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ACL News & Information

Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/NewsInfo/Index.aspx>

NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

<http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday-update>

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UPDATES

February 10, 2016

Webinar: Achieving Collaboration Between Mental Health and Aging Services Through Coalition Building

Wed, Feb. 24, 2016

2:00 PM EST

Mental health and aging coalitions across the country are successfully fostering partnerships between the mental health and aging services networks. This approach helps meet older adults' mental health needs by integrating services and supports.

The webinar will highlight the work of the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging and coalitions in Georgia and Illinois.

Presented by the National Council on Aging's Center for Healthy Aging, which is funded by ACL. [Click here to register.](#)

VDA Bills of Interest as of 2/16/16

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

Attached is a listing of [Bills](#) that may be of interest.



National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) - New Brief and Infographic!

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

[Braiding and Blending Funding Streams to Meet the Health-Related Social Needs of Low-Income Persons: Considerations for State Health Policymakers](#)

A new [brief](#) looks at the non-Medicaid funding sources states could potentially blend or braid to address social determinants of health and other needs that are not typically covered by Medicaid. The new [brief](#) builds upon the recent chart [Meeting the Health-Related Social Needs of Low-Income Persons: Funding Sources Available to States](#).

Also released is a new [infographic](#) addressing the struggle of Jean, a fictional low-income adult, who benefits substantially from different state programs, but spends a good deal of time bouncing from agency to agency like a Ping-Pong ball in a complex, uncoordinated system of referrals.

Read the full [brief](#) or download the [infographic](#).

CFPB Releases Consumer Advisory about Scam Asset Recovery Companies Targeting Older Consumers

Kathy B. Miller, Director of Programs, Division for the Aging



Dear Colleagues:

Today the Office for Older Americans released an [advisory](#) on a financial scam targeting older consumers. This asset recovery scam targets older consumers who have previously fallen prey to fraudulent money-making schemes, such as bogus timeshare investments and in-home business opportunities. The so-called asset recovery companies contact these past victims, promising to get refunds for the older consumer for an upfront fee of several hundred to thousands of dollars. They



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then fail to deliver -- leaving the older consumer financially worse off than before.

To learn more about the asset recovery scam and warning signs to help an older consumer avoid such scams, click [here](#).

Stacy Canan and Cora Hume
Office for Older Americans
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Veterans Legal Services Clinic

Amy Marschean, Senior Policy Analyst

VETERANS LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC



The Office of the Attorney General is partnering with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and the Virginia State Bar, to host Veterans Legal Services Clinics to provide **free** estate planning services to low-income veterans.

SIMPLE WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVES
WILL BE OFFERED AT THESE CLINICS.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 - Chesapeake - Tidewater Community College

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 - Richmond - J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

Thursday, March 3, 2016 - Roanoke - Virginia Western Community College

Friday, March 4, 2016 - Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale Campus



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

TO QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM, PARTICIPANTS MUST:

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REGISTRATION information for the Conference on Aging

Martina James, Special Assistant to the Commissioner

Registration for the 2016 Virginia Governor's Conference on Aging Opens Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 3:00pm.

The conference will be held on May 2 & 3rd in Richmond, Virginia at the Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa, Short Pump.

Individuals can register online, <http://vgcoa.com/conference-registration/>

Please register early as there is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm around the Conference and it is expected to sell out over the next several weeks. To pay for the conference, registrants have the option to pay via check, which must be received by April 15, or to pay via PayPal.

If you are interested in learning more about the sessions you can find details about conference programming on our website as well. We have a diverse program of breakout sessions planned, as well as, three engaging plenary sessions.

<http://vgcoa.com/conference-program/>

If you need overnight accommodations at the Hilton, you can make reservations through our website for a rate of \$89 a night,

<http://vgcoa.com/travel-accommodations/>

There are still opportunities to be a Conference Sponsor or to be an Exhibitor. We have reduced the rate of all Exhibit Registrations to \$250! If you would like to be an exhibitor please let us know soon, space is limited!

<http://vgcoa.com/sponsorship-exhibitors/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Manager,
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Please share this information with any colleagues or partner organizations you believe might be interested.



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We look forward to seeing you on May 2-3, 2016!

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ARDRAF - Dementia Research Funds Available

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Commonwealth of Virginia
**Alzheimer's and Related Diseases
Research Award Fund**
Program Announcement

Purpose:

The Commonwealth of Virginia established the Award Fund in 1982 to promote research into Alzheimer's and related diseases. Because of a commitment to program balance, the Fund encourages scientifically rigorous applications from a broad spectrum of disciplines. Studies may involve:

- (1) the underlying causes, epidemiology, diagnosis, or treatment of Alzheimer's and related diseases;
- (2) policies, programs, and financing for care and support of those affected by Alzheimer's and related diseases; or
- (3) the social and psychological impacts of Alzheimer's and related diseases upon the individual, family, and community.

Funding:

The size of awards varies, but is limited to \$45,000 each. Number of awards is



contingent upon available funds.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be affiliated with colleges or universities, research institutes, or other not-for-profit organizations located in Virginia. The Fund encourages partnerships between community-based agencies/facilities and academic institutions in Virginia.

