

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chairman Martin E. Nohe and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Mary Hynes, Chair, Governance and Personnel Committee

DATE: February 6, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 Legislative Update

1. **Purpose:** To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) of 2017 legislative items of interest to the Authority.
2. **Background:** The Virginia General Assembly has reached mid-session. Two important deadlines must be met on February 7:
 - Both the House of Delegates and State Senate have to finish work on any bills that originated in that body.
 - Detailed House and Senate budget amendments to the Governor's introduced budget will be released.
3. **Update:** The priority bills for the Authority have been successfully resolved. For those bills moving forward we will be working to prevent any changes opposed to the Authority's position. The highlights are:
 - **Both bills to add a voting town member to the Authority were defeated.**
 - HB 2120 (Keam) and SB 929 (Petersen) were defeated in committee. Thanks to Chairman Marty Nohe for testifying before General Assembly committees and Delegates Tim Hugo, Randy Minchew, Jim LeMunyon, Greg Habeeb and Senator Janet Howell for asking questions or making statements that expressed the Authority's concerns about the bills and making motions to kill the bills.
 - **HB 2137 (LeMunyon) was reported from committee with NVTA agreement after two amendments by Delegate LeMunyon.**
 - Bill now requires only two actions: (1) NVTA must comment on any obstacles to implementing the long range transportation plan and (2) must post any notification from local governments identifying changes in their comprehensive plans that would negatively impact the long range transportation plan.
 - The effective date of the bill is now July 1, 2018, allowing NVTA to complete this round of long range transportation planning before adding any new mandates.

- **Metro Safety Commission (MSC) bills are moving forward.**
 - HB 2136 (LeMunyon) was reported from the House Transportation Committee in much better shape than introduced. The Minchew/LeMunyon enactment clause calls for the Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, to engage Maryland, the District and the federal government in revising the Metro Compact of 1966. It expresses concern about a number of issues related to Metro's compact, governance, labor relations and operations, but now the language is in a posture where it does not delay creating the MSC or federal funding for transit systems across Virginia.
 - Meanwhile the Senate Transportation Committee quickly, and simply, adopted SB 1251 (Barker) with little discussion and no additions.

 - **Fixing the "gas tax floor" matter for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission has had mixed success.**
 - The House Finance Committee did not move any bills forward.
 - The Senate Finance Committee has reported SB 1456 (Wagner), and Senator Petersen's bill SB 1092 was combined with this bill. The bill has passed the Senate on a 26-12 vote.
- 4. Next steps.** Ms. Baynard will report on these bills and any budget amendments released on February 7, 2017 that impact the Authority, at the February 9, 2017 meeting.

Attachment(s): 2017 Bill Tracking as of February 6, 2017

Virginia General Assembly – 2017 – Bill Tracking for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

NVTA Related Bills	Smart Scale	WMATA	NVTC	I-66 Related	General Transportation	Other/FOIA
HB1529	HB1831	HJ617	HB2130		HJ693	HB1539
HB1681		HB1847			HB1715	HB1540
HB1809	SB921	HB2136	SB1092		HB1881	HB2377
HB2058			SB1456		HB2318	
HB2120		SB1251			HB2619	SB972
HB2121						
HB2137					SB1209	
SB962						
SB929						
SB1018						
SB1308						

NVTA RELATED BILLS

Bill and Patron	Summary	Status/Last Action	NVTA Position
HB1529 – Ward pdf	Temporary exemption periods from retail sales and use taxes for qualifying items; sunset dates. Extends from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2022, the sunset dates for the sales tax holiday periods for school supplies and clothing, Energy Star and WaterSense products, and hurricane preparedness products. http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=HB1529	01/26/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N) 01/27/17 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed 01/27/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance	monitor
HB1681 - Bloxom pdf	Transient occupancy tax; state parks. Permits localities to impose transient occupancy taxes on transient room rentals and travel campgrounds in state parks. https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1681	01/26/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (58-Y 41-N) 01/27/17 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed 01/27/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance	monitor
HB1890 – Hugo pdf	Collection of sales and use tax. Removes the exception that persons selling certain products, such as window shades, kitchen equipment, and countertops, are deemed to be retailers and not consuming contractors for purposes of collecting sales and use tax, even if they intend to install such items for contractors. Generally, tangible personal property incorporated into real property is deemed to have been purchased for consumption by the contractor. https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=hb1890	02/01/17 House: Passed by for the day 02/02/17 House: Read second time and engrossed 02/03/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (95-Y 0-N)	monitor
HB2058 – Watts pdf	Sales and use tax; nexus for out-of-state businesses. Provides that storage of inventory in the Commonwealth is sufficient nexus to require out-of-state businesses to collect sales and use tax on sales to customers in the Commonwealth. http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2058	02/02/17 House: Read third time and passed House (73-Y 21-N) 02/03/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance	monitor

