

## Virginia Association for Career & Technical Education (January 9, 2026 Legislative Report)

The General Assembly will gavel in for the 2026 Regular Legislative session on Wednesday, January 14. Over the last week, hundreds of bills have been trickling in as the Division of Legislative Services continues to draft and file bills for legislators. Bill pre-filing officially ends 10:00am January 14. The final deadline to introduce ‘regularly’ filed bills is 3:00pm Friday, January 23. This is an ‘even-number’ year, and therefore a long 60-day session. With an even number year, it also marks the beginning of consideration for a new state biennium for FY27 & FY28.

Below you will find a list of bills, as of today, that may be of interest. We will continue to monitor filed legislation hourly. This year, following the recent general election for all 100 members of the House of Delegates, the Democrats have a new 64-36 seat House majority, while still maintaining their one-seat majority in the Senate. The Senate of Virginia will also have a Democratic Lt. Governor presiding over the chamber as President of the Senate and a tie-breaking vote. With the addition of a new Democratic Governor, this new political makeup in Richmond is being called the Democrat Trifecta, with the party controlling the House, Senate, and executive branch.

This year, we can expect to see legislative themes centered around affordability, wages, housing, workforce-preparedness, healthcare, and several hyper-partisan issues the past administration has vetoed. Every week this session we will be providing a written report highlighting both specific legislation of interest, as well as a general overview of the current political climate in Richmond. We will also continue to update you on where we are in the bill process.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve as your advocates in Richmond. Do not hesitate to contact our office or cell numbers.

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Bill	Catch line	Legislation Status	Chief Patron
<a href="#">HB53</a>	Student bullying; adjusts definition, characteristics of victim.	In Committee	Cole, J.G.
<a href="#">HB132</a>	Graduation with an advanced studies diploma; requirements, complet. of Int'l Baccalaureate diploma.	Committee Referral Pending	Simon
<a href="#">HB138</a>	Public high schools; career coach required	Committee Referral Pending	Simonds
<a href="#">HB171</a>	Student instruction; internet safety, policy to include key modern digital safety topics.	Committee Referral Pending	Askew
<a href="#">HB178</a>	Public schools; student support services, student personal information and data security, report.	Committee Referral Pending	Anthony
<a href="#">HB180</a>	Work-Based Learning Coordinator Pilot Program; established, report, sunset.	Committee Referral Pending	Anthony
<a href="#">HB189</a>	Certain student assessment requirements; calculation of final course grade.	Committee Referral Pending	Convirs-Fowler
<a href="#">HB206</a>	College partnership laboratory schools; transparency.	Committee Referral Pending	Keys-Gamarra
<a href="#">HJ7</a>	High school graduates; Dept. of Workforce Dev. & Advancement to study optional service year program.	Committee Referral Pending	Helmer
<a href="#">SB90</a>	Equity in public school funding and staffing; at-risk Program established, standards of quality.	In Committee	Favola
<a href="#">SB102</a>	School boards; high school courses or dual enrollment programs for certain certifications.	In Committee	Stanley
<a href="#">SB105</a>	STEM+C Competition Team Grant Program; eligibility for grants.	In Committee	Stanley
<a href="#">SB108</a>	School boards; student cell phone and smart device possession and use policies, prohibition.	In Committee	Pekarsky
<a href="#">SB117</a>	Public school teachers; reemployment of teacher who has not received continuing contract status.	In Committee	Pekarsky
<a href="#">SB134</a>	Public education; early childhood care and education, funding formula calculations, report.	In Committee	Locke



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