Schedule:

- A non-binding **Letter of Intent** is due from prospective applicants by **March 7, 2016**. The letter must include a descriptive project title, contact information for the principal investigator, the identities of other personnel and participating institutions, a non-technical abstract, and a 4-5 sentence description of the project in common, everyday language for press release purposes. Letters on letterhead, with signature affixed, will be accepted electronically on the due date.
- **Applications** will be accepted through the close of business **April 1, 2016**. *Both a hard copy and an electronic copy are required.* (The hard copy must be date-stamped by the carrier on or before the due date, and the electronic copy must be dated on or before the due date.)
- Applicants will be notified of **award decisions** by June 24, 2016.
- The funding period begins July 1, 2016 and projects must be completed by June 30, 2017.

Review:

Three qualified technical reviewers, one of whom is identified by the applicant, will review proposals for scientific merit. The Awards Committee will make the final funding decision.

Application:

Application forms, guidelines, and further information may be found at <http://go.vcu.edu/ardraf> or by contacting:

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730 E. Broad St., 2nd Floor – Room 2088, Richmond, VA 23219*

2016 General Assembly: VDA Bills of Interest as of 2/16/16

Bills highlighted in green are still alive and yellow means the bills were carried over to the 2017 session.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS

HB 337 Neurodegenerative diseases; informed consent to experimental treatment. Brenda Pogge

Provides that in the case of persons suffering from neurodegenerative diseases causing progressive deterioration of cognition for which there is no known cure, the implementation of experimental courses of therapeutic treatment, including non-pharmacological treatment, to which a legally authorized representative has given informed consent shall not constitute the use of force. This provision replaces a current provision that informed consent to experimental courses of treatment, without reference to non-pharmacological treatment, given by a legally authorized representative shall not constitute the use of force in cases of organic brain diseases causing progressive deterioration in which there is either no known cure or medically accepted treatment to the disorder.

[01/05/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101481D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/05/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/19/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/25/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(91-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/26/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health](#)

[02/15/16 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions](#)

HB 473 Palliative Care Information and Education Program; established. Eileen Filler-Corn

Directs the Board of Health to include in its regulations a requirement that every hospital, nursing home, and certified nursing facility licensed by the Board (i) establish a system for identifying patients or residents who may benefit from palliative care and (ii) provide information about and facilitate access to appropriate palliative care services for patients or residents experiencing illness, injuries, or conditions that substantially affect quality of life for more than a short period of time, including cancer, heart failure, renal failure, liver failure, lung disease, and Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The bill also directs the Department of Health to establish a palliative care consumer and professional information and education program to maximize the effectiveness of palliative care initiatives in the Commonwealth by (a) ensuring that comprehensive and accurate information and education about palliative care is available to the public, health care providers, and health care facilities and (b) implementing such other initiatives related to education about palliative care and the delivery of palliative care services as may be necessary to educate health care professionals and the public about palliative care. The bill further establishes the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council to advise the Department on matters related to the establishment, operation, maintenance, and outcomes evaluations of such initiatives.

[01/08/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16103480D pdf](#)

[01/08/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Subcommittee #3](#)

[02/03/16 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2017 by voice vote](#)

[02/09/16 House: Continued to 2017 in Health, Welfare and Institutions by voice vote](#)

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BOARDS

HB 816 Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board; membership. Chris Peace

Removes from the membership of the Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board (the Advisory Board) one representative of the Virginia Guardianship Association. The bill also moves existing provisions relating to the Advisory Board from Title 2.2 (Administration of Government) to Title 51.5 (Persons with Disabilities) for administrative purposes.

[01/12/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101383D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/12/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/26/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/29/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(97-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/01/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

[02/12/16 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services \(13-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/15/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

HB 415 People with Disabilities, Virginia Board for; powers and duties, report. Brenda Pogge

Requires the Board for People with Disabilities to submit an annual report, beginning July 1, 2017, to the Governor that provides an in-depth assessment of at least two major service areas for people with disabilities. Under current law, the Board assesses the entire system on a triennial basis.

[01/07/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101380D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/07/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/19/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with amendment \(21-Y 1-N\)](#)

[01/25/16 House: VOTE: PASSAGE \(91-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/26/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health](#)

Amendments:

[House amendments](#)

SAVINGS TRUST ACCOUNTS

HB 1035 Elderly care savings trust accounts; established, administered by the Virginia College Savings Plan.

Sam Rasoul

Establishes elderly care savings trust accounts to be administered by the Virginia College Savings Plan to facilitate the saving of private funds to defray the medical and health-related expenses of the elderly. Elderly care savings trust accounts may be opened on behalf of qualified beneficiaries who are at least 45 years old. Contributions to an elderly care savings trust account and any earnings on the account may be used to pay or reimburse the medical and health-related expenses and costs of beneficiaries who are at least 60 years old. The account may be used solely for medical and health-related expenses and costs that are not otherwise paid or reimbursed or claimed as a federal or Virginia income tax deduction, subtraction, or credit. Contributions must be in cash. The qualified is the owner of the account and is limited to owning one account. The bill requires the Virginia College Savings Plan to establish (i) a minimum and maximum annual contribution to an elderly care savings trust account, (ii) a maximum total contribution to each elderly care savings trust account, (iii) a separate account for each qualified beneficiary, and (iv)

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terms and conditions for account refunds, withdrawals, transfers, and penalties. Under the bill, earnings on elderly care savings trust accounts are exempt from Virginia income tax. Distributions for qualified medical and health-related expenses of an elderly person are also exempt from Virginia income tax. All other distributions generally will be subject to Virginia income tax, with the taxable amount computed in the same manner that distributions from ABLE savings trust accounts are includible in federal gross income under § 529A of the Internal Revenue Code. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2017.

