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## **VACSB Legislative Update**

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### **VACSB CLEARINGHOUSE BILL DESIGNATION**

#### **DESIGNATION**

**Actively Support**

**Support**

**Monitor**

**Oppose**

**Actively Oppose**

#### **ACTION**

**Advocacy by VACSB Reps**

**Published Statement**

**Online Tracking**

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**Advocacy by VACSB Reps**

Bill	Catchline	Chief Patron	Committee	Last Action	Position	Date
HB1	Minimum wage; increases incrementally to \$15.00 per hour by January 1, 2028.	Ward	Governor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1ER)	Monitor - Same as SB1	03/11/2026
HB5	Employment; paid sick leave, civil penalties.	Convirs-Fowler	House	(H) House acceded to request	Monitor - Similar to SB199	03/11/2026
HB32	Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Advisory Committee; appointment of additional members.	Krizek	Senate	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor	03/10/2026
HB37	Developmental disability waivers; financial eligibility standards, sunset repeal.	Shin	Senate	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Actively Support	03/09/2026
HB43	Suicide; abolishes common-law crime, delayed effective date, report.	Simon	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support	03/10/2026
HB178	Public schools; student support services, memoranda of understanding, report, effective clause.	Anthony	Senate	(S) Senate insisted on substitute with amendments (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to SB190	03/11/2026
HB209	Peer recovery specialists; VDH & DOC to develop guidelines for hiring.	Price	Governor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB209ER)	Monitor - Similar to SB608	03/10/2026
HB225	Marcus Alert Evaluation Task Force; created.	Hope	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Same as SB514	03/10/2026
HB231	Autism Advisory Council; name change, membership, staffing, powers and duties.	Cohen	House	(H) Senate substitute rejected by House (1-Y 98-N 0-A)	Oppose - Position moved from Support to Oppose as a result of the S-Rules committee substitute. Related bill SB280	03/11/2026

HB245	Jurisdiction of district courts in felony cases; specialty dockets, Behavioral Health Docket Act.	Watts	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor	03/10/2026
HB246	Mental illness, neurocognitive disorder, etc.; affirmative defense or reduced penalty.	Watts	House	(H) Senate amendments agreed to by House (59-Y 39-N 0-A)	Support	03/11/2026
HB247	Deferred dispos. in criminal case; persons with autism, intellectual, or developmental disabilities.	Watts	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Same as SB416	03/10/2026
HB248	Interjurisdictional law-enforcement agreements; development of behavioral health co-response teams.	Watts	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support. Similar to SB317	03/10/2026
HB257	Comprehensive plan; social determinants of health.	Simonds	Governor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB257ER)	Monitor	03/11/2026
HB298	Public elementary or secondary school students; evidence-based restorative disciplinary practices.	McQuinn	House	(H) Senate substitute agreed to by House (65-Y 34-N 0-A)	Monitor	03/11/2026
HB308	Va. ABC Authority; permitting of retail tobacco product retailers, etc.	Hope	Senate	(S) Senate insisted on substitute with amendments (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Actively Support - Similar to SB620	03/11/2026
HB309	Hospitals; temporary detention for testing, observation, or treatment.	Hope	House	(H) Senate amendments agreed to by House (97-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor	03/06/2026
HB355	Public school students in grades six through 12; annual mental health screening.	Gardner	Governor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB355ER)	Monitor	03/11/2026
HB453	Comprehensive mental health, substance abuse, & developmt. disability crisis services; written plan.	Willett	Governor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB453ER)	Monitor - Same as SB513	03/10/2026

