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Bill	Catchline	Chief Patron	Committee	Last Action	Position	Date
HB1	Minimum wage; increases incrementally to \$15.00 per hour by January 1, 2028.	Ward	Commerce and Labor	(S) Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	Monitor - Same as SB1	02/04/2026
HB5	Employment; paid sick leave, civil penalties.	Convirs-Fowler	Commerce and Labor	(S) Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	Monitor - Similar to SB199	02/17/2026
HB32	Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Advisory Committee; appointment of additional members.	Krizek	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Monitor	02/03/2026
HB37	Developmental disability waivers; financial eligibility standards, sunset repeal.	Shin	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Actively Support	02/10/2026
HB43	Suicide; abolishes common-law crime, delayed effective date, report.	Simon	Courts of Justice	(S) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	Support	02/11/2026
HB66	Federal benefit programs; DMS & DSS shall study technology systems used to administer.	Feggans	Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	Monitor	02/16/2026
HB178	Public schools; student support services, student personal information and data security, report.	Anthony		(H) Read third time and passed House (60-Y 35-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to SB190	02/17/2026
HB209	Peer recovery specialists; VDH & DOC to develop guidelines for hiring.	Price		(H) Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to SB608	02/17/2026

HB225	Marcus Alert Evaluation Task Force; created.	Hope	Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	Monitor - Same as SB514	02/10/2026
HB231	Autism Advisory Council; name change, membership, staffing, powers and duties.	Cohen	Rules	(S) Referred to Committee on Rules	Support - Same as SB280	02/09/2026
HB245	Jurisdiction of district courts in felony cases; specialty dockets, Behavioral Health Docket Act.	Watts	Courts of Justice	(S) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	Monitor	02/04/2026
HB246	Mental illness, neurocognitive disorder, etc.; affirmative defense or reduced penalty.	Watts		(H) Read third time and passed House (56-Y 39-N 0-A)	Support	02/17/2026
HB247	Deferred dispos. in criminal case: persons with autism intellectual, or developmental disabilities.	Watts	Courts of Justice	(S) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	Support - Same as SB416	02/16/2026
HB248	Interjurisdictional law-enforcement agreements; development of behavioral health co-response teams.	Watts	Local Government	(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB248)	Support. Similar to SB317	02/10/2026
HB257	Comprehensive plan; social determinants of health.	Simonds	Local Government	(S) Referred to Committee on Local Government	Monitor	02/06/2026
HB298	Public elementary or secondary school students; evidence-based restorative disciplinary practices.	McQuinn		(H) Read third time and passed House (62-Y 35-N 0-A)	Monitor	02/17/2026
HB308	Va. ABC Authority; permitting of retail tobacco product retailers, etc.	Hope		(H) Read third time and passed House (95-Y 0-N 0-A)	Actively Support - Similar to SB620	02/17/2026
HB309	Hospitals; temporary detention for testing, observation, or treatment.	Hope	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Monitor	02/10/2026

HB355	Public school students in grades six through 12; annual mental health screening.	Gardner	Education and Health	(S) Assigned Education sub: Public Education	Monitor	02/19/2026
HB453	Comprehensive mental health, substance abuse, & developmt. disability crisis services; written plan.	Willett	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Monitor - Same as SB513	02/03/2026
HB481	Prior authorization; requiring physician review for denial.	Hope	Commerce and Labor	(S) Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	Monitor	02/05/2026
HB548	Uniform Health Care Decisions Act; civil penalty.	Hope		(H) Read third time and passed House (62-Y 34-N 0-A)	Pending	02/17/2026
HB577	Social work; applicants for licensure, criminal background check.	Glass	Courts of Justice	(S) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	Monitor	02/17/2026
HB632	Kinship foster care; barrier crime waiver.	Callsen	Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	Support - Similar to SB305. Related bill HB1060	02/17/2026
HB642	Cannabis control; establishes framework for creation of retail marijuana market, penalties, report.	Krizek		(H) Read third time and passed House (65-Y 32-N 0-A)	Monitor - Same as SB542	02/17/2026
HB652	Parental prenatal & postnatal substance use; work group to evaluate Commonwealth's response to use.	Hayes	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Monitor - Similar to SB133 Monitor - Similar to SB133. Related bills SB36 and HB283.	02/17/2026

HB656	Mental health and substance abuse disorders; network adequacy standards, comparative analyses.	Willett	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Support - Same as SB524. Was listed as Monitor, moved to Support on 2/4	02/17/2026
HB681	Retired law-enforcement officers; emergency and temporary detention admissions.	Hayes	Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB681)	Monitor - Similar to SB75 and SB395	02/16/2026
HB707	State government; transaction of public business, prohibited website domains.	Hayes		(H) Read third time and passed House (54-Y 43-N 0-A)	Monitor	02/17/2026
HB712	Office-based buprenorphine treatment; Board of Medicine to amend regulations.	Wachsmann	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Support - Similar to SB641	02/03/2026
HB882	Innovative Internship Fund and Program; eligibility of local government employers & matching funds.	Sullivan	Finance and Appropriations	(S) Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations	Support	02/06/2026
HB896	Substantial Risk Order Training Program; established, report.	Sullivan		(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB896)	Monitor - Related bills HB901 and SB495	02/18/2026

