

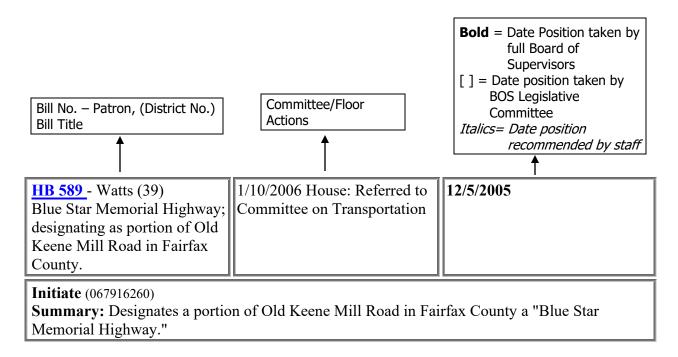
FAIRFAX COUNTY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Fairfax County Legislative Summary 2021 General Assembly

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Fairfax County Initiatives

Bills Introduced at Fairfax County's Request

Bills	General Assembly Actions	Date of BOS Position
HB 1919 - Kory (38)	1/10/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and	1/26/2021
Local green banks; authorizes a locality, by	Towns	
ordinance, to establish.		

Initiate (21102092D)

Summary: Local green banks. Authorizes a locality, by ordinance, to establish a green bank to promote the investment in clean energy technologies in its locality and provide financing for clean energy technologies, defined in the bill. The bill establishes certain powers and functions of a green bank, including developing rules and procedures, financing and providing loans for clean energy projects, and stimulating demand for renewable energy. The bill requires the green bank to be a public entity, quasi-public entity, or nonprofit entity and requires the locality to hold a hearing and publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation prior to establishing the green bank.

HB 1927 - Sickles (43)	1/10/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and	1/26/2021
Economic development	Towns (HCCT)	
authorities; Fairfax	1/15/2021 House: Reported from HCCT (20-Y 1-N)	
County.	1/20/2021 House: Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N)	
·	1/21/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government	

Initiate (21102409D)

Summary: Allows Fairfax County to appoint nine, rather than seven, commissioners to the economic development authority.

Continuity of government; extends period of time that	1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/18/2021 Senate: Reported from Local Government (14-Y 1-N) 1/21/2021 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)	1/26/2021
locality may provide after disaster, etc.		

Initiate (21102240D)

Summary: Continuity of government. Extends from six to 12 months the period of time after an enemy attack or other disaster that a locality may, by ordinance, provide for a method to assure continuity in its government and requires the ordinance to provide a method for the locality to resume normal governmental authority by the end of that 12-month period.

SB 1226 - Boysko (33)	1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government	1/26/2021
Compensation Board;	1/18/2021 Senate: Re-referred to Judiciary	
determining staffing and	1/25/2021 Senate: Reported from Judiciary (15-Y 0-N)	
salaries for an attorney	1/25/2021 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations	
for the Commonwealth.		

Initiate (21102115D)

Summary: Compensation Board determining staffing and salaries for an attorney for the Commonwealth. Provides that the Compensation Board shall consider workload totals comprehensively, including the use of diversion programs and specialty dockets, when determining staffing and funding levels for an attorney for the Commonwealth and the office.

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(Oppose or Amend)

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Bills	General Assembly Actions	Date of BOS Position
HB 1736 - Adams (68) School nurses; nursing services in a public elementary or secondary school.	8/17/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Education 1/18/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (6-Y 2-N) 1/20/2021 House: Reported from Education with substitute (13-Y 8-N) 1/25/2021 House: Read third time and passed House (68-Y 31-N 1-A) 1/26/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health	1/26/2021

Oppose (21100241D) - Board has historically opposed. Potential fiscal impact to Fairfax County is approximately \$11.5 million. *Staff Recommendation: Monitor. Bill has been amended to address County's concerns.*Summary: School personnel; school nurses. Excludes school nurse positions from requirements for student support positions and instead requires each local school board to employ at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position in each elementary school, middle school, and high school in the local school division. The bill defines a school nurse as a registered nurse engaged in the specialized practice of nursing who protects and promotes student health, facilitates optimal development, and advances academic success.

HB 1757 - McGuire, III	12/17/2020 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	1/26/2021
(56)		
Firearm-free zones		
designated by the		
Commonwealth or a		
locality; waiver of		
sovereign immunity.		

Oppose (21101679D)

Summary: Provides that if (i) the Commonwealth designates any property owned by it as a firearm-free zone or (ii) any locality designates such locality or any part of such locality as a firearm-free zone, the Commonwealth or such locality waives its sovereign immunity as it relates to any injuries sustained by persons lawfully present in such firearm-free zone.

HB 1773 - Freitas (30)	12/28/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety	1/26/2021
Carrying a concealed	1/26/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by	
handgun; permit not	indefinitely (6-Y 2-N)	
required.		

Oppose (21100642D)

Summary: Allows any person who is otherwise eligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun without a permit anywhere he may lawfully carry a handgun openly within the Commonwealth.