HB481	Prior authorization; requiring physician review for denial.	Hope	House	(H) Senate substitute agreed to by House (98-Y 1-N 0-A)	Monitor	03/10/2026
HB577	Social work; applicants for licensure, criminal background check.	Glass	Senate	(S) Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor	03/11/2026
HB632	Kinship foster care; barrier crime waiver, report.	Callsen	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Similar to SB305. Related bill HB1060	03/10/2026
HB642	Cannabis control; establishes framework for creation of retail marijuana market, penalties, report.	Krizek	Senate	(S) Conferees appointed by Senate	Monitor - Same as SB542	03/09/2026
HB652	Parental prenatal & postnatal substance use; work group to evaluate Commonwealth's response to use.	Hayes	Governor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB652ER)	Monitor - Similar to SB133. Related bills SB36 and HB283.	03/10/2026
HB656	Mental health and substance abuse disorders; network adequacy standards, comparative analyses.	Willett	House	(H) Senate substitute agreed to by House (92-Y 6-N 0-A)	Support - Same as SB524. Was listed as Monitor, moved to Support on 2/4	03/11/2026
HB681	Retired law-enforcement officers; emergency and temporary detention admissions.	Hayes	Governor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB681ER)	Monitor - Similar to SB75 and SB395	03/10/2026
HB712	Office-based buprenorphine treatment; Board of Medicine to amend regulations.	Wachsmann	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Similar to SB641	03/10/2026
HB896	Substantial Risk Order Training Program; established, report.	Sullivan	House	(H) Senate substitute agreed to by House (64-Y 35-N 0-A)	Monitor - Related bills HB901 and SB495	03/11/2026

HB901	Substantial risk orders; eligible petitioners, court jurisdiction, constr. possession of firearms.	Sullivan	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	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	03/10/2026
HB931	Recovery residences; regulations.	Simon	Senate	(S) Senate insisted on substitute with amendments (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to SB270	03/11/2026
HB976	Person in temporary detention process; alternative transportation provider.	Price	Governor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB976ER)	Monitor	03/10/2026
HB996	Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition Program; plan for expansion of Program.	Seibold	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor	03/10/2026
HB1014	Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.	Tran	House	(H) Senate substitute agreed to by House (62 Y 35 N 0 A)	Support - Similar to SB34	03/06/2026
HB1060	Foster and adoptive homes; barrier crimes, exceptions.	Callsen	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Related bills HB632 and SB305	03/10/2026

HB1097	Driver communication improvement program; drivers diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, etc.	Laufer	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Related bills HB517 (died, would have expanded the program) and SB309 (requires driver education programs to include information about the program)	03/10/2026
HB1147	Medicine and Nursing, Boards of; continuing education, bias reduction training.	Hayes	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Similar to SB22	03/10/2026
HB1207	Paid family & med. leave insurance program; definitions, notice requirements, civil action, report.	Sewell	Senate	(S) Senate insisted on substitute with amendments (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to SB2	03/11/2026
HB1229	Public schools; use of seclusion and restraint, report.	Scott, P.A.	House	(H) Senate substitute agreed to by House (96 Y 1 N 0 A)	Monitor	03/10/2026
HB1282	Licensed substance abuse treatment practitioners; licensure by endorsement, etc.	Cole, J.G.	Senate	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor	03/09/2026
HB1292	Temporary detention; certified evaluators, sunset extended.	Price	Governor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1292ER)	Actively Oppose - Same as SB735	03/10/2026
HB1304	Individuals receiving services in a hospital, training center, etc.; right to send and receive mail.	Ware	Senate	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to SB580	03/09/2026

HB1318	Hospitals; emergency department physicians.	Willett	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Same as SB738	03/10/2026
HB1357	Nursing facilities; comprehensive study of quality of care, etc., and operational practices.	McQuinn	Senate	(S) Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor	03/11/2026
HB1370	Service providers; regulations for providers to individuals with developmental disabilities.	Mehta	Senate	(S) Passed Senate with substitute Block Vote (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Monitor - Related bill HB1380	03/10/2026
HB1405	Social services, local dept. of social services allowed to pay reasonable funeral expense.	McClure	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Actively Support	03/10/2026
HB1411	Defendant; evidence of mental condition admissible.	Schmidt	Senate	(S) Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 19-N 0-A)	Monitor	03/11/2026
HB1414	Children; certain injuries to be reported by physicians, etc., penalties for failure to report.	McQuinn	Senate	(S) Passed Senate with substitute	Monitor	03/11/2026
HB1489	Hospitals; reports of threats or acts of violence against health care providers.	Tran	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor	03/10/2026
HB1523	Certified violence prevention professional; requirements for certification.	McGuire	Senate	(S) Passed Senate with substitute (28-Y 12-N 0-A)	Monitor	03/10/2026
HJ25	Non-Apparent Disabilities Awareness Wk; designating 3rd full week of Oct 2026 & each succeeding yr.	Price	Senate	(S) Agreed to by Senate Block Vote (Voice Vote)	Support	03/03/2026
SB1	Minimum wage; increases incrementally to \$15.00 per hour by January 1, 2028.	Lucas	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Same as HB1	03/10/2026
SB2	Paid family and medical leave insurance program; definitions, notice requirements, civil action.	Boysko	House	(H) Passed House with substitute (64-Y 35-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to HB1207	03/11/2026