[01/13/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100268D pdf](#)

[01/13/16 House: Referred to Committee on Finance](#)

[01/26/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1](#)

[01/27/16 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2017 \(9-Y 0-N\)](#)

02/01/16 House: Continued to 2017 in Finance by voice vote

HB 1103 ABLE savings trust accounts; exclusion from determination of state means-tested assistance, etc.

Eileen Filler-Corn

Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of state law that requires consideration of one or more financial circumstances of an individual for the purpose of determining (i) the individual's eligibility to receive any assistance or benefit pursuant to such provision of state law or (ii) the amount of any such assistance or benefit that such individual is eligible to receive pursuant to such provision of state law, any (a) moneys in an ABLE savings trust account for which such individual is the beneficiary, including any interest on such moneys, (b) contributions to an ABLE savings trust account for which such individual is the beneficiary, and (c) distribution for qualified disability expenses for such individual from an ABLE savings trust account for which such individual is the beneficiary shall be disregarded for such purpose with respect to any period during which such individual remains the beneficiary of, makes contributions to, or receives distributions for qualified disability expenses from such ABLE savings trust account.

[01/13/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101737D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/13/16 House: Referred to Committee on Education](#)

[01/19/16 House: Assigned to sub: Higher Education](#)

[02/02/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting \(9-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/10/16 House: Reported from Education \(21-Y 1-N\)](#)

[02/15/16 House: VOTE: PASSAGE \(93-Y 6-N\)](#)

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

HB 162 Incapacitated persons; expands class of victims of crime of financial exploitation. Kaye Kory

Expands the class of victims of the crime of financial exploitation of incapacitated persons to include persons incapacitated due to physical illness or disability, advanced age, or other causes. Currently, victims must suffer from a mental incapacity. The bill also allows for forfeiture of personal property used in connection with the crime.

[12/22/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101060D pdf | impact statement](#)

[12/22/15 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)

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SB 249 Financial exploitation of adults; documentation referred to State Police.

Richard H. Black

Provides that upon receipt of a report on or during an adult protective services investigation of suspected financial exploitation of an adult 60 years old or older or incapacitated in which financial losses to such adult resulting from the exploitation are suspected to be greater than \$50,000, the local department of social services or adult protective services hotline shall immediately refer the matter to both the Department of State Police and local law enforcement. This bill is identical to SB412 (Barker), HB238 (Minchew), HB291 (Herring), HB513 (Murphy).

[01/06/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101899D pdf](#)

[01/06/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

[01/29/16 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with substitute \(14-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/29/16 Senate: Incorporates SB412](#)

[02/03/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate \(40-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/05/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

HB 620 Elderly or disabled adults; financial exploitation.

Paul E. Krizek

Authorizes a financial institution and its staff to refuse to execute a transaction or disburse funds if the financial institution or its staff (i) in good faith believes the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an adult or (ii) makes, or has actual knowledge that another person has made, a report to the local adult protective services department or adult protective services hotline stating a good faith belief that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an adult.

[01/11/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101474D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/11/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Subcommittee #2](#)

[01/26/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote](#)

HB 676 Financial exploitation of adults; DARS work group to study.

Chris Peace

Directs the Commissioner of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to convene a work group composed of the Director of the Department for Planning and Budget or his designee, representatives of the Department of Social Services' Adult Protective Services unit and local department of social services' adult protective services units, law-enforcement agencies, and financial institutions in the Commonwealth to review founded cases of financial exploitation of adults and (i) determine the cost of financial exploitation of adults in the Commonwealth and (ii) develop recommendations for improving the ability of financial institutions to identify financial exploitation of adults, the process by which financial institutions report suspected financial exploitation of adults, and interactions between financial institutions and local adult protective services units investigating reports of suspected financial exploitation of adults. The work group shall also develop recommendations for a plan to educate adults regarding financial exploitation, including common methods of exploitation and warning signs that exploitation may be occurring, and shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding its activities and recommendations by December 1, 2016.

[01/11/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101411D pdf](#)

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[01/28/16 House: Committee substitute printed 16104738D-H1 pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/11/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Subcommittee #2](#)

[01/26/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment\(s\) \(7-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/28/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/01/16 House: Committee substitute agreed to 16104738D-H1](#)

[02/02/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(98-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/03/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

ACCESS TO VOTING

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=hb56>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=hb100>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=hb101>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=hb430>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=hb531>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=Hb899>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=HB1121>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=HB1216>

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<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=Sb143>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=Sb188>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=Sb320>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=161&typ=bil&val=sb439>

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

HB 552 Adult protective services; investigations.

Vivian Watts

Requires local departments of social services and local law-enforcement agencies that initiate an investigation upon receipt of a valid report of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult 60 years old or older or incapacitated in a custodial setting or by a licensed health care professional to convey to all appropriate licensing, regulatory, or legal authorities (i) the name of the facility, program, or individual and (ii) the final disposition of such investigations. The bill requires any licensing, regulatory, or legal authorities receiving such information to retain it on file with any other information associated with the facility, program, or individual and, upon receiving the final disposition, to discard the initial report. The bill exempts any information exchanged under these provisions from the disclosure requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

[01/09/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102298D pdf](#)

[01/09/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Subcommittee #2](#)

[01/28/16 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket by voice vote](#)

LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN

HB 740 Federal Rehabilitation Act and Older Americans Act; amends certain language in Code.