1/2/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety	1/26/2021
1/26/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by	
indefinitely (5-Y 3-N)	
	1/26/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by

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Oppose (21101843D)

Summary: Local control of firearms; concealed handgun permit. Provides that any local ordinance that prohibits the possession, carrying, or transportation of any firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof on specified public property shall not apply to a person who has a valid concealed handgun permit.

HB 2019 - McQuinn (70)
Public elementary and secondary schools; administration of undesignated stock albuterol inhalers.

1/12/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Education 1/22/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 2-N)

1/25/2021 House: Reported from Education with amendment(s)

(16-Y 6-N)

1/26/2021

1/26/2021

Oppose (21102599D)

Summary: Public elementary and secondary schools; possession and administration of undesignated stock albuterol inhalers and valved holding chambers. Requires each local school board to adopt and implement policies for the possession and administration of undesignated stock albuterol inhalers and valved holding chambers in every public school in the local school division, to be administered by any school nurse, employee of the school board, employee of a local governing body, or employee of a local health department who is authorized by the local health director and trained in the administration of albuterol inhalers and valved holding chambers for any student believed in good faith to be in need of such medication.

HB 2074 - Simonds (94) Environmental justice; interagency working group. 1/12/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (HAG)
1/27/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting w

1/27/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 1-N)

1/27/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to

Committee on Appropriations

1/27/2021 House: Reported from HAG with substitute (16-Y 6-N) 1/27/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Amend (21102822D) - Amend to state that localities may consider environmental justice strategy during each review of their comprehensive plans.

Summary: Establishes the Interagency Environmental Justice Working Group as an advisory council in the executive branch of state government to further environmental justice in the Commonwealth and directs each of the Governor's Secretaries to designate at least one environmental justice coordinator to represent the secretariat as a member of the Working Group. The bill directs the Working Group to focus its work during its first year on the environmental justice of current air quality monitoring practices in Virginia and provides that the Working Group shall expire on July 1, 2031.

HB 2237 - McQuinn (70)
Virginia Public
Procurement Act; project labor agreements, transportation projects.

1/13/2021 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

1/26/2021

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Oppose (21102029D)

Summary: Virginia Public Procurement Act; project labor agreements; transportation projects. Requires every public body, prior to requiring bidders, offerors, contractors, subcontractors, or operators on contracts for the design or construction of a road, highway, bridge, or similar transportation improvement to enter into, become or remain signatories to, or adhere to project labor agreements, to make a written determination that requiring such bidders, offerors, contractors, subcontractors, or operators to enter into, become or remain signatories to, or adhere to such project labor agreements advances the public's interests based on objective criteria established by the public body by regulation or ordinance, such as cost, efficiency, quality, safety, timeliness, maintenance of a skilled labor force, labor stability, or advancing minority-owned and women-owned business participation in the project.

HB 2239 - Robinson	1/13/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and	1/26/2021
(27)	Elections	
Absentee voting; ballots	1/26/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table	
to be processed before	(4-Y 2-N)	
election day and sorted		
and counted.		

Oppose (21101712D) - The bill creates a substantial workload and logistical challenges.

Summary: Elections; absentee voting; ballots to be processed before election day and sorted and counted by precinct. Requires certain actions to be taken to process absentee ballots that are returned by mail before election day. The general registrar is required to examine the ballot envelopes to verify completion of the required voter affirmation; mark the pollbook, or the absentee voter applicant list if the pollbook is not available, that the voter has voted; and open the sealed ballot envelopes and insert the ballots in optical scan counting equipment or other secure ballot container without initiating any ballot count totals. Current law requires only that the general registrar undertake at least one such activity before election day. So that ballots can be separated from ballot envelopes and scanned, the bill requires that the office of the general registrar be used as a central absentee voter precinct. The bill requires that absentee ballots processed at any central absentee voter precinct be sorted by the precinct to which the voter who cast the absentee ballot is assigned and that the resulting vote totals from such ballots be reported separately for each voter precinct.

SB 1118 - Peake (22)	12/21/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and	1/26/2021
Voter registration;	Elections	
verification of social	1/26/2021 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and	
security numbers,	Elections (9-Y 6-N)	
provisional registration		
status.		

Oppose (21101474D) - Board has historically opposed.

Summary: Voter registration; verification of social security numbers; provisional registration status. Requires the general registrars to verify that the name, date of birth, and social security number provided by an applicant on the voter registration application match the information on file in the Social Security Administration database or other database approved by the State Board of Elections (the State Board) before registering such applicant. If the information provided by the applicant does not match the information in such database, the applicant (i) is provisionally registered to vote and notified as to what steps are needed to be fully registered to

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vote and (ii) is permitted to vote by provisional ballot but such ballot shall not be counted until the voter presents certain information. The bill also requires the general registrars to verify annually no later than August 1 that the name, date of birth, and social security number in the registration record of each registered voter in the registrar's jurisdiction match the information on file with the Social Security Administration or other database approved by the State Board and, in accordance with current law, to initiate the cancellation of the registration of any voter whose registration record information does not match the database information. The State Board is authorized to approve the use of any government database to the extent required to enable each general registrar to carry out the provisions of this bill and to promulgate rules for the use of such database. The Department of Elections is required to provide to the general registrars access to the Social Security Administration database and any other database approved by the State Board. The Department of Elections is further required to enter into any agreement with any federal or state agency to facilitate such access. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2023.

