

Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation Legislation Committee Report June 2014



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2014 Session Statistics

Туре	Introduced	Passed House	<u>Passed</u> <u>Senate</u>	Passed Both	<u>Cont.</u>	<u>Failed</u>	Approved	<u>Vetoed</u>
H.B.	1273	571	518	514	128	631	497	2
H.J.R.	489	426	420	419	8	62	1	0
H.R.	188	170	0	170	0	18	0	0
S.B.	673	325	413	320	77	276	307	3
S.J.R.	212	180	185	180	21	11	0	0
S.R.	53	0	44	44	1	8	0	0
Totals	2888	1672	1580	1647	235	1006	805	5



- <u>HB 9</u> Parking of certain vehicles; adds Town of Blackstone to list of towns that may regulate or prohibit.
- Summary: Adds the Town of Blackstone to the list of counties and towns that may regulate or prohibit the parking of certain vehicles. Senate Bill 80 (SB 80) is identical to this bill.





- <u>HB 134</u> Diabetes; care of students who have been diagnosed.
- Summary: Permits the parents of any public school student who has been diagnosed with diabetes to designate in a diabetes care plan a delegated care aide to provide diabetes care for the student, including the administration of insulin and glucagon, when a school nurse or physician is not present in the school or at a school-sponsored activity.



- <u>HB 134</u> Diabetes; care of students who have been diagnosed. (continued)
- Summary: The bill also requires the delegated care aide to receive training in diabetes care and every school employee to receive basic training in responses to emergency situations and changes from one to two the minimum number of employees in a school that must be trained with regard to a student with diabetes who attends the school.



- <u>HB 198</u> Elementary and secondary school students; sufficient cause for suspension or expulsion.
- Summary: Prohibits an incident that occurs in any setting other than on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity from being deemed sufficient cause for the suspension or expulsion of a student, except in cases in which the division superintendent has received a report of an adjudication of delinquency or a conviction for a certain criminal offense.



- <u>HB 255</u> Photo-monitoring; systems to enforce traffic light signals.
- **Summary:** Requires that all "photo-red" systems have yellow light signal lengths of at least three seconds.









- <u>HB 218</u> Tobacco products; purchase, etc., of vapor products by minors.
- **Summary:** Adds vapor products to the definition of tobacco products that cannot be sold to or purchased or possessed by a minor. The bill defines a vapor product as a noncombustible tobacco-derived product containing nicotine that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, or circuit that can be used to heat a nicotine solution.





- **HB 484** Electronic cigarettes; prohibited in public elementary and secondary schools.
- **Summary:** Requires each school board to (i) develop and implement a policy to prohibit the use of electronic cigarettes on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity and (ii) include in its code of student conduct a prohibition against possessing electronic cigarettes on a school bus, on school property, or at a schoolsponsored activity. The bill requires school boards to update their policies and codes of student conduct by July 1, 2015.



- <u>HB 341</u> Natural gas vehicles; weight limit exception.
- Summary: Allows vehicles fueled, wholly or partially, by natural gas to weigh up to 2,000 pounds more than the applicable weight limit. The bill requires the operator of the vehicle to be able to demonstrate that the vehicle uses natural gas.





- <u>HB 516</u> Natural gas automobile mechanics & technicians; regulatory program for certification by DPOR.
- **Summary:** Establishes a regulatory program for certification of natural gas automobile mechanics and technicians by the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and sets out the requirements for certification.



- <u>HB 662</u> Commercial driver's licenses, etc.; compliance with federal requirements.
- Amends several sections relating to • Summary: commercial driver's licenses to comply with new FMCSA requirements relating to commercial motor vehicles and prohibited use of handheld mobile telephones in commercial motor vehicles. The bill also requires distracted driving to be included as a part of the driver's license knowledge examination to comply with MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, P.L. 112-141). In addition, the bill provides that DMV may continue to disclose personal information from crash reports, but only if otherwise authorized by law in order to comply with federal law.



- <u>HB 662</u> Commercial driver's licenses, etc.; compliance with federal requirements. (continued)
- **Summary:** In addition, the bill provides that DMV may continue to disclose personal information from crash reports, but only if otherwise authorized by law in order to comply with federal law.
- Senate Bill 565 (SB 565) is identical to this bill.



• <u>HB 851</u> - Assault and battery; any full-time or part-time school employee, penalty.

• Summary: Provides that a battery against any full-time or part-time employee of a public or private elementary school who is engaged in the performance of his duties is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor and the punishment shall include a sentence of 15 days in jail, two days of which shall be a mandatory minimum sentence.



- <u>HB 854</u> Speed limits; maximum limit on nonsurface-treated highways in certain counties. (SB 470 is identical to this bill.)
- Summary: Applies statewide the 35 mph maximum speed limit currently applied only in Albemarle, Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Montgomery, Nelson, Page, Rappahannock, Warren, and Wythe Counties and in any other county whose governing body adopts an ordinance

to do so.





- <u>SB 624</u> Emergency care; school board employees that render certain care shall not be liable for negligence.
- **Summary:** Provides that school board employees that render certain acts of emergency care, including emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), or use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), shall not be liable for ordinary negligence that results from the certain acts of emergency care. The bill contains an emergency clause. The bill describes optional criteria for local school boards to consider when developing any such plan.



- <u>SB 97</u> Bicycles, etc.; minimum clearance for passing. Increases from two to three feet the minimum clearance between a passing vehicle and a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.
- <u>HB 1164</u> Speed limits; reduction of speed limit on Route 23 and Route 58. Increases the maximum speed limit on U.S. Route 23 and U.S. Alternate Route 58 from 55 mph to 60 mph, subsequent to a traffic study.
- <u>HB 1144</u> Private roads; designation as highways for law-enforcement purposes in Greene County. Greene County may designate private roads in residential developments with 25 or more lots as highways for lawenforcement purposes.





• HJ 282 Celebrating the life of Floyd Withers Merryman, Jr.

Bills Continued

- <u>SJ 56</u> Virginia Preschool Initiative; JLARC to study and identify policy and funding options to expand.
- <u>SB 240</u> Public schools; withholding child from custodial parent.
- <u>HB 908</u> Contract passenger carriers; eliminates certain requirements.

Bills Failed

 <u>School Calendar Bills</u>: HB 34; HB 35; HB 42; HB 333; HB 386: HB 577; HB 610; SB 131; SB 637

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- Seat Belts: HJ 34; HB 482.
- Early Childhood &/or Kindergarten: HJ 10; HB 462; HB 862;SB 509.
- <u>Motor Vehicles</u>: HB 51; HB 82; HB 160; HB 320; HB 378; HB1215; SB 225.
- <u>Home School, Private/Religious Schools, Charter Schools</u>: HB 63; HB 114; HB 382; HB 388.
- <u>Applications and Driver's License</u>: HB 93; HB 96; HB 603; HB 1073; SB 179; SB 180; SB 491.
- Remaining Other Bills: HB 21; HB 472; HB 515; HB 536; HB 643; HB 726; HB 859; HB 908; HB 973; HB 1111; HB 1128; SB 17; SB 99; SB 153; SB 240; SB 505; SB 506; SB 531.



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