



DAVID BAILEY  
ASSOCIATES

Experience • Integrity • Relationships

1108 East Main Street | Suite 1200 | Richmond, VA 23219  
804.643.5554 | [www.dbava.com](http://www.dbava.com)

## Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education Bill Report 3-14-26

The 2026 Regular Session of the Virginia General Assembly concluded this week with significant unfinished business centered on the state budget. While both chambers completed action on most of the policy legislation, negotiations between House and Senate budget conferees did not produce a final conference report before adjournment sine die on March 14. On March 13, House and Senate leadership publicly acknowledged that the two chambers would not reach agreement before adjournment and confirmed that a special session will be required to finalize a budget bill for presentation to the Governor.

The primary sticking points remain differences in tax policy, most notably the House proposal to scale back or eliminate certain data center tax incentives, along with variances in school funding, compensation adjustments, health and human services spending, and reserve deposits. Leadership from both chambers indicated that negotiations are ongoing and expressed confidence that a compromise budget can be completed within the next month. Under Virginia law, the Governor must call a special session, and it is widely expected that the administration of Abigail Spanberger will be unofficially and actively engaged in discussions during that process, given the executive branch's central role in shaping final fiscal policy.

Although the budget remains unresolved, all other legislation passed during session has now been transmitted to the Governor. She has 30 days from adjournment to act on bills presented within a week of session adjourning. The Governor's options include signing a bill into law, vetoing a bill in its entirety, or returning a bill with amendments. Attention will now shift to identifying which measures may draw amendments or vetoes during this executive review period.

Reconvene Day, scheduled for April 22, 2026, will be the General Assembly's opportunity to consider the Governor's vetoes and recommended amendments. During that brief, usually one day, session members may vote to sustain or override vetoes (which requires a two-thirds vote of members present) and may accept or reject gubernatorial amendments by majority vote. If amendments are rejected, the bill returns to the Governor in its original form. However, because the budget was not finalized during the Regular Session, it will not be part of Reconvene Day action and instead will be addressed separately during the forthcoming special session.

With adjournment complete, the 2026 session now transitions into executive action on policy legislation, with the upcoming 2026 Special Session covering continued legislative negotiation on the Commonwealth's biennial budget. The coming weeks will be defined by fiscal negotiations and the Governor's bill actions.



DAVID BAILEY  
ASSOCIATES

Experience • Integrity • Relationships

1108 East Main Street | Suite 1200 | Richmond, VA 23219  
804.643.5554 | [www.dbava.com](http://www.dbava.com)

Bill	Catch line	Legislation Status	Chief Patron
<a href="#">HB53</a>	Student bullying; adjusts definition, characteristics of victim.	Incorporated	Cole, J.G.
<a href="#">HB132</a>	Graduation with an advanced studies diploma; requirements, complet. of Int'l Baccalaureate diploma.	Incorporated	Simon
<a href="#">HB138</a>	Public high schools; career coach required	Failed	Simonds
<a href="#">HB171</a>	Student instruction; internet safety, policy to include key modern digital safety topics.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Askew
<a href="#">HB178</a>	Public schools; student support services, memoranda of understanding, report, effective clause.	In Conference	Anthony
<a href="#">HB180</a>	Work-Based Learning Coordinator Pilot Program; established, report, sunset.	Failed	Anthony
<a href="#">HB189</a>	Certain student assessment requirements; calculation of final course grade, effective clause.	Continued	Convirs-Fowler
<a href="#">HB206</a>	College partnership laboratory schools; transparency.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Keys-Gamarra
<a href="#">HB279</a>	Teachers; timeline and process for increasing salaries to at least national average.	Failed	Clark
<a href="#">HB298</a>	Public elementary or secondary school students; evidence-based restorative disciplinary practices.	Passed	McQuinn
<a href="#">HB299</a>	SOL assessments and related assessment methods; development, administration, scoring, and release.	Passed	Helmer
<a href="#">HB332</a>	Teacher licensure; career and technical education or dual enrollment; three-year licenses.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Rasoul
<a href="#">HB412</a>	Local governing bodies; school division budgets, funding levels.	Failed	Cole, N.T.
<a href="#">HB428</a>	High school graduation requirements; alternative pathway to standard diploma established, report.	Continued	LeVere Bolling
<a href="#">HB478</a>	Diploma seal for excellence in fine arts; established, industry-recognized workforce credential.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Watts
<a href="#">HB551</a>	Nondegree workforce training programs; accreditation.	Continued	Anderson
<a href="#">HB595</a>	Graduation with an advanced studies diploma; requirements, complet. of Int'l Baccalaureate diploma.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Simonds
<a href="#">HB643</a>	School Performance and Support Framework; Board of Education to consider certain changes, report.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Rasoul
<a href="#">HB647</a>	Teaching Experience; regulations Governing Allowable Credit.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Kent
<a href="#">HB698</a>	Virginia Workforce Development and Career Connection and Training Foundation and Fund; established,	Failed	McAuliff
<a href="#">HB753</a>	Public school funding; composite index of local ability-to-pay.	Failed	Runion
<a href="#">HB785</a>	Teacher licensure; three-year license to teach career and technical education, etc.	Incorporated	Austin
<a href="#">HB786</a>	School bds.; authority to prohibit sale of caffeinated beverages to students in public high schools.	Failed	Austin
<a href="#">HB849</a>	Public school employees; suspension, notice and opportunity for a hearing.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Cousins