SB 1153 - Suetterlein	1/7/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and	1/26/2021
(19)	Elections	
Absentee voting; ballots		
to be sorted and results		
to be reported by		
precinct.		

Oppose (21101986D) - The bill creates a substantial workload and logistical challenges.

Summary: Elections; absentee voting; ballots to be sorted and results to be reported by precinct. Provides that absentee ballots processed at a central absentee precinct must be sorted by the precinct to which the voter who cast the absentee ballot is assigned and that the resulting vote totals from such ballots must be reported separately for each voter precinct.

SB 1185 - Dunnavant	1/8/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and	1/26/2021
(12)	Social Services	
	1/22/2021 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social	
residents that are	Services with amendments (15-Y 0-N)	
auxiliary grant	1/22/2021 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations	
recipients.		

Oppose Unless Amended (21101560D) - Oppose unless amended to direct state to assume increased payment rate over current rate, thereby removing added local costs.

Summary: Auxiliary grants; assisted living facilities. Directs the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to adopt regulations that allow an assisted living facility in which 30 percent or more of the residents are auxiliary grant recipients to receive 200 percent of the auxiliary grant rate.

SB 1186 - Hashmi (10)	1/10/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture,	1/26/2021
Landfill siting; historic	Conservation and Natural Resources	
preservation.		

Oppose (21100531D)

Summary: Prohibits the construction of any new municipal solid waste landfill within three miles of any designated historic district, building, structure, object, or site.

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SB 1191 - Kiggans (7) School nurses; excludes positions from certain requirements, school board to employ in each school.	1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health 1/14/2021 Senate: Reported from Education and Health with amendment (12-Y 1-N 1-A) 1/14/2021 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations 1/27/2021 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (16-Y 0-N)	1/26/2021

Oppose (21102426D) - Board has historically opposed. Potential fiscal impact to Fairfax County is approximately \$11.5 million.

Summary: School personnel; school nurses. Excludes school nurse positions from requirements for student support positions and instead requires each local school board to employ at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position in each elementary school, middle school, and high school in the local school division. The bill also requires the Department of Education to establish and administer a waiver process for local school boards for which the requirements of the bill create an undue hardship.

SB 1198 - Petersen (34)
Government Data
Collection and
Dissemination Practices
Act; license plate
readers.

1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

1/26/2021

Oppose (21100940D) - Retention period in bill is insufficient.

Summary: Prohibits law-enforcement and regulatory agencies from using license plate readers to collect and maintain personal information on individuals without a warrant. The bill provides that license plate data may be collected if intended for prompt evaluation and potential use in investigating suspected criminal activity, civil or regulatory violations, or terrorism. The data may only be retained for seven days and shall not be subject to any outside inquiries or internal usage except for the investigation of a crime or a report of a missing person. The bill also prohibits an agency from acquiring personal information collected from license plate readers from a third-party private vendor if the agency would not have been permitted to collect or retain the information on its own.

SB 1200 - Hashmi (10) Waste disposal; local approval. 1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

1/26/2021

Oppose (21101204D)

Summary: Requires any application (i) to store, provide treatment for, or dispose of hazardous waste or (ii) for a new solid waste management facility permit, except for a noncaptive industrial landfill, to include certification from the governing body for each locality within a five-mile radius of the facility, other than the locality in which the facility is or will be located, granting approval of the facility or activity.

SB 1249 - Stuart (28) Local planning commissions; review deadlines. 1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/25/2021 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Local Government (14-Y 0-N)

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Oppose (21100584D)

Summary: Adds rezoning or generalized development plans, special use permits, and special exception applications to various review deadlines and requirements for local planning commissions.

SB 1264 - Morrissey	1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary	1/26/2021
(16)		
Emergency and		
preliminary protective		
orders; expungement of		
orders.		

Oppose (21101089D)

Summary: Expungement of emergency and preliminary protective orders. Provides that a person against whom an emergency or preliminary protective order has been issued may petition to have police and court records relating to such order expunged if the order expires, is dissolved by the issuing court, or if a hearing for the issuance of a permanent protective order is scheduled or held and such permanent protective order is subsequently not issued.

SB 1274 - Marsden (37)	1/12/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture,	1/26/2021
Wildlife corridors;	Conservation and Natural Resources	
various agencies to	1/19/2021 Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and	
consider and	Natural Resources with amendment (12-Y 3-N)	
incorporate.	1/25/2021 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (29-Y 10-N)	

Amend (21101399D) - Amend to make optional for localities. Fairfax County has extensive environmental planning that has been successful.