Joseph Yost

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Amends certain language in the Code of Virginia to conform to the federal Rehabilitation Act and Older Americans Act. The bill includes several transfers of powers and duties, including (i) the transfer from an entity designated by the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) to the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (the Office) the authority to access clients, patients, individuals, facilities, and records in certain circumstances and (ii) the transfer from the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to the Office the duty to release information concerning completed investigations of complaints made under the programs of the Office. The bill also directs DARS to put in place mechanisms to prohibit and investigate allegations of interference, retaliation, and reprisals by long-term care facilities, other entities, or individuals with respect to any resident, employee, or other person for filing a complaint with, or providing information to, the Office. The bill adds to the services to be provided through grants or contracts with centers for independent living to include services that (i) facilitate the transition of individuals with significant disabilities from nursing homes and other institutions to home and community-based residences, (ii) provide assistance to individuals with significant disabilities who are at risk of entering institutions so that the individuals may remain in the community, and (iii) facilitate the transition of youth with significant disabilities, who were eligible for individualized education programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or who have completed their secondary education, to post-secondary life. The bill also requires that individualized plans for employment for recipients of vocational rehabilitation services provided or funded by DARS be developed as soon as possible, but not later than 90 days after the due date of the determination of eligibility. The bill also repeals a section of the Code of Virginia that listed certain services employers may provide through projects with DARS designed to provide vocational rehabilitation in realistic employment settings and to provide on-the-job training for persons with disabilities.

[01/12/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101572D pdf | impact statement](#)
[01/28/16 House: Committee substitute printed 16104879D-H1 pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/12/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)
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[02/12/16 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services \(13-Y 0-N\)](#)
[02/15/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

INCAPACITATED ADULTS

SB 466 Guardianship; communication between incapacitated person and others.

Frank Wagner

Provides that an incapacitated person for whom a guardian has been appointed has the right of communication, visitation, or interaction with other persons with whom the incapacitated person has expressed a desire to communicate, visit, or interact. The bill provides that a guardian may place reasonable time, place, or manner restrictions on communication, visitation, or interaction between the incapacitated person and another person; however, the guardian may deny communication, visitation, or interaction only with consent of the court and upon good cause shown. This bill is identical to HB 342 (Pogge) and similar to SB 632 (McEachin).

[01/12/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100028D pdf](#)
[01/29/16 Senate: Committee substitute printed 16104562D-S1 pdf](#)

[02/05/16 Senate: Printed as engrossed 16104562D-ES1 pdf](#)

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[01/12/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

[01/29/16 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with substitute \(13-Y 1-N\)](#)

[01/29/16 Senate: Incorporates SB632](#)

02/05/16 Senate: Amendment by Senator Wagner agreed to

02/05/16 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute with amendment SB466ES1

[02/08/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate \(40-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/11/16 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)

HB 612 Diminished financial capacity; execution of revocable letter.

Rob Bell

Provides a procedure by which adults capable of making informed decisions may execute a revocable letter of diminished financial capacity, defined as a witnessed written document authorizing a financial institution to notify a trusted individual, as defined in the bill, when the declarant is exhibiting signs of diminished financial capacity. The bill provides that declarants may file a letter of diminished financial capacity with the Advance Health Care Directive Registry and the declarant's financial institution and requires financial institutions to keep letters of diminished financial capacity with their customer's financial records.

[01/11/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101975D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/11/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #2](#)

01/26/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote

HB 1266 Guardianship appointments, modifications, and terminations; notice sent to DMAS.

Gregory Habeeb

Requires that notices of guardianship appointments, modifications, and terminations be sent to the Department of Medical Assistance Services. Current law requires that such notices be sent only to the local department of social services.

[01/20/16 House: Presented and ordered printed 16103581D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/20/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/28/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/02/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(98-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/03/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

[02/12/16 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services \(13-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/16/16 Senate: Passed Senate \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

HB 227 Hearsay exceptions; admissibility of statements by children & incapacitated adults in certain cases.

David Albo

Establishes a hearsay exception to certain out-of-court statements made by a child under the age of 13 or an incapacitated adult in sexual abuse, physical violence, or neglect cases. The court must hold a hearing prior to trial and find that the time, content, and totality of the circumstances provide sufficient indicia of reliability so as to render it inherently trustworthy. The bill provides factors for the court to consider in making such a determination. Notice of intent to offer the statement and the particulars of the statement must be given to the adverse party at least 10 days in advance of the proceedings.

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[01/27/16 House: Committee substitute printed 16104454D-H1 pdf](#)
[12/29/15 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)
[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Criminal Law](#)
[01/20/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment\(s\) \(9-Y 0-N\)](#)
[01/27/16 House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)
[02/01/16 House: Committee substitute agreed to 16104454D-H1](#)
[02/01/16 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB227H1](#)
[02/02/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(98-Y 0-N\)](#)
[02/03/16 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

HB 616 Discharge from involuntary admission; advance directive.

Rob Bell

Requires that, prior to the release from involuntary admission or discharge from involuntary admission to mandatory outpatient treatment of an individual who has not executed an advance directive, the individual be given a written explanation of the procedures for executing an advance directive and an advance directive form.