DAVID BAILEY  
ASSOCIATES

1108 East Main Street | Suite 1200 | Richmond, VA 23219  
804.643.5554 | [www.dbava.com](http://www.dbava.com)

Experience • Integrity • Relationships

<a href="#">HB987</a>	Virginia Retirement System; service credit for career and technical education teachers.	Failed	Garrett
<a href="#">HB1023</a>	Part-time or adjunct instructor in public schools; locally awarded subject matter expert credential.	Continued	Walker
<a href="#">HB1039</a>	College and Career Ready Virginia Program; advisory committee and work group composition.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Carr
<a href="#">HB1158</a>	Career and technical education courses, pathways, and credentials; biennial review, report.	Failed	Walker
<a href="#">HB1283</a>	High school grad. requirements & diploma pathways; consistency for cohorts of ninth grade students.	Awaiting Governor's Action	McLaughlin
<a href="#">HB1383</a>	Technical prof. license; curriculum & instruction coursework, comprehensive community colleges.	Continued	Oates
<a href="#">HJ7</a>	High school graduates; Dept. of Workforce Dev. & Advancement to study optional service year program.	Failed	Helmer
<a href="#">SB90</a>	Equity in public school funding and staffing; at-risk Program established, standards of quality.	Continued	Favola
<a href="#">SB102</a>	School boards; high school courses or dual enrollment programs for certain certifications.	Continued	Stanley
<a href="#">SB105</a>	STEM+C competition team grants; DOE to consider changes to application and eligibility guidelines.	Passed	Stanley
<a href="#">SB108</a>	School boards; student cell phone and smart device possession and use policies, prohibition.	Passed	Pekarsky
<a href="#">SB117</a>	Public school teachers; reemployment of teacher who has not received continuing contract status.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Pekarsky
<a href="#">SB134</a>	Public education; early childhood care and education, child care access calculation, report.	In Conference	Locke
<a href="#">SB147</a>	Alternative graduation pathways to earn Standard Diploma; development, approval, and implementation,	Continued	Pekarsky
<a href="#">SB151</a>	Health Ed. SOL & Curriculum Framework; Board of Education to include water safety instruction.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Craig
<a href="#">SB203</a>	Teacher licensure; career and technical education or dual enrollment; three-year licenses.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Suetterlein
<a href="#">SB217</a>	National Board Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund; eligibility.	Continued	Boysko
<a href="#">SB511</a>	Career & technical education prog., associate degree programs, etc.; return on investment analysis.	Failed	Cifers
<a href="#">SB724</a>	High school grad. requirements & diploma pathways; consistency for cohorts of ninth grade students.	Awaiting Governor's Action	Head