<p>HB2120 – Keam pdf</p>	<p>Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA); membership composition. Increases from 17 to 18 the membership of the NVTA and provides that the additional nonlegislative citizen member represent towns that receive funds for urban highway systems.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2120</p>	<p>Left in bosom of Transportation Committee – the bill has died</p>	<p>oppose</p>
<p>HB2121 – Keam pdf</p>	<p>Use of certain revenues by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Allows revenues of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority distributed to localities to be used, as determined solely by the applicable locality, to fund new sidewalk projects.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2121</p>	<p>1 01/10/17 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation</p> <p>01/17/17 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #3</p> <p>1/26/17 – Laid on Table via voice vote</p>	<p>oppose</p>
<p>HB2137 – LeMunyon pdf</p>	<p>Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; regional transportation plan. Requires the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (the Authority) to annually publish on its website any land use or transportation elements of a locality's comprehensive plan that each locality embraced by the Authority is currently required to report when such locality's plan is inconsistent with the Authority's regional transportation plan. Additionally, the bill requires the Authority to consider for revision and revise as necessary its regional transportation plan at least once every five years. In the procedures for such consideration for revision, the Authority is required to certify that the plan would reduce congestion in Planning District 8 to the greatest extent practicable or, if unable to so certify, specify the reasons and any need for cooperation by other regional entities.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2137</p>	<p>House: Reported out of Full Committee 19-0 with amendments:</p> <p>Not effective till July 1, 2018</p> <p>2/3 – (H) Read first time</p>	<p>Oppose/supported with delayed enactment clause amendment</p>
<p>SB962 - Hanger pdf</p>	<p>Sales and use tax; nexus for out-of-state businesses. Provides that storage of inventory in the Commonwealth is sufficient nexus to require out-of-state businesses to collect sales and use tax on sales to customers in the Commonwealth.</p> <p>http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=SB962</p>	<p>01/25/17 Senate: Reported from Finance (16-Y 0-N)</p> <p>02/02/17 House: Referred to Committee on Finance</p>	<p>monitor</p>
<p>SB929 - Petersen pdf</p>	<p>Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA); membership composition. Increases from 17 to 18 the membership of the NVTA and provides that the additional nonlegislative citizen member represent towns that receive funds for urban highway systems.</p> <p>http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=SB929</p>	<p>2/2/17 Senate Rules Committee: vote to Pass By Indefinitely 11-4</p>	<p>oppose</p>

<p>SB1018 – Barker pdf</p>	<p>Temporary exemption periods from retail sales and use taxes for qualifying items; sunset dates. Extends from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2022, the sunset dates for the sales tax holiday periods for school supplies and clothing, Energy Star and WaterSense products, and hurricane preparedness products.</p> <p>http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=SB1018</p>	<p>01/04/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance</p> <p>02/01/17 Senate: Reported from Finance (16-Y 0-N)</p> <p>02/03/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>monitor</p>
<p>SB1308 – McDougle pdf</p>	<p>Collection of sales and use tax. Removes the exception that persons selling certain products, such as window shades, kitchen equipment, and countertops, are deemed to be retailers and not consuming contractors for purposes of collecting sales and use tax, even if they intend to install such items for contractors. Generally, tangible personal property incorporated into real property is deemed to have been purchased for consumption by the contractor.</p> <p>http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=sb1308</p>	<p>1/30/17 Passed Senate 40-0</p> <p>2/2/17 Referred to House Committee on Finance</p>	<p>monitor</p>