Summary: Government planning; wildlife corridors. Directs various agencies to consider and incorporate, where applicable, wildlife corridors and any recommendation of the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan. The bill directs the Department of Wildlife Resources to assist state agencies and political subdivisions, and by request any federal agency, in considering and incorporating, where applicable, wildlife corridors and the recommendations of the Plan when developing any governmental strategic plan, map, or action.

SB 1304 - McPike (29)	1/12/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and	1/26/2021
Community services	Health	
boards; discharge		
planning.		

Oppose (21102367D)

Summary: Provides that a discharge plan shall be completed within 30 days of the individual's date of discharge from a state hospital or training center. Current law requires that a discharge plan be completed prior to the individual's discharge. The bill also reduces from within 30 days to within 72 hours of the individual's identification as ready for discharge the time by which a community services board must document its disagreement with the determination that an individual is ready for discharge from a state hospital or training center.

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SB 1419 - Marsden (37) Project labor agreements; public interest.	1/13/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology 1/20/2021 Senate: Re-referred to Commerce and Labor	1/26/2021

Oppose (21102268D)

Summary: Requires that for contracts requiring the design or construction of a road, highway, bridge, or similar transportation improvement, a public body wishing to enter into a project labor agreement shall first determine by written finding that participation in such project labor agreement advances the public interest, based on objective criteria established by the public body by regulation, ordinance, or resolution that may include cost, efficiency, quality, safety, timeliness, maintenance of a skilled labor force, labor stability, or advancing minority-owned or women-owned business participation in the project.

Fairfax County Positions

(Support)



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	Position
/5/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections /13/2021 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections with amendment(s) (22-Y 0-N) /19/2021 House: Read third time and passed House (98-Y 0-N)	1/26/2021
Ele ./1 .m ./1	ections 3/2021 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections with tendment(s) (22-Y 0-N)

Support (21101534D-E)

Summary: Voter registration; failure of online voter registration system; deadline extension. Provides that in the event that a failure of the Virginia online voter registration system occurs prior to the close of registration records, the Governor has the authority to order the online voter registration system to be available for registration activities after the date for closing the registration records for a period of time equal to the amount of time during which the online voter registration system was unavailable for registration activities, rounded up to the nearest whole day.

HB 1813 - Krizek (44)
Highway construction by
state or local employees;
limit.

1/6/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/14/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment (6-Y 3-N)

amendment (6-Y 3-N) 1/14/2021 House: Reported from Transportation with

amendment (17-Y 5-N)

1/19/2021 House: Read third time and passed House (79-Y 20-N)

1/20/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

Support (21102052D-E)

Summary: Increases from \$600,000 to \$700,000 the value of highway maintenance and construction projects eligible to be performed by state or local employees.

HB 1820 - Helmer (40)
Temporary Assistance
for Needy Families; food
stamp program,
eligibility, postsecondary
education.

1/6/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

1/20/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (6-Y 0-N)

1/20/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to

Committee on Appropriations

1/26/2021 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

1/26/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

1/27/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 0-N) 1/27/2021 House: Reported from Appropriations (18-Y 0-N)

Support (21101472D)

Summary: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; food stamp program; eligibility; postsecondary education. Allows Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and food stamp recipients, to the extent permitted by federal law and regulations, to satisfy or earn exemption from applicable work and training requirements through enrollment in postsecondary education. The bill directs the Department of Social Services to utilize certain strategies to promote such postsecondary education opportunities and streamline the

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process for certifying compliance therewith. The bill also directs the Board of Social Services, in implementing the Commonwealth's food stamp program, to (i) establish broad-based categorical eligibility, (ii) set the gross income eligibility standard at 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, and (iii) not impose an asset limit.

HB 1857 - Subramanyam	1/7/2021 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws	1/26/2021
(87)		
Virginia Public		
Procurement Act;		
architectural and		
professional engineering		
term contracting.		

Support (21101307D)

Summary: Virginia Public Procurement Act; architectural and professional engineering term contracting; certain localities. Exempts any locality with a population in excess of 400,000 from the limitations on architectural and professional engineering contract single-project fees for environmental, location, design, and inspection work regarding highways and bridges. Current law exempts the Commissioner of Highways from such limitations and the exemption is continued in the bill.