HB901	Substantial risk orders; eligible petitioners, court jurisdiction, constr. possession of firearms.	Sullivan		(H) Read third time and passed House (62-Y 34-N 0-A)	Monitor - Was listed as Monitor, moved to Pending on 2/4 and after speaking with the Patron, moved back to Monitor on 2/11. Related bill HB896	02/17/2026
HB931	Recovery residences; regulations.	Simon		(H) Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to SB270	02/17/2026
HB944	Workplace violence policy required for certain employers; civil penalty.	Clark		(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB944)	Monitor	02/17/2026
HB976	Person in temporary detention process; alternative transportation provider.	Price		(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB976)	Monitor	02/17/2026
HB996	Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition Program; plan for expansion of Program.	Seibold	Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB996)	Monitor	02/18/2026
HB1014	Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.	Tran	Privileges and Elections	(S) Rereferred from Privileges and Elections to Courts of Justice (14-Y 0-N)	Support - Similar to SB34	02/10/2026

HB1060	Foster and adoptive homes; barrier crimes, exceptions.	Callsen	Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	Monitor - Related bills HB632 and SB305	02/17/2026
HB1097	Driver communication improvement program; drivers diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, etc.	Laufer	Transportation	(S) Referred to Committee on Transportation	Support - Related bills HB517 (expands the program) and SB309 (requires driver education programs to include information about the program)	02/12/2026
HB1147	Medicine and Nursing, Boards of; continuing education, bias reduction training.	Hayes	Education and Health	(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1147)	Monitor - Similar to SB22	02/16/2026
HB1207	Paid family and medical leave insurance program; notice requirements, civil action beginning date.	Sewell		(H) Read third time and passed House (62-Y 34-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to SB2	02/17/2026
HB1229	Public elementary and secondary schools; use of seclusion and restraint.	Scott, P.A.		(H) Read third time and passed House (90-Y 7-N 0-A)	Monitor	02/17/2026
HB1282	Licensed substance abuse treatment practitioners; licensure by endorsement, etc.	Cole, J.G.		(H) Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor	02/17/2026
HB1292	Temporary detention; certified evaluators, sunset extended.	Price		(H) Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N 0-A)	Actively Oppose - Same as SB735	02/17/2026

HB1304	Individuals receiving services in a hospital, training center, etc.; right to send and receive mail.	Ware		(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1304)	Monitor - Similar to SB580	02/17/2026
HB1318	Hospitals; emergency department physicians.	Willett		(H) Read third time and passed House (90-Y 7-N 0-A)	Monitor - Same as SB738	02/17/2026
HB1357	Nursing facilities; comprehensive study of quality of care, etc., and operational practices.	McQuinn	Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1357)	Monitor	02/18/2026
HB1370	Service providers; regulations for providers to individuals with developmental disabilities.	Mehta	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Monitor - Related bill HB1380	02/12/2026
HB1405	Social services, local dept. of social services allowed to pay reasonable funeral expense.	McClure	Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	Actively Support	02/17/2026
HB1411	Defendant; evidence of mental condition admissible.	Schmidt		(H) Read third time and passed House (62-Y 35-N 0-A)	Monitor	02/17/2026
HB1414	Children; certain injuries to be reported by physicians, etc., penalties for failure to report.	McQuinn		(H) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1414)	Monitor	02/17/2026
HB1489	Hospitals; reports of threats or acts of violence against health care providers.	Tran	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Monitor	02/17/2026

HB1495	Medicaid; oversight of services facilitation for consumer directed services.	Tran	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Support	02/17/2026
HB1523	Certified violence prevention professional; requirements for certification.	McGuire	Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Monitor	02/17/2026
HJ25	Non-Apparent Disabilities Awareness Wk; designating 3rd full week of Oct 2026 & each succeeding yr.	Price	Rules	(S) Referred to Committee on Rules	Support	02/12/2026
SB1	Minimum wage; increases incrementally to \$15.00 per hour by January 1, 2028.	Lucas	Labor and Commerce	(H) Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce	Monitor - Same as HB1	02/19/2026
SB2	Paid family and medical leave insurance program; definitions, notice requirements, civil action.	Boysko		(S) Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to HB1207	02/17/2026
SB18	Children; adjudication of delinquency.	Locke	Courts of Justice	(H) Assigned HCJ sub: Criminal	Monitor	02/17/2026
SB22	Medicine and Nursing, Boards of; continuing education, bias reduction training.	Locke	Health and Human Services	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB22)	Monitor - Similar to HB1147	02/16/2026
SB34	Incapacitated persons; finding lack of capacity to understand voting, court makes specific finding.	Favola	Privileges and Elections	(H) Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections	Support. Similar to HB1014	02/19/2026
SB35	Juvenile & domestic relations district courts; delinquent juv., mental health/disability evaluation.	Favola	Courts of Justice	(H) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	Monitor	02/12/2026