SMART SCALE

Bill	Summary	Status/Last Action	NVTA Position
<p>SB921 – Edwards pdf</p>	<p>Commonwealth Transportation Board; statewide prioritization process. Requires travel time reliability to be one of the factors used by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in its statewide prioritization process.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB921</p>	<p>01/25/17 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Transportation (12-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>opposed</p>
<p>HB1831 – Kilgore pdf</p>	<p>Prioritization of statewide transportation projects; exceptions. Exempts projects on U.S. Route 121, commonly known as the Coalfield Expressway, and U.S. Route 460 from the prioritization process that the Commonwealth Transportation Board applies to projects for state funding.</p> <p>http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1831</p>	<p>01/13/17 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #3</p> <p>01/19/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote</p>	<p>oppose</p>

WMATA

Bill	Summary	Status/Last Action	NVRTA Position
<p>HJ617 – LeMunyon pdf</p>	<p>Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact of 1966 gubernatorial review. Requests the Governor to review the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact of 1966 and enter into discussions with his counterparts in the District of Columbia and Maryland to identify possible improvements to the agreement, particularly with regard to the governance, financing, and operation of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HJ617</p>	<p>02/02/17 House: Agreed to by House BLOCK VOTE (91-Y 1-N)</p> <p>02/03/17 - Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules</p>	<p>support</p>
<p>HB1847 – Minchew pdf</p>	<p>Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact of 1966. Proposes amendments to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact of 1966 (the Compact). The bill allows members of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (the Authority) to be provided reasonable compensation. The bill eliminates requirements for overtime compensation and requirements that set the minimum wage equal to the prevailing wage on similar construction in the locality for all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in the construction, alteration, or repair of projects, buildings, and works undertaken by the Authority or who are financially assisted by it. The bill eliminates the requirement that the Authority negotiate employees' wages, salaries, hours, working conditions, and pension or retirement provisions through labor organizations and removes employee protective arrangements under the Federal Transit Act. The bill eliminates the mandatory-binding-arbitration provision associated with union contract negotiations. The bill eliminates requirements regarding the Authority assumption of labor contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and the obligations of any transportation system acquired by it with regard to wages, salaries, hours, working conditions, sick leave, and health and welfare and pension or retirement provisions for employees of an existing transit facility acquired by the Authority. These amendments to the Compact shall not become effective until they are enacted by the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia and consented to by Congress, as provided for in the Compact.</p> <p>http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1847</p>	<p>1/26/17 – Bill stricken at request of patron</p>	<p>monitor</p>
<p>HB2316 – LeMunyon pdf</p>	<p>Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact. Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact. The compact establishes a state safety oversight authority for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Rail System, pursuant to the mandate of federal law, to review, approve, oversee, and enforce the safety of the WMATA Rail System.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2316</p>	<p>02/02/17 Reported from Transportation Committee with substitute 18-0</p> <p>2/3 – (H) read first time</p>	<p>support</p>

<p>SB1251- Barker pdf</p>	<p>Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact. Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact. The compact establishes a state safety oversight authority for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Rail System, pursuant to the mandate of federal law, to review, approve, oversee, and enforce the safety of the WMATA Rail System.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=sb1251</p>	<p>02/01/17 Senate: Reported from Transportation with substitute (13-Y 0-N)</p> <p>02/03/17 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (39-Y 0-N)</p>	
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NVTC