[01/11/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102316D pdf](#)
[01/11/16 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)
[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Mental Health](#)
[02/05/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting \(6-Y 0-N\)](#)
[02/10/16 House: Reported from Courts of Justice \(20-Y 0-N\)](#)
[02/16/16 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE \(99-Y 0-N\)](#)

HJ 87 Advance Care Planning Month; designating as April 2016, and each succeeding year thereafter.

Keith Hodges

Designates April, in 2016 and in each succeeding year, as Advance Care Planning Month in Virginia. This resolution is identical to SJ35 (Miller).

[01/08/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102624D pdf](#)
[01/08/16 House: Referred to Committee on Rules](#)
[01/21/16 House: Reported from Rules with amendments \(15-Y 0-N\)](#)
[01/26/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE ADOPTION \(98-Y 0-N\)](#)
[01/27/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules](#)

AUXILIARY GRANT

HB 420 Auxiliary grants; regulations adopted by Commissioner of DARS for adult foster care home etc.

Gordon Helsel

Clarifies that regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall establish auxiliary grant rates for adult foster care homes and licensed assisted living facilities, the process for reporting and certification, and services to be provided to auxiliary grant recipients and paid for using auxiliary grant funds. The bill eliminates specific requirements for regulations related to reporting certain allowable costs and resident

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charges, the time period for reporting such costs, forms to be used, financial reviews, and audits of reported costs, and clarifies processes for calculating auxiliary grant rates.

[01/07/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101571D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/07/16 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Health & Human Resources](#)

[02/09/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting \(7-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/10/16 House: Reported from Appropriations \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

02/16/16 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)

HB 675 Auxiliary grants; extends eligibility, supportive housing.

Chris Peace

Extends eligibility for auxiliary grants to include individuals residing in supportive housing, provided that the supportive housing provider has entered into an agreement for the provision of supportive housing with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. The bill establishes requirements for providers of supportive housing that enter into agreements with the Department.

[01/11/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102541D pdf](#)

[01/28/16 House: Committee substitute printed 16104862D-H1 pdf | impact statement](#)

[02/12/16 House: Committee substitute printed 16105485D-H2 pdf](#)

[01/11/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/28/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/28/16 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations](#)

[01/28/16 House: Assigned to sub: Health & Human Resources](#)

[02/12/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment\(s\) \(7-Y 1-N\)](#)

[02/12/16 House: Reported from Appropriations with substitute \(21-Y 1-N\)](#)

02/15/16 House: Committee substitute from Health, Welfare and Institutions rejected 16104862D-H1

02/15/16 House: Committee substitute from Appropriations agreed to 16105485D-H2

02/15/16 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB675H2

02/16/16 House: Read third time and passed House (97-Y 2-N)

ASSISTED LIVING AND PACE

HB 297 Assisted living facility; definition, number of individuals receiving care.

Terry Austin

Increases from four to seven, in the definition of "assisted living facility" as it applies throughout Title 63.2, Welfare (Social Services), the minimum number of individuals who are receiving care in a facility in order for the other requirements of the definition to apply.

[01/04/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100154D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/04/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Subcommittee #2](#)

01/21/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote

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HB 435 Adult day care centers; exempt from licensure, Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.

Chris Stolle

Exempts adult day care centers that provide services only to individuals enrolled in a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly program from the requirement of a license issued by the Department of Social Services.

[01/07/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101299D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/07/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/21/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/27/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(99-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/28/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

[02/12/16 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services \(13-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/16/16 Senate: Passed Senate \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

SB 732 Assisted living facilities; no facility shall be required to provide or allow hospice care.

Emmett Hanger

Provides that, to the extent allowed by federal law, no assisted living facility shall be required to provide or allow hospice care.

[01/22/16 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 16104350D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/22/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

[01/29/16 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with amendment \(13-Y 0-N 2-A\)](#)

[02/02/16 Senate: Committee amendment agreed to](#)

[02/03/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate \(36-Y 3-N\)](#)

[02/03/16 Senate: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by Senate \(40-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/03/16 Senate: Passed Senate \(37-Y 3-N\)](#)

[02/05/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

Amendments:

[Senate amendments](#)

HEALTH CARE

SB 19 Telemedicine; pilot program.

William Stanley

Directs the Department of Health, in partnership with a hospital licensed in the Commonwealth, to establish a three-year telemedicine pilot program designed to reduce patient use of emergency department facilities for the treatment of low-acuity conditions. The bill requires the Department to report the results of the pilot program to the State Board of Health and to the General Assembly by October 1, 2019.

[12/04/15 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100390D pdf](#)

[12/04/15 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health](#)

[01/21/16 Senate: Reported from Education and Health \(12-Y 3-N\)](#)

[01/21/16 Senate: Rereferred to Finance](#)

[02/10/16 Senate: Reported from Finance with amendment \(15-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/11/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed \(40-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/12/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

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[02/12/16 Senate: Passed Senate \(37-Y 2-N\)](#)

SB 20 Patient-Centered Medical Home Advisory Council; established.

William Stanley

Establishes the Patient-Centered Medical Home Advisory Council (Council) as an advisory council in the executive branch. The bill requires the Council to advise and make recommendations to the Department of Medical Assistance Services on reforms to the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance that would increase the quality of care while containing costs through a patient-centered medical home system. The bill defines a patient-centered medical home as a team approach to providing health care that (i) originates in a primary care setting; (ii) fosters a partnership among the patient, the personal provider and other health care professionals, and, where appropriate, the patient's family; (iii) utilizes the partnership to access all medical and nonmedical health-related services needed by the patient to achieve maximum health potential; and (iv) maintains a centralized, comprehensive record of all health-related services to promote continuity of care.