<u>HB 1888</u> -	1/8/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and	1/26/2021
VanValkenburg (72)	Elections	
Absentee voting;	1/13/2021 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections with	
procedural and process	amendment(s) (13-Y 9-N)	
reforms, availability and	1/19/2021 House: Read third time and passed House (55-Y 43-	
accessibility reforms,	N)	
penalty.	1/20/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and	
	Elections	

Support (21101608D-E)

Summary: Absentee voting; procedural and process reforms; availability and accessibility reforms; penalty. Makes various reforms to absentee voting processes and procedures, including those related to availability and accessibility. The bill requires certain actions to be taken to process absentee ballots returned before the day of an election, including verifying the correct completion of the voter affirmation statement, and provides for an opportunity for an absentee voter to make corrections to the statement in certain circumstances. The bill requires the establishment of drop-off locations for the return of voted absentee ballots. Additionally, a central absentee voter precinct is required to be established in each locality; currently, establishment is optional. On the day of the election, officers of election are required to begin processing absentee ballots in the central absentee voter precincts prior to the close of polls, but no ballot vote counts are permitted to be transmitted outside of the central absentee voter precinct before the close of polls; a violation of such prohibition is a Class 1 misdemeanor. When reporting election results to the Department of Elections, the general registrars are required to report absentee ballots cast early in person separately from all other absentee ballots. Additionally, a voter who has applied for and received an absentee ballot may choose to instead vote at his polling place on election day, and such voter shall be entitled to cast a provisional ballot. The bill requires a ballot marking tool with screen reader assistive technology to be made available for absentee voters with a print disability. Restrictions on the availability of absentee voting for first-time voters who registered by mail are repealed. The bill contains technical amendments for organizational and readability purposes.

Bills	General Assembly Actions	Date of BOS Position
HB 1903 - Carr (69) Local government; authority to reduce the speed limit in a business district or residence district.	1/8/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/14/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (9-Y 0-N) 1/14/2021 House: Reported from Transportation (22-Y 0-N) 1/19/2021 House: Read third time and passed House (93-Y 6-N) 1/20/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation	1/26/2021

Support (21101800D)

Summary: Local government authority; reduction of speed limits. Authorizes local governing bodies to reduce the speed limit to less than 25 miles per hour, but not less than 15 miles per hour, in a business district or residence district.

HB 1917 - Mugler (91)
Local planning and
zoning; publication of
certain notices on
locality's website.

1/10/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

1/26/2021

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Support (21100328D) - Board has historically supported.

Summary: Publication of certain notices on locality's website. Provides that in any instance in which a locality is required to publish certain notices related to local planning and zoning in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality, the locality may instead choose to meet such requirement by publishing the notice on the locality's website.

HB 1931 - Levine (45)
Virginia Freedom of
Information Act; public
body authorized to
conduct electronic
meetings.

1/11/2021 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 1/19/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N)

1/21/2021 House: Reported from General Laws (21-Y 0-N) 1/26/2021 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)

1/27/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Support (21101369D)

Summary: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings. Authorizes a public body to conduct through electronic communication means a meeting for which, on or before the day of the meeting, a member of the public body holding the meeting notifies the chair that such member is unable to attend the meeting due to a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance. The bill also clarifies that participation in an electronic meeting by a member of a public body due to the inability to attend because of a personal matter is limited each calendar year to two such meetings, which is current law, or 25 percent of the meetings held that calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

Bills	General Assembly Actions	Date of BOS Position
HB 2018 - Mullin (93) Emergency order for adult protective services; acts of violence, etc., or financial exploitation.	1/12/2021 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 1/20/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 0-N) 1/22/2021 House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (22-Y 0-N) 1/27/2021 House: Read third time and passed House (99-Y 0-N)	1/26/2021

Support (21102761D)

Summary: Emergency order for adult protective services; acts of violence, force, or threat or financial exploitation; penalty. Allows the circuit court, upon a finding that an incapacitated adult has been, within a reasonable period of time, subjected to an act of violence, force, or threat or been subjected to financial exploitation, to include in an emergency order for adult protective services one or more of the following conditions to be imposed on the alleged perpetrator: (i) a prohibition on acts of violence, force, or threat or criminal offenses that may result in injury to person or property; (ii) a prohibition on such other contacts by the alleged perpetrator with the adult or the adult's family or household members as the court deems necessary for the health and safety of such persons; or (iii) such other conditions as the court deems necessary to prevent (a) acts of violence, force, or threat; (b) criminal offenses that may result in injury to persons or property; (c) communication or other contact of any kind by the alleged perpetrator; or (d) financial exploitation by the alleged perpetrator. The bill provides that any person who violates any such condition is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Also, the bill provides that hearings on emergency orders for adult protective services shall be held no earlier than 24 hours and no later than 72 hours after the notice required has been given, unless such notice has been waived by the court. Current law just requires such hearing be held no earlier than 24 hours.

HB 2042 - Guy (83)	1/12/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and	1/26/2021
Trees; replacement and	Towns	
conservation during	1/21/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with	
development, effective	amendments (6-Y 3-N)	
date.	1/22/2021 House: Reported from Counties, Cities and Towns with	
	amendment(s) (13-Y 9-N)	
	1/27/2021 House: Read third time and passed House (57-Y 43-N)	

Support (21102573D) - See also SB 1393 (Marsden).

Summary: Replacement and conservation of trees during development. Gives a locality the ability to exceed general requirements in its tree replacement and conservation ordinances in specific circumstances, including development that impacts stormwater permit requirements, recurrent flooding, formerly redlined areas, and comprehensive plan compliance.