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<p>HB2130 – Levine pdf</p>	<p>Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts. Provides that the tax that is imposed on the sales price of motor fuel in Northern Virginia shall be imposed on the regional price of gas, defined and computed as a six-month average price of fuel. The regional price has an initial floor of January 11, 2017. If a newly averaged regional price is higher than the preceding regional price, the tax is imposed on the new regional price, but if a newly averaged regional price is less than the preceding regional price, the higher of the two remains the regional price. If the regional price is at any time equal to or greater than the statewide average wholesale price of unleaded regular gasoline on February 20, 2013, then the tax is imposed on the regional price, which moving forward shall not be less than the statewide average wholesale price of unleaded regular gasoline on February 20, 2013, and shall not be more than a price of \$4 per gallon of unleaded regular gasoline. The bill also raises the rate of taxation of motor fuel in Northern Virginia from 2.1% to 3%. The bill also changes the regional gas tax in Hampton Roads from a percentage to a cents-per-gallon tax that decreases as the price of gas increases. The regional gas tax in Hampton Roads would have a floor of \$0.05 per gallon and a ceiling of \$0.14 per gallon and would be determined on the basis of the average wholesale price of unleaded regular gasoline.</p> <p>http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2130</p>	<p>01/11/17 House: Referred to Committee on Finance</p> <p>01/17/17 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2</p> <p>01/25/17 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>SB1092 - Petersen</p>	<p>Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts; price floor. Establishes a floor on the 2.1 percent tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia by requiring that the average sales price upon which the tax is based be no less than the statewide average sales price on July 1, 2013.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=SB1092</p>	<p>01/06/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance</p> <p>Incorporated into SB 1456 (Wagner)</p>	<p>support</p>
<p>SB1251 – Barker pdf</p>	<p>Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact. Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact. The compact establishes a state safety oversight authority for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Rail System, pursuant to the mandate of federal law, to review, approve, oversee, and enforce the safety of the WMATA Rail System.</p>	<p>02/01/17 Senate: Reported from Transportation with substitute (13-Y 0-N)</p> <p>02/03/17 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (39-Y 0-N)</p>	
<p>SB1456 –Wagner pdf</p>	<p>Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts; price floor. Places a floor on the 2.1 percent tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads by ensuring that the tax is not imposed on a sales price less than the statewide average sales price on February 20, 2013, which is the date used as a floor on the statewide motor vehicle fuels sales tax.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=sb1456%5D</p>	<p>02/03/17 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (26-Y 12-N)</p>	<p>Support</p>

GENERAL TRANSPORTATION RELATED BILLS

Bill	Summary	Status/Last Action	NVRTA Position
HJ693 – LaRock pdf	<p>Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, and other funds established by general law for transportation. The amendment directs that revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on January 1, 2018, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Fund moneys to transportation and related purposes. The amendment specifies that the General Assembly may borrow from the Funds for other purposes only by a vote of two-thirds plus one of the members voting in each house and that the loan must be repaid with reasonable interest within four years.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HJ693</p>	<p>01/10/17 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections</p> <p>01/12/17 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional</p> <p>01/30/17 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 0-N)</p> <p>02/03/17 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (21-Y 0-N)</p>	monitor
HB1715 – Minchew pdf	<p>Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988. Gives the State Corporation Commission discretion to approve any request to increase tolls on the Dulles Greenway by a specified annual percentage increase. The measure also gives the Commission discretion to approve an additional increase in such tolls based on increases in local property taxes when requested by the operator. Currently the Commission is required to approve such requests for toll increases.</p> <p>http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1715</p>	<p>01/07/17 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor</p> <p>01/12/17 House: Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #2</p>	monitor
HB1881 – John Bell pdf	<p>Toll rate approval by the State Corporation Commission under the Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988. Requires the State Corporation Commission to ensure that the cost of operating tolled roadways under the Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988 is reasonably apportioned across all users on the basis of the relative distance each class of user travels on the roadway.</p> <p>http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1881</p>	<p>01/10/17 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor</p> <p>01/17/17 House: Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #2</p>	monitor

<p>HB2138 – LeMunyon pdf</p>	<p>State and local transportation planning. Provides that in its adoption of any comprehensive plan in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia) or review of a proposed rezoning in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia), the Department of Transportation shall consider the transportation impact of the proposed plan or rezoning on any transportation facility for which a reduction in the level of service is anticipated as a result of the proposed plan or rezoning. The bill requires that if the proposed comprehensive plan or rezoning is within Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia), the locality shall propose one or more transportation projects in its local transportation plan, or within the regional transportation plan, to ensure no reduction of service to any transportation facility affected by the plan or rezoning.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB2138</p>	<p>01/20/17 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #3</p> <p>02/02/17 Reported with a substitute</p> <p>2/3 (H) read first time</p>	<p>monitor</p>
<p>SB1209 – Wexton pdf</p>	<p>Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988. Gives the State Corporation Commission discretion to approve any request to increase tolls on the Dulles Greenway by a specified annual percentage increase. The measure also gives the Commission discretion to approve an additional increase in such tolls based on increases in local property taxes when requested by the operator. Currently the Commission is required to approve such requests for toll increases.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB1209</p>	<p>01/10/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor</p> <p>01/16/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (9-Y 5-N)</p>	<p>monitor</p>