[12/04/15 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100389D pdf | impact statement](#)

[12/04/15 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health](#)

[01/21/16 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health](#)

[01/28/16 Senate: Reported from Education and Health with amendments \(15-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/28/16 Senate: Rereferred to Finance](#)

[02/10/16 Senate: Continued to 2017 in Finance \(15-Y 0-N\)](#)

Amendments:

[Senate amendments](#)

HB 312 VDH; increase sharing of electronic health records, report.

Bobby Orrock

Directs the Department of Health to work with stakeholders, which shall include representatives of hospitals and other health care providers in the Commonwealth, to (i) evaluate interoperability of electronic health records systems between health systems and health care providers and the ability of health systems and health care providers to share patient records in electronic format and (ii) develop recommendations for improving the ability of health systems and health care providers to share electronic health records with the goal of ensuring that all health care providers in the Commonwealth are able to share electronic health information to reduce the cost of health care and improve the efficiency of health care services. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by December 1, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to HB1205 (O'Bannon).

[01/05/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed with emergency clause; offered 01/13/16 16100996D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/21/16 House: Committee substitute printed 16104617D-H1 pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/05/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/21/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/26/16 House: Committee substitute agreed to 16104617D-H1](#)

[01/26/16 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB312H1](#)

[01/27/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(99-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/28/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health](#)

[02/15/16 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health](#)

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HB 319 Volunteer health care providers; agreements with Department of Health.

Sam Rasoul

Authorizes the Department of Health to enter into written agreements with health care providers for the provision of health care services, without compensation, to low-income individuals receiving health services through a local health department or a health care facility licensed by the Department and operated by a nonprofit entity; provides that health care providers who have entered into such agreements shall enjoy the protection of the Commonwealth's sovereign immunity to the same extent as paid staff of the Department while acting within the scope of the volunteer agreement; and allows health care providers who provide health care services pursuant to such agreements to use such service to satisfy continuing education requirements.

[01/05/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101102D pdf](#)

[01/28/16 House: Committee substitute printed 16104226D-H1 pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/05/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1](#)

[01/26/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment\(s\) \(11-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/28/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/02/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(98-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/03/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health](#)

[02/15/16 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions](#)

HB 1128 Spouse's liability for medical care; exemption for principal residence.

Greg Habeeb

Provides that a lien arising out of a judgment for a spouse's emergency medical care shall not attach the principal residence of the judgment debtors held by them as tenants by the entireties or that was held by them as tenants by the entireties prior to the death of either spouse where the tenancy terminated as a result of the death of either spouse.

[01/13/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101964D pdf](#)

[01/27/16 House: Committee substitute printed 16104431D-H1 pdf](#)

[01/13/16 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)

[01/20/16 House: Assigned to sub: Civil Law](#)

[01/25/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment\(s\) \(8-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/27/16 House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/02/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(98-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/03/16 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)

HB 1204 Virginia Health Care Access Fund; created.

Randall Minchew

Establishes the Virginia Health Care Access Fund to expand access to health care services through the provision of grants to health care providers who provide health care services to newly eligible individuals described in 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII), but does not expand access to medical assistance services provided through the state plan for medical assistance for such individuals.

[01/17/16 House: Presented and ordered printed 16103892D pdf](#)

[01/17/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

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[01/28/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1](#)

02/02/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote

SB 394 Health care; plan to increase transparency in delivery, etc.

Kenneth Alexander

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to develop a plan to increase transparency in the administration and delivery of health care by agencies of the Commonwealth or health care providers who have entered into an agreement or contract with an agency of the Commonwealth.

[01/11/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101439D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/11/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health](#)

[01/25/16 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions](#)

[01/28/16 Senate: Continued to 2017 in Education and Health \(14-Y 0-N\)](#)

SB 429 Creation of the Commonwealth Genomics and Personalized Medicine Authority.

Richard Saslaw

Creates the Commonwealth Genomics and Personalized Medicine Authority (the Authority) as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth. The Authority's purpose is to encourage coordination and collaboration between public and private entities in the Commonwealth in translational research and commercialization related to genomics and personalized medicine.

[01/12/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102071D pdf](#)

[01/12/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology](#)

[01/25/16 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology \(13-Y 0-N 1-A\)](#)

[01/25/16 Senate: Rereferred to Finance](#)

[02/10/16 Senate: Continued to 2017 in Finance \(14-Y 0-N\)](#)

HJ 61 Life-prolonging care; Joint Commission on Health Care to study legal and regulatory requirements.

Chris Stolle

Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study current legal and regulatory requirements regarding the medical appropriateness of life-prolonging care and options to clarify due diligence and the appropriate course of action when no physician can be found to carry out a patient's requests.

[01/02/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102155D pdf](#)

[01/02/16 House: Referred to Committee on Rules](#)

[01/26/16 House: Assigned to sub: Studies](#)

01/28/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote

MEDICAID

HB 505 Consumer-directed personal care services; allows parent to be reimbursed for providing

Eileen Filler-Corn

Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (Department) to allow a parent to be approved for reimbursement for providing consumer-directed personal care services to his child, who is at least 18 years of age and lives under the same roof as the parent seeking

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reimbursement, pursuant to the Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction waiver, provided the parent meets all other qualifications set forth in Department regulations.