1/12/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	1/26/2021
1/22/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the	
table (7-Y 1-N)	
	1/22/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the

Support (21102648D)

Summary: Virginia housing opportunity tax credit. Establishes, starting in taxable year 2021, a Virginia housing opportunity tax credit, which is equal to the amount of the federal low-income housing tax credit allocated or allowed by the Virginia Housing Development Authority to a low-income building that is eligible for the federal credit. The credit would be nonrefundable and could be carried forward for up to five years.

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HB 2131 - Lopez (49) Alcoholic beverage control; license application, locality input.	1/12/2021 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 1/26/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N)	1/26/2021

Support (21101639D)

Summary: Alcoholic beverage control; license application; locality input; corrective action. Adds the chief administrative officer of a locality to the list of persons who may be sent notice of certain license applications by the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority. The bill allows localities to submit conditional recommendations for the granting of a license and allows the locality to request a 15-day extension to the 30-day period during which an objection to or recommendation for a license must be submitted. The bill requires the Board to give reasonable consideration to any objection or recommendation submitted by the locality. The bill also expands the definition of criminal blight, for which the locality may require a property owner to take corrective action, to include a condition existing on real property that endangers public health or safety and is caused by (i) the regular presence on the property of persons in possession of controlled substances, (ii) the discharge of a firearm under certain conditions, and (iii) repeated violations of state laws or local ordinances involving acts that pose a risk of danger to persons or private property.

<u>HJ 527</u> - Bulova (37)	1/7/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Rules	1/26/2021
Invasive plant species;	1/22/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 0-	
DCR, et al., to study the	N)	
sale and use of species.	1/22/2021 House: Reported from Rules (18-Y 0-N)	
	1/26/2021 House: Agreed to by House BLOCK VOTE (98-Y 0-	
	N)	
	1/27/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules	

Support (21102405D)

Summary: Study; Department of Conservation and Recreation and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; invasive plant species work group; report. Requests the Department of Conservation and Recreation, jointly with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to establish a work group to study the sale and use of invasive plant species. The resolution requests that the departments work with several state agencies, conservation nonprofits, and plant industry and agriculture groups to develop recommendations regarding statutory and regulatory changes intended to reduce or eliminate the sale and use of invasive plant species in the Commonwealth and promote the sale and use of native plants.

SB 1148 - Kiggans (7)	1/6/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and	1/26/2021
Elections; date of June	Elections	
primary election.	1/26/2021 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (10-	
	Y 2-N)	

Support (21101028D) - Board has historically supported.

Summary: Changes the date of the primary election held in June from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday in June. The bill also changes candidate filing deadlines to reflect the change of date. The bill satisfies the reenactment requirement of Chapter 1253 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020.

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SB 1156 - Howell (32) Technology Development Grant Fund; created.	1/7/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations 1/19/2021 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N) 1/22/2021 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (37-Y 0-N)	1/26/2021

Support (21102102D)

Summary: Technology Development Grant Fund created. Creates the Technology Development Grant Fund to make grant payments to a qualified technology company that makes a capital investment of at least \$64 million at a facility in Fairfax County and creates at least 1,500 new full-time jobs at the facility. A qualified technology company would be eligible for an aggregate of \$22.5 million in grants paid over four years if it meets performance parameters and complies with the terms of a memorandum of understanding agreed upon by the company, the Commonwealth, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.

SB 1197 - Locke (2)	1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and	1/26/2021
Virginia housing	Appropriations	
opportunity; tax credit		
established.		

Support (21102520D)

Summary: Virginia housing opportunity tax credit. Establishes, starting in taxable year 2021, a Virginia housing opportunity tax credit, which is equal to the amount of the federal low-income housing tax credit allocated or allowed by the Virginia Housing Development Authority to a low-income building that is eligible for the federal credit. The credit would be nonrefundable and could be carried forward for up to five years.

SB 1206 - Barker (39)	1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary	1/26/2021
Confidentiality of	1/25/2021 Senate: Reported from Judiciary with substitute (8-Y	
juvenile court records;	7-N)	
exceptions.		

Support (21102736D)

Summary: Provides that juvenile case files shall be open for inspection by (i) the Department of Social Services or any local department of social services that is providing services or care for, or has accepted a referral for investigation and the provision of services pursuant to a request for relief of custody regarding, a juvenile who is the subject of the record for (a) a purpose relevant to the provision of the services or care or (b) the purpose of conducting an investigation or family assessment of child abuse or neglect involving the juvenile who is the subject of the record and (ii) the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or any local community services board that is providing treatment, services, or care for a juvenile who is the subject of the record for a purpose relevant to the provision of the treatment, services, or care.