SB18	Children; adjudication of delinquency, orders of disposition.	Locke	Senate	(S) House Amendments agreed to by Senate (23-Y 17-N 0-A)	Monitor	03/06/2026
SB22	Medicine and Nursing, Boards of; continuing education, bias reduction training.	Locke	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Similar to HB1147	03/10/2026
SB34	Incapacitated persons; finding of lack of capacity to understand act of voting.	Favola	Senate	(S) House substitute agreed to by Senate (24 Y 16 N 0 A)	Support. Similar to HB1014	03/06/2026
SB75	Emergency and temporary detention transportation; alternative transportation providers, etc.	Lucas	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - SB395 was incorporated on 1/23. Similar to HB681	03/10/2026
SB171	Minors admitted to inpatient treatment; copies provided to public elementary and secondary schools.	Favola	House	(S) House substitute agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N 1-A)	Monitor	03/10/2026
SB190	Certified student support agencies; DOE to assess impact of developing program for students.	Williams Graves	Senate	(S) House substitute rejected by Senate (0- Y 40-N 0-A)	Monitor - Similar to HB178	03/11/2026
SB199	Employment; paid sick leave, civil penalties.	Favola	Senate	(S) Senate Conferees: Favola, Deeds, Peake	Monitor	03/10/2026
SB270	Recovery residences; regulations.	VanValkenburg	House	(H) House Conferees:Simon, Willett, Scott of Spotsylvania	Monitor - Similar to HB931	03/11/2026

SB280	Autism Advisory Council; repeals council, advisory Board established, report, sunset.	Aird	House	(H) Passed House with substitute (99-Y 0-N 0-A)	Support - Position moved from Oppose to Support as a result of the H-RUL Studies Subcommittee substitute. Related to HB231	03/11/2026
SB305	Kinship foster care; barrier crime waiver, report.	Pekarsky	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Similar to HB632. Related bill HB1060	03/10/2026
SB309	Driver education programs; voluntary initiatives for drivers with autism spectrum disorder.	Pekarsky	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Related bills HB517 (expands program) and HB1097 (edu. for LEOs and EMS about program)	03/10/2026
SB317	Interjurisdictional law-enforcement agreements; development of behavioral health co-response teams.	Perry	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Similar to HB248	03/10/2026
SB335	Mental illness, neurocognitive disorder, etc.; affirmative defense or reduced penalty.	Boysko	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Similar to HB246	03/10/2026
SB416	Deferred dispos. in criminal case; persons with autism, intellectual, or developmental disabilities.	Boysko	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Same as HB247	03/10/2026
SB421	Pharmacist; remote verification and counseling in opioid treatment programs.	Favola	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Actively Support	03/10/2026
SB495	Substantial risk orders; eligible petitioners, court jurisdiction, constr. possession of firearms.	Deeds	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Related bills HB901 and HB896	03/10/2026

