

**2018 House GOP Education Legislation Summary**  
**Provided by Delegate R. Steven Landes, Chairman of the House Education Committee**

**HB 1 Public schools; release of scholastic records; directory information. (Patron: Wilt - R - 26)**

Clarifies that student directory information may be publicly released by school personnel if the school has given notice to the parent, legal guardian, or eligible student of (i) the types of information that the school has designated as directory information; (ii) the right of the parent, legal guardian, or eligible student to refuse the designation of any or all of the types of information about the student as directory information; and (iii) the period of time within which a parent, legal guardian, or eligible student must notify the school in writing that he does not want any or all of the types of information about the student designated as directory information. The bill also provides, however, that except as provided otherwise by federal law or regulation, a school shall not release the address, phone number, or email address of a student unless the parent, legal guardian, or eligible student has affirmatively consented in writing to the designation of any or all of such information as directory information. **Status:** Passed House 63-Y 35-N. Passed Senate with substitute 38-Y 2-N. Bill in Conference Committee.

**HB 2 Teacher licensure; reciprocity; spouses of Armed Forces members. . (Patron: Bell - R - 20)**

Requires the Board of Education to provide for teacher licensure by reciprocity for a period of one year for any spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Commonwealth, provided that such spouse has obtained a valid out-of-state license, with full credentials and without deficiencies, that is in force at the time the application for such a one-year reciprocal license is received by the Department of Education. The bill provides that any such individual who receives a satisfactory evaluation at the conclusion of the year of employment under such one-year reciprocal license is eligible for a renewable license. **Status:** Passed House 99-Y 0-N. Passed Senate with substitute 40-Y 0-N. Senate substitute agreed to by House 99-Y 0-N.

**HB 3 Dual enrollment courses; quality standards; universal transfer course credit. (Patron: Landes**

**- R - 25)** Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to establish (i) quality standards for dual enrollment courses, including quality standards for course instructors, materials, and content; (ii) a process by which dual enrollment courses that meet or exceed such quality standards are certified as universal transfer courses that satisfy course credit at any public institution of higher education. **Status:** Passed House 99-Y 0-N. Reported from Senate Committee on Education and Health 15-Y 0-N.

**HB 84 American Sign Language, instruction in; academic credit, foreign language requirements.**

**(Patron: Bell - R 20)** Requires any local school board that does not offer any elective course in American Sign Language to (i) grant academic credit for successful completion of an American Sign Language course offered by a comprehensive community college or a multidivision online provider approved by the Board and (ii) count completion of any such American Sign Language course toward the fulfillment of any foreign language requirement for graduation. **Status:** Passed House 99-Y 0-N. Passed Senate 40-Y 0-N.

**HB 167 Diploma seals; science, technology, engineering, and advanced mathematics. (Patron:**

**Miyares - R - 82)** Requires the Board of Education to establish criteria for awarding a diploma seal for science, technology, engineering, and advanced mathematics (STEAM) for the Board of Education-approved diplomas. Under current law, such diploma seal is limited in scope to technology and advanced mathematics. **Status:** Passed House 99-Y 0-N. Passed Senate 40-Y 0-N.

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**HB 215 Teacher licensure; one-year license; instructors at regionally accredited institutions of higher education. (Patron: Knight - R - 81)** Declares eligible for a renewable one-year license to teach in public high schools in the Commonwealth any individual who has (i) received a graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; (ii) completed at least 30 credit hours of teaching experience as an instructor at a regionally accredited institution of higher education; (iii) received qualifying scores on the professional teacher's assessments prescribed by the Board, including the communication and literacy assessment and the content-area assessment for the endorsement sought; and (iv) completed certain other licensure requirements. **Status:** Passed House 99-Y 0-N. Passed Senate 40-Y 0-N.

**HB 329 High school graduation requirements; course load. (Patron: Yancey - R - 94)** Requires the Board of Education, in establishing high school graduation requirements, to permit students to exceed a full course load in order to participate in courses offered by an institution of higher education that lead to a degree, certificate, or credential at such institution. **Status:** Passed House 98-Y 0-N. Passed Senate 40-Y 0-N.

**HB 330 Public elementary and secondary school students; topical sunscreen. (Patron: Yancey - R - 94)** Permits any public elementary or secondary school student to possess and use topical sunscreen on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored event without a note or prescription from a licensed health care professional. **Status:** Passed House 98-Y 0-N. Continued to 2019 in Senate Committee on Education and Health 9-Y 6-N.

**HB 347 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; longitudinal data. (Patron: Landes - R - 25)** Requires the data that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia annually collects and publishes on (i) the percentage of graduates of public institutions of higher education and certain nonprofit private institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth who are known to be employed in the Commonwealth and (ii) the average salary and the average higher education-related debt for such graduates to be disaggregated by degree program and level. The bill requires an institution of higher education for which such data is collected and published to provide a link on its website to such data and make such link available to each admitted student. **Status:** Passed House 99-Y 0-N. Passed Senate 39-Y 0-N.

**HB 372 School calendar; opening day of the school year. (Patron: Robinson - R - 27)** Makes local school boards responsible for setting the school calendar and determining the opening day of the school year and eliminates the post-Labor Day opening requirement and "good cause" scenarios for which the Board of Education may grant