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SB 1242 - Edwards (21) Personal appearance by two-way electronic video and audio communication; entry of plea.	1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/20/2021 Senate: Reported from Judiciary (15-Y 0-N) 1/26/2021 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)	1/26/2021

Support (21101001D)

Summary: Personal appearance by two-way electronic video and audio communication; entry of plea or nolle prosequi; adjudication of probation violations. Provides that with the consent of the court and all parties, an appearance in a court may be made by two-way electronic video and audio communication for the purpose of (i) entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere and the related sentencing of the defendant charged with a misdemeanor or felony, (ii) entry of a nolle prosequi, or (iii) adjudication of an alleged violation of probation. This bill is a recommendation of the Judicial Council of Virginia and the Committee on District Courts.

<u>SB 1245</u> - Deeds (25)	1/11/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and	1/26/2021
Absentee voting;	Elections	
establishment of drop-off	1/26/2021 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections with	
locations, ballot defects,	substitute (9-Y 6-N)	
cure process.		

Support with Amendment (21100967D) - Support with amendments to remove the requirement to establish the locations of satellite voter offices through local ordinances.

Summary: Absentee voting; establishment of drop-off locations; ballot defects; cure process. Requires the establishment of a drop-off location for the return of marked absentee ballots at the office of the general registrar and each voter satellite office. On the day of any election, a drop-off location shall be available at each polling place in operation for such election. The bill allows the general registrar of any county or city to establish additional drop-off locations within the county or city as he deems necessary. The Department of Elections is required to set standards related to the establishment and operation of drop-off locations, including security requirements. The bill also requires general registrars to take certain actions to preprocess absentee ballots returned before election day and to notify an absentee voter of any errors or issues with the completion or return of his absentee ballot that would render the ballot void. The general registrars are required to enter into the voter's record in the registration system that the voter's absentee ballot has an issue requiring correction and to notify the voter in writing or by email of the error or failure, in addition to providing information on how to correct the issue. The absentee voter then has until noon on the third day following the election to make necessary corrections so that his ballot may be counted. This ballot cure process applies only to those absentee ballots received by the Friday immediately preceding the day of the election. The bill contains technical amendments for organizational purposes.

SB 1271 - McPike (29)	1/12/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and	1/26/2021
Virginia Freedom of	Technology	
Information Act;	1/20/2021 Senate: Reported from General Laws and	
meetings held through	Technology (15-Y 0-N)	
electronic	1/26/2021 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-	
communication means.	N)	

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Support (21101309D)

Summary: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; meetings held through electronic communication means during a state of emergency. Allows a public body, or a joint meeting thereof, to meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the public body physically assembled at one location when a locality in which the public body is located has declared a local state of emergency, provided that (i) the catastrophic nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location and (ii) the purpose of the meeting is to provide for the continuity of operations of the public body or the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. Under current law, public bodies may only meet in such manner when the Governor has declared a state of emergency, and only for the purpose of addressing the emergency. Finally, the bill requires public bodies meeting through electronic communication means during a local or state declaration of a state of emergency to (a) make arrangements for public access to such meeting through electronic communication means, including videoconferencing if already used by the public body, and (b) provide the public with the opportunity to comment at such meetings when public comment is customarily received.

SB 1309 - Ebbin (30)	1/12/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government	1/26/2021
Local stormwater	1/18/2021 Senate: Reported from Local Government with	
assistance; flood	substitute (14-Y 0-N 1-A)	
mitigation and	1/21/2021 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-	
protection.	N)	

Support (21103219D-S1)

Summary: Authorizes grants from a local Stormwater Management Fund to be used for measures that are part of a comprehensive flood mitigation and protection plan adopted by the locality, including floodproofing, flood protection products, and grading. Current law allows such funds to be used only for the construction, improvement, or repair of a stormwater management facility or for erosion and sediment control.

SB 1328 - Mason (1)	1/12/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and	1/26/2021
State-Funded Kinship	Social Services	
Guardianship Assistance	1/15/2021 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social	
program; created.	Services with substitute (14-Y 0-N)	
	1/15/2021 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations	
	1/26/2021 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations	
	with amendments (16-Y 0-N)	

Support (21101857D)

Summary: State-Funded Kinship Guardianship Assistance program. Creates the State-Funded Kinship Guardianship Assistance program (the program) to facilitate child placements with relatives, including fictive kin, and ensure permanency for children. The bill sets forth eligibility criteria for the program, payment allowances to kinship guardians, and requirements for kinship guardianship assistance agreements.

SB 1382 - Favola (31)	1/12/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary	1/26/2021
Firearms; purchase, etc.,		
following conviction for		
assault and battery of a		
family member.		

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Support (21102782D)

Summary: Purchase, possession, or transportation of firearms following conviction for assault and battery of a family or household member; penalties. Prohibits a person who has been convicted of assault and battery of a family or household member from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm. A person who violates this provision is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

SB 1393 - Marsden (37) Trees; replacement and conservation during development, effective date. 1/13/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/25/2021 Senate: Reported from Local Government with substitute (12-Y 3-N)

1/26/2021

Support (21102865D) - See also HB 2042 (Guy).

