring & Evaluation

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Compliance Activities: FY25: \$17,071,714 \$4,262,877
FY26: \$4,162,284 \$8,388,936
(Total Reduction of \$8,582,185)

CENTRAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

Item C-53.50 WWTP Upgrades (moves all funding to FY25)

A.1. Out of this appropriation, ~~\$200,000,000~~ **\$400,000,000** the first year and ~~\$200,000,000~~ the second year from non-general fund bond proceeds are the general fund is authorized for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality to make matching grants for Water Quality Improvement Fund eligible wastewater projects for Chesapeake Bay nutrient reductions authorized under Code of Virginia §§ 10.1-1186.01.F., 10.1-2131.C., and 62.1-44.19:14.G.1.

~~2. The Virginia Public Building Authority pursuant to § 2.2-2260 et seq., Code of Virginia, is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 the first year and \$200,000,000 the second year plus amounts needed to fund issuance costs, reserve funds, original issue discount, interest prior to and during the acquisition or construction and for one year after completion thereof, and other financing expenses, in accordance with § 2.2-2263, Code of Virginia, to be provided to the Department of Environmental Quality to make matching grants for Water Quality Improvement Fund eligible wastewater projects for Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction authorized under Code of Virginia §§ 10.1-1186.01.F., 10.1-2131.C., and 62.1-44.19:14.G.1.~~

~~3. Debt service on the bonds issued under the authorization in this item shall be provided from appropriations to the Treasury Board.~~

DHCD

Item 102 Housing Assistance Services (transfers RGGI funds from 12/23 auction to new Disaster Assistance Fund)

Q.1. There is hereby created on the books of the State Comptroller the Disaster Assistance Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund at the end of each fiscal year, including interest thereon, shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Accounts shall transfer the proceeds generated from the Commonwealth's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auction that occurred in December 2023 and deposited into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Fund at the Department of Environmental Quality and all interest accrued to Fund 02018 to the Disaster Assistance Fund established in paragraph Q.1.

3. The Disaster Assistance Fund shall be utilized to address life, safety, and housing disaster-related costs not covered by federal assistance, private donations, or insurance. Distributions from the Fund can only be made upon authorization by the General Assembly.

4. Out of the appropriation in this Item, \$25,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to be deposited to the Disaster Assistance Fund.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPROVED BUDGET AMENDMENTS (2/20/2025)

WATER SUPPLY / DRINKING WATER

VIMS – Study Water Quality (Item 148) (#2c). Provides \$880,000 to the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to study the cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay.

Grants for Drinking Water Projects (Item 280) (#1c). Provides \$25 M for VDH to provide grants to localities for drinking water projects.

Groundwater Research (Item 363) (#3c). Provides \$2.3 M for DEQ to expand ground water research in the Eastern Groundwater Management Areas. The funding includes support for multi-well research stations and resources to conduct a study to determine technically feasible locations to recommend water treatment upgrades modeled on the HRSD SWIFT project and the cost of such upgrades.

WASTEWATER

City of Richmond CSO Project (Item 365) (#3c). Adjusts the existing \$50 million in FY25 for the Richmond CSO project to instead provide \$25 million each year.

ENRC Construction Deadline Adjustments (Item 365) (#2c) Extends construction deadlines for specified wastewater treatment plant upgrade projects in the City of Fredericksburg and the County of Spotsylvania.

GRANTS & FUNDING

WQIF Administrative Workgroup (Item 358) (#1c). Language-only amendment directing the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources to convene a workgroup to study the requirements for and historical implementation of the Water Quality Improvement Fund. The workgroup is directed to review and make recommendations relating to the WQIF, including its organizational structure in the Code of Virginia and Appropriations Act, the disposition of funding, the feasibility of the incorporation of SLAF, and other topics as directed by the amendment. The recommendations of the workgroup are required to be submitted to the Chairs of specified House and Senate committees and the State Water Commission by November 1, 2026.

WWTP Upgrade Cost Overruns (Item C-53.50) (#1c). Provides \$431.2 million in bond proceeds for critical wastewater treatment plant upgrades. This restores \$400.0 million in bond proceeds previously authorized during the 2024 General Assembly Special Session I, and increases the general fund supported debt authorization by \$31.2 million to reflect cost overruns and increases for these projects.

STORMWATER (INCLUDING FLOODING)

Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (Item C-53.80) (#1c). Provides \$40 M in tax-supported bond proceeds the first year to SLAF to provide matching grants to local governments for the planning, design, and implementation of stormwater best management practices.

Remove Obsolete Reporting Language (Item 365) (#1c). Removes obsolete language related to localities submitting stormwater utility reports to the Auditor of Public Accounts. Identical language was removed from Item 2 in Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I.

Community Flood Preparedness Fund (Item 359) (#3c). Provides additional \$50 M for the Community Flood Preparedness Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS WATER & ENVIRONMENT

Lake Anna Cyanobacteria (Item 359) (#6c) Provides an additional \$250,000 in FY 2025 to continue support for cyanobacteria mitigation and remediation efforts at Lake Anna.

Shenandoah River HAB Monitoring (Item 363) (#1c). Provides \$500,000 to support monitoring for harmful algal blooms in the Shenandoah River.

HAB Water Testing (Item 363) (#2c). Provides \$250,000 for DEQ, in coordination with the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, to provide testing of inland waterways in the Commonwealth for the presence of harmful algal blooms.