[01/08/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16103180D pdf](#)

[01/08/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Subcommittee #3](#)

01/28/16 House: Stricken from docket by Health, Welfare and Institutions by voice vote

SB 455 Social Services, Department of; information sharing.

Siobhan Dunnivant

Requires the Department of Social Services to provide access to information regarding a medical assistance applicant's receipt of public assistance from programs administered by the Department to entities approved by the Board of Medical Assistance Services to receive applications and to determine eligibility for medical assistance.

[01/12/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102208D pdf](#)

[01/12/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

[01/29/16 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services \(14-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/03/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate \(40-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/05/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

TAX

HB 23 Fuels tax; refunds of taxes to certain nonprofit entities.

Peter Farrell

Provides refunds of fuels taxes for fuels used in highway vehicles owned or operated by or under a contract with any § 501(c)(3) entity organized with a principal purpose of providing hunger relief services or food to the needy.

[11/16/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100208D pdf](#)

[02/03/16 House: Printed as engrossed 16100208D-E pdf | impact statement](#)

[11/16/15 House: Referred to Committee on Finance](#)

[01/26/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1](#)

[01/27/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment\(s\) \(6-Y 2-N\)](#)

[02/01/16 House: Reported from Finance with amendments \(16-Y 6-N\)](#)

[02/04/16 House: VOTE: PASSAGE \(82-Y 15-N 1-A\)](#)

[02/05/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance](#)

[02/16/16 Senate: Reported from Finance \(14-Y 0-N\)](#)

HB 163 Income tax, state; deduction for senior citizens.

Bob Marshall

Modifies the income deduction for seniors by increasing the amount from \$12,000 to \$13,000 and indexing the income restrictions to inflation. The bill is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

[12/23/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102598D pdf](#)

[12/23/15 House: Referred to Committee on Finance](#)

[02/09/16 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1](#)

02/10/16 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2017 by voice vote

02/15/16 House: Continued to 2017 in Finance by voice vote

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HB 1252 Neighborhood assistance tax credits; low-income persons.

David Yancey

Reduces from 300 percent to 180 percent of the poverty guidelines the maximum family annual household income for a person to be deemed a low-income person for whom services provided by a neighborhood organization may be funded under the neighborhood assistance tax credit program. Under the program, businesses and individuals are issued tax credits for donations to federal tax-exempt § 501(c)(3) and § 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations undertaking programs for which at least 50 percent of the persons served under the program are low-income.

[01/19/16 House: Presented and ordered printed 16103798D pdf](#)

[01/19/16 House: Referred to Committee on Finance](#)

[02/02/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee #1](#)

[02/08/16 House: Reported from Finance \(19-Y 3-N\)](#)

[02/15/16 House: Motion to rerefer to committee agreed to](#)

[02/15/16 House: Rereferred to Finance](#)

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES

HB 386 Certified nurse aides; training in observational and reporting techniques.

Randall Minchew

Adds training in observational and reporting techniques to the list of training and education requirements for nurse aide training programs. This bill is identical to SB 328 (Favola).

[01/06/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102734D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/06/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/19/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/25/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(91-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/26/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health](#)

HB 504 Nurse aide; renewal of certification.

T. Scott Garrett

Changes the frequency with which certification as a nurse aide must be renewed from biennially to annually.

[01/08/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101606D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/08/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/21/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/27/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(99-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/28/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health](#)

HB 551 Certified nurse aides; Board of Nursing shall require continuing education.

Vivian Watts

Provides that the Board of Nursing shall require every certified nurse aide to complete 80 hours of continuing education within 120 days of certification.

[01/09/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102304D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/09/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Subcommittee #3](#)

[02/02/16 House: Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions by voice vote](#)

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BACKGROUND CHECKS

HB 536 Sponsored residential and shared living services; background checks for providers.

Patrick Hope

Establishes a requirement for a national fingerprint-based background check for providers of sponsored residential and shared living services.

[01/09/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16102679D pdf](#)

[01/09/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/14/16 House: Assigned to sub: Subcommittee Subcommittee #3](#)

[02/04/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting \(5-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/09/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/12/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(99-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/15/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health](#)

KINSHIP CARE

HB 674 Kinship foster care; waiver of foster home approval standards.

Chris Peace

Allows local boards of social services, subject to approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, to grant a waiver regarding the Board's standards for foster home approval, set forth in regulations, that are not related to safety.

[01/11/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101847D pdf | impact statement](#)

[01/11/16 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions](#)

[01/26/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/29/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(97-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/01/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

[02/12/16 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services \(13-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/15/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/16/16 Senate: Passed Senate \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

SB 433 Kinship Guardianship Assistance program, established.

Barbara Favola

Creates the Kinship Guardianship Assistance program (the program) to facilitate child placements with relatives and ensure permanency for children for whom adoption or being returned home are not appropriate permanency options. The bill sets forth eligibility criteria for the program, payment allowances to kinship guardians, and requirements for kinship guardianship assistance agreements. The bill also requires the Board of Social Services to promulgate regulations for the program.