OTHER/FOIA

Bill	Summary	Status/Last Action	NVTA Position
<p>HB1539 – LeMunyon pdf</p>	<p>Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); public access to records of public bodies. Clarifies the definition of public record. The bill also (i) defines "personal contact information" that is excluded from FOIA's mandatory disclosure provisions in certain cases; (ii) clarifies that a requester has the right to inspect records or receive copies at his option; (iii) clarifies language in certain record exclusions under FOIA that certain records may be disclosed at the discretion of the custodian; (iv) consolidates the personnel record exclusion with the limitation on the application of that exclusion, and specifically clarifies that the name, in addition to position, job classification, and salary, of a public employee is public information as per opinions of the Attorney General and the FOIA Council; (v) eliminates, effective July 1, 2018, the exclusion for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority relating to operating and marketing strategies; (vi) eliminates the exclusion for correspondence of local officials as unnecessary; (vii) consolidates various public safety exclusions relating to building plans and drawings and critical infrastructure into a single exclusion; (viii) eliminates the exclusion for administrative investigations of the Department of Human Resource Management, as the exclusion is already covered under the personnel records exclusion; (ix) expands the exclusion for personal information provided to the Virginia College Savings Plan to cover qualified beneficiaries, designated survivors, and authorized individuals, which terms are defined in the bill; (x) consolidates the various record exclusions for the Department of Health Professions and the Department of Health into single exclusions for each Department; (xi) clarifies certain Department of Social Services exclusions; (xii) provides an exclusion for local finance boards that provide postemployment benefits other than pensions; and (xiii) eliminates the record exclusion for Virginia Wildlife Magazine. The bill also eliminates the correspondence exclusion for certain state and local officials. The bill contains numerous technical amendments. This bill is a recommendation of the Freedom of Information Advisory Council pursuant to the HJR 96 FOIA study (2014-2016). http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1539</p>	<p>12/27/16 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws</p> <p>01/11/17 House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #2</p> <p>01/26/17 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (7-Y 0-N)</p> <p>02/02/17 House: Reported from General Laws with substitute (20-Y 0-N)</p> <p>02/04/17 House: Read first time</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
<p>HB1540 – LeMunyon pdf</p>	<p>Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); public access to meetings of public bodies. Revises FOIA's various open meeting exemptions relating to legal matters, litigation, certain museums, and the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority. The bill also (i) clarifies where meeting notices and minutes are to be posted, (ii) requires copies of proposed agendas to be made available, (iii) eliminates reporting to the Joint Commission on Science and Technology when a state public body convenes an electronic communication meeting, and (iv) makes technical corrections to several open meeting exemptions to provide context for those meeting exemptions that currently only cross-reference corollary records exemptions. The bill also clarifies closed meeting procedures. The bill contains numerous technical corrections. This bill is a recommendation of the Freedom of Information Advisory Council pursuant to the HJR 96 FOIA study (2014-2016). http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+HB1540</p>	<p>01/26/17 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 0-N)</p> <p>02/02/17 House: Reported from General Laws (20-Y 0-N)</p> <p>02/04/17 House: Read first time</p>	<p>monitor</p>

<p>SB972 – DeSteph pdf</p>	<p>Requests for information by members of the General Assembly; responses not subject to redaction. Requires all departments, agencies, and institutions of the Commonwealth and staff and employees thereof to respond to a request for information made by a member of the General Assembly. The bill further provides that notwithstanding the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.), a response to a request for information made by a member of the General Assembly shall not be subject to redaction.</p> <p>http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB972</p>	<p>01/03/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules</p> <p>2/2/17 Senate: Committee Passed By Indefinitely 11-3</p>	<p>monitor</p>
<p>HB2377 – Freitas pdf</p>	<p>Sales and use tax exemption; certain textbooks and other educational materials. Extends the sunset date from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2022, for the sales and use tax exemption for textbooks and other educational materials that are withdrawn from inventory at book-publishing distribution facilities for free distribution to professors and other individuals who have an educational focus.</p> <p>https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=HB2377</p>	<p>1/26/17 – Block Vote Passage (house) 99-0</p> <p>1/27/17 Referred to Senate Finance Committee</p> <p>02/02/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Rules with letter (11-Y 3-N)</p>	<p>monitor</p>

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