SB75	Retired law-enforcement officers; emergency and temporary detention transportation.	Lucas	Health and Human Services	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB75)	Monitor - SB395 was incorporated on 1/23. Similar to HB681	02/10/2026
SB171	Minors admitted to inpatient treatment; copies provided to public elementary and secondary schools.	Favola	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	Monitor	02/03/2026
SB190	Certified student support agencies; DOE to assess impact of developing program for students.	Williams Graves	Education	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	Monitor - Similar to HB178	02/18/2026
SB198	Individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities; admissibility of statements.	Favola	Courts of Justice	(H) Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice	Monitor	02/19/2026
SB199	Employment; paid sick leave, civil penalties.	Favola		(S) Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N 0-A)	Monitor	02/17/2026
SB210	Positive behavior support facilitators; scope of practice, supervision, and qualifications.	DeSteph	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Behavioral Health	Support	02/16/2026
SB269	Mental health service providers; definitions, use of artificial intelligence system civil penalty.	Favola	Communications, Technology and Innovation	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB269)	Monitor - Similar to HB668	02/11/2026
SB270	Recovery residences; regulations.	VanValkenburg	Health and Human Services	(H) Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services	Monitor - Similar to HB931	02/19/2026

SB280	Autism Advisory Council; repeals council, advisory Board established, report, sunset.	Aird	Rules	(H) Referred to Committee on Rules	Oppose - Position moved from Support to Oppose as a result of the substitute. Related bill HB231	02/18/2026
SB305	Kinship foster care; barrier crime waiver, report.	Pekarsky	Health and Human Services	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB305)	Support - Similar to HB632. Related bill HB1060	02/18/2026
SB309	Driver education programs; voluntary initiatives for drivers with autism spectrum disorder.	Pekarsky	Transportation	(H) Referred to Committee on Transportation	Support - Related bills HB517 (expands program) and HB1097 (edu. for LEOs and EMS about program)	02/06/2026
SB317	Interjurisdictional law-enforcement agreements; development of behavioral health co-response teams.	Perry	Public Safety	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB317)	Support - Similar to HB248	02/18/2026
SB335	Mental illness, neurocognitive disorder, etc.; affirmative defense or reduced penalty.	Boysko	Courts of Justice	(H) Reported from Courts of Justice	Support - Similar to HB246	02/18/2026
SB416	Deferred dispos. in criminal case; persons with autism, intellectual, or developmental disabilities.	Boysko	Courts of Justice	(H) Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment(s)	Support - Same as HB247	02/18/2026

SB421	Pharmacist; remote verification and counseling in opioid treatment programs.	Favola	Health and Human Services	(H) Assigned sub: Health Professions	Actively Support	02/16/2026
SB495	Emergency substantial risk orders; petitions involving minors, substantial risk factors.	Deeds	Courts of Justice	(H) Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment(s)	Monitor - Related bills HB901 and HB896	02/18/2026
SB513	Comprehensive mental health, substance abuse, & developmt. disability crisis services; written plan.	Deeds	Health and Human Services	(H) Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services	Monitor - Same at HB453	02/09/2026
SB514	Marcus Alert Evaluation Task Force; created.	Deeds	Health and Human Services	(H) Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services	Monitor - Same as HB225	02/09/2026
SB524	Mental health and substance abuse disorders; network adequacy standards, comparative analyses.	Deeds	Health and Human Services	(H) Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services	Support - Same as HB656. Was listed as Monitor, moved to Support on 2/4	02/19/2026
SB542	Cannabis control; establishes framework for creation of retail marijuana market, penalties, report.	Aird		(S) Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N 0-A)	Monitor - Same as HB642 (Incorporates SB826)	02/17/2026
SB580	Individuals receiving services in a hospital, training center, etc.; right to send and receive mail.	Peake	Education and Health	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB580)	Monitor - Similar to HB1304	02/17/2026
SB608	Peer recovery specialists; VDH & DOC to develop guidelines for hiring.	Pillion	Health and Human Services	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB608)	Support - Similar to HB209	02/13/2026

SB620	Va. ABC Authority; permitting of retail tobacco product retailers, etc.	Ebbin	Finance and Appropriations	(S) Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (SB620)	Actively Support - Similar to HB308	02/17/2026
SB637	Virginia Human Rights Act; definition of "employer."	Ebbin	Labor and Commerce	(H) Assigned HCL sub: Subcommittee #2	Monitor	02/17/2026
SB641	Office-based buprenorphine treatment; Board of Medicine to amend regulations.	Pillion	Health and Human Services	(H) Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services	Support - Similar to HB712	02/13/2026
SB689	Oral threat to kill or to do bodily harm; employees of local or state dept. of social serv. penalty.	Mulchi		(S) Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 1-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to HB1159	02/17/2026
SB699	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public bodies to post meeting agendas.	Ebbin	General Laws	(H) Referred to Committee on General Laws	Monitor	02/09/2026
SB735	Temporary detention; certified evaluators, sunset extended.	Diggs		(S) Read third time and passed Senate Block Vote (39-Y 0-N 0-A)	Actively Oppose - Same as HB1292	02/16/2026
SB738	Hospitals; emergency department physicians.	Jordan		(S) Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor - Same as HB1318	02/17/2026