[01/12/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101539D pdf](#)

[01/12/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

[01/29/16 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services \(14-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/29/16 Senate: Rereferred to Finance](#)

[02/10/16 Senate: Reported from Finance with amendment \(15-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/12/16 Senate: Passed Senate \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

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HOUSING

HB 972 Virginia Housing Trust Fund; revenue deposits.

Alfonso Lopez

Provides that 20% of annual recordation tax revenue in excess of \$325 million shall be deposited into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.

[01/12/16 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16101133D pdf](#)

[01/12/16 House: Referred to Committee on Finance](#)

02/01/16 House: Referred from Finance by voice vote

[02/01/16 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations](#)

[02/01/16 House: Assigned to sub: Commerce, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Technology](#)

02/10/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote

TRANSPORTATION

HJ 171 Cross-jurisdictional transportation for persons with disabilities.

Brenda Pogge

Urges localities to make a collaborative effort to provide affordable cross-jurisdictional public transportation to persons with disabilities by modifying and expanding current transportation routes and services. The resolution urges localities to enter into memoranda of understanding to accomplish this goal and to work with all relevant agencies, organizations, and other stakeholders. The resolution is a recommendation of the Disability Commission.

[01/15/16 House: Presented and ordered printed 16103712D pdf](#)

[01/15/16 House: Referred to Committee on Rules](#)

02/11/16 House: Tabled in Rules by voice vote

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DOCKET

SB 380 Behavioral Health Docket Act; established, report.

Jill Vogel

Establishes, by the Behavioral Health Docket Act (the Act), behavioral health courts as specialized court dockets within the existing structure of Virginia's court system, offering judicial monitoring of intensive treatment and supervision of offenders who have mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse issues. The bill establishes a state behavioral health docket advisory committee and requires localities intending to establish such dockets to establish local behavioral health docket advisory committees. The bill gives the Supreme Court of Virginia administrative oversight of the implementation of the Act. The Act is modeled on the Drug Treatment Court Act (§ 18.2-254.1).

[01/11/16 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16103760D pdf](#)

[01/11/16 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)

[02/03/16 Senate: Continued to 2017 in Courts of Justice \(14-Y 1-N\)](#)

NURSING HOMES

HB 343 Nursing homes; reimbursement of unexpended patient funds.

Brenda Pogge

Requires the Board of Health to include in its regulations a provision requiring nursing homes to provide a full refund of any unexpended patient funds on deposit with the facility following the discharge or death of a patient within 60 days of a written request for such funds by the discharged patient or, in the case of the death of a patient, the person administering the patient's estate.

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[01/28/16 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with amendments \(22-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/01/16 House: Committee amendments agreed to](#)

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[02/03/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

[02/12/16 Senate: Rereferred from Rehabilitation and Social Services \(10-Y 0-N\)](#)

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SB 553 Nursing facilities; electronic monitoring.

John Cosgrove

Prohibits a nursing facility from refusing a resident's request for electronic monitoring of his room.

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[02/11/16 Senate: Reported from Education and Health with amendments \(15-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/12/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/15/16 Senate: Committee amendments agreed to](#)

[02/15/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/15/16 Senate: Passed Senate \(39-Y 0-N\)](#)

Amendments:

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ACT (COIA)

HB 220 Virginia FOIA; public access to resumes and other information related to gubernatorial appointee.

Scott Taylor

Provides that the personnel, working papers, and correspondence record exemption shall not be construed to authorize the withholding of any resumes or applications submitted by persons who are appointed by the Governor. The bill further provides that the resumes and applications for appointment submitted by persons who are appointed by the Governor shall be available to the public upon request. The bill contains technical amendments.

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[01/21/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment\(s\) \(4-Y 0-N\)](#)

[01/26/16 House: Reported from General Laws with amendment \(16-Y 5-N\)](#)

[01/29/16 House: Committee amendment agreed to](#)

[02/01/16 House: VOTE: PASSAGE \(78-Y 20-N\)](#)

[02/02/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology](#)

Amendments:

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HB 861 Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council; extension of filing deadlines.

Jennifer McClellan

Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council; extension of deadlines. Entitles any person required to file the required disclosures an extension of the filing deadlines where good cause for granting an extension has been shown, as determined by the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council. Good cause includes (i) the death of a relative of the filer; (ii) a state of emergency is declared that affects the area of the filer; (iii) a filer who is a member of a uniformed service is on active duty on the date of the filing deadline; or (iv) the electronic filing system fails and prevents timely filing.

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[01/12/16 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)

[01/19/16 House: Assigned to sub: Ethics](#)

[02/05/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment\(s\) \(9-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/10/16 House: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment \(21-Y 0-N\)](#)

[02/15/16 House: Committee amendment agreed to](#)

[02/15/16 House: Emergency clause added](#)

[02/16/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE \(99-Y 0-N\)](#)

Amendments:

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ENFORCEMENT

SB 746 Governmental entities; liability for certain inspections.

Frank Wagner

Liability of governmental entity for certain inspections. Provides that a governmental entity employing a person who exceeds the scope of his authority when performing an inspection of a private entity to determine compliance with any law, regulation, or ordinance shall be liable for any damages arising from any enforcement action taken against the entity on the basis of the employee's inspection. The provisions of this bill do not apply to law-enforcement officers or fire marshals.

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[01/22/16 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)

[02/08/16 Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute \(14-Y 1-N\)](#)

[02/11/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate \(24-Y 16-N\)](#)

[02/15/16 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice](#)

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