Summary: Replacement and conservation of trees during development. Gives a locality the ability to exceed general requirements in its tree replacement and conservation ordinances in specific circumstances, including development that impacts stormwater permit requirements, recurrent flooding, formerly redlined areas, and comprehensive plan compliance.

SB 1457 - Surovell (36) Historic sites; urban county executive form of gov't. (Fairfax County), provisions in its ordinance. 1/20/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/25/2021 Senate: Reported from Local Government with amendments (15-Y 0-N)

1/26/2021

Support with Amendment (21102678D) - Support with amendment to clarify language for implementation. **Staff Recommendation: Support.** Bill has been amended as the County requested.

Summary: Preservation of historic sites. Provides that any locality utilizing the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) may include a provision in its historic preservation ordinance requiring public access to an historic area, landmark, building, or structure, or land pertaining thereto, or providing that no subdivision shall occur within any historic district unless approved by the review board or, on appeal, by the governing body of the locality as being compatible with the historic nature of such area, landmarks, buildings, or structures therein with regard to any parcel or parcels that collectively are (i) adjacent to a navigable river and a national park, (ii) owned by a common owner exempt from taxation, and (iii) in part or as a whole subject to an easement granted to the National Park Service or Virginia Outdoors Foundation granted on or after January 1, 1973.

SJ 293 - Spruill, Sr. (5) Assisted living and auxiliary grants; Joint Commission on Health Care to study available data. 1/13/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules

1/26/2021

Support (21102328D)

Summary: Study; Joint Commission on Health Care; assisted living and auxiliary grants; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study available data regarding assisted living and auxiliary grants and develop a blueprint for implementing recommendations that will allow the Commonwealth to provide a more realistic system of addressing housing and care needs.

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Fairfax County Positions

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Bills Fairfax County is Monitoring

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HB 1841 - Keam (35) Crosswalk design; Dept. of Transportation to convene work group to determine model policies.	1/7/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/19/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute with amendments (8-Y 0-N) 1/21/2021 House: Reported from Transportation with substitute (21-Y 0-N) 1/26/2021 House: Read third time and passed House (99-Y 0-N) 1/27/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation	1/26/2021

Monitor (21103284D-H1)

Summary: Requires the Commissioner of Highways to convene a working group with relevant stakeholders, including the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League, to determine whether there should be model policies for crosswalk design and installation in the Commonwealth and, if so, establish recommendations for such model policies. Requires the working group to monitor and provide input to the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration as updates to crosswalk designs in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways are considered. Requires the working group to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a report on its findings and recommendations by November 1, 2021.

HB 2071 - Convirs-Fowler	1/12/2021 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation	1/26/2021
$\overline{(21)}$	1/21/2021 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with	
Transportation funding;	substitute (6-Y 3-N)	
statewide prioritization	1/26/2021 House: Reported from Transportation with	
process, resiliency.	substitute (15-Y 5-N)	

Monitor (21103472D) - See also SB 1350 (Lewis).

Summary: Requires that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment include whether a project has been designed to be resilient in the results of the screening of candidate projects and strategies made public as a part of the Six-Year Improvement Program process. Adds resiliency to the topics to be addressed in the Statewide Transportation Plan.

SB 1350 - Lewis, Jr. (6)	1/13/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation	1/26/2021
Transportation funding;	1/21/2021 Senate: Reported from Transportation with	
statewide prioritization	substitute (12-Y 0-N 2-A)	
process, resiliency.	1/21/2021 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations	

Monitor (21101744D) - See also HB 2071 (Convirs-Fowler).

Summary: Requires that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment include whether a project has been designed to be resilient in the results of the screening of candidate projects and strategies made public as a part of the Six-Year Improvement Program process. Adds resiliency to the topics to be addressed in the Statewide Transportation Plan.

SB 1385 - Surovell (36)	1/12/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local	1/26/2021
Underground utility lines;	Government	
Fairfax County.		

Monitor (21102804D)

Summary: Removes the sunset on a pilot program allowing a locality that has adopted the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) to request an electric utility to place underground electric distribution lines as part of a transportation infrastructure improvement project and changes a number of provisions in the program including (i) expanding the scope to include electric cooperatives,

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telecommunications providers, cable providers, and other utilities; (ii) making discretionary the requirement that the utility and locality enter into an agreement for certain terms; (iii) placing additional limits on the levy to fund the project and the types of projects for which it may be imposed; and (iv) authorizing the locality to secure necessary permits on behalf of the utility or provider.

SB 1404 - Lewis, Jr. (6) Stormwater Local Assistance Fund; grants awarded for projects related to Chesapeake Bay. 1/13/2021 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

1/26/2021

Monitor (21102801D)

Summary: Stormwater Local Assistance Fund; grant requirements. Authorizes grants from the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund awarded for projects related to Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load (TMDL) requirements to take into account total phosphorus reductions or total nitrogen reductions. The bill authorizes grants awarded for eligible projects in localities with high or above average fiscal stress as reported by the Commission on Local Government to account for more than 50 percent of the costs of a project.