SB513	Comprehensive mental health, substance abuse, & developmt. disability crisis services; written plan.	Deeds	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Same at HB453	03/10/2026
SB514	Marcus Alert Evaluation Task Force; created.	Deeds	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Same as HB225	03/10/2026
SB524	Mental health & substance abuse disorders; network adequacy standards, comparative analyses, report.	Deeds	House	(H) House Conferees: Willett, Gardner, Cherry	Support - Same as HB656. Was listed as Monitor, moved to Support on 2/4	03/11/2026
SB528	Misdemeanor proceedings; competency treatment.	Stanley	Senate	(S) House substitute agreed to by Senate	Support - Same as HB1105	03/09/2026
SB542	Cannabis control; establishes framework for creation of retail marijuana market, penalties, report.	Aird	House	(H) House Conferees: Krizek, Herring, Morefield	Monitor - Same as HB642 (Incorporates SB826)	03/04/2026
SB580	Individuals receiving services in a hospital, training center, etc.; right to send and receive mail.	Peake	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Similar to HB1304	03/10/2026
SB608	Peer recovery specialists; VDH & DOC to develop guidelines for hiring.	Pillion	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Similar to HB209	03/10/2026
SB620	Va. ABC Authority; permitting of retail tobacco product retailers, etc.	Ebbin	Senate	(S) Senate acceded to request (40-Y 0-N 0-A)	Actively Support - Similar to HB308	03/11/2026
SB637	Virginia Human Rights Act; definition of "employer."	Ebbin	Senate	(S) House substitute agreed to by Senate (21 Y 19 N 0 A)	Monitor	03/10/2026
SB641	Office-based buprenorphine treatment; Board of Medicine to amend regulations.	Pillion	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Support - Similar to HB712	03/10/2026

SB699	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public bodies to post meeting agendas.	Ebbin	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor	03/10/2026
SB735	Temporary detention; certified evaluators, sunset extended.	Diggs	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Actively Oppose - Same as HB1292	03/10/2026
SB738	Hospitals; emergency department physicians.	Jordan	Governor	Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 13, 2026	Monitor - Same as HB1318	03/10/2026

#### Dead Bills

Bill	Catchline	Chief Patron	Committee	Last Action	Position	Date
HB35	Restorative housing and isolated confinement; restrictions on use.	Cole, J.G.	Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Continued to next session in Rehabilitation and Social Services (15-Y 0-N)	FYI	03/06/2026
HB66	Federal benefit programs; DMS & DSS shall study technology systems used to administer.	Feggans	Finance and Appropriations	(S) Continued to next session in Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)	Monitor	03/06/2026
HB92	Public schools; At-Risk Program established, Standards of Quality, state-funded special education.	Rasoul	Finance and Appropriations	(S) Continued to next session in Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)	FYI	03/04/2026
HB470	Medicaid waivers; consumer-directed services, employer of record.	Cohen	Finance and Appropriations	(S) Continued to next session in Finance and Appropriations (12-Y 3-N)	FYI	03/04/2026

HB495	School boards; mental health awareness training for full-time school bus drivers.	Guzman	Education and Health	(S) Continued to next session in Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)	FYI	03/05/2026
HB548	Uniform Health Care Decisions Act; civil penalty.	Hope	Finance and Appropriations	(S) Continued to next session in Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)	Pending	03/06/2026
HB923	Protection of employees; stay or pay contracts prohibited, civil penalty.	Lopez	Commerce and Labor	(S) Failed to report from Commerce and Labor with substitute (6-Y 9-N)	FYI	03/09/2026
HB944	Workplace violence; policy required for certain employers, civil penalty, delayed effective date.	Clark	Finance and Appropriations	(S) Continued to next session in Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)	Monitor	03/09/2026
HB1373	Regional special ed.; DOE to assess enhancements & strategies to maximize use of funds for students.	Carroll	Finance and Appropriations	(S) Continued to next session in Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)	FYI	03/06/2026
HB1398	Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Team; established, definitions, penalty, report.	Franklin, M.A.	Finance and Appropriations	(S) Continued to next session in Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)	FYI - Similar to HB336 (Incorporates HB336)	03/09/2026
HB1415	Va. Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; public funding for multifamily residential housing, etc.	Schmidt	General Laws and Technology	(S) Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology (14-Y 1-N)	FYI	03/04/2026

SB35	Juvenile & domestic relations district courts; delinquent juv., mental health/disability evaluation.	Favola	Courts of Justice	(H) Reported from Courts of Justice and referred to Appropriations (22-Y 0-N) (Failed to be taken up in Appropriations)	Monitor	03/02/2026
SB198	Individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities; admissibility of statements.	Favola	Appropriations	(H) Tabled in Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)	Monitor	03/09/2026
SB635	State of preparedness; feasibility & impact of program to prioritize prevention/mitigation, etc.	McDougle	Appropriations	(H) Tabled in Appropriations (17-Y 5-N)	FYI - Similar to HB1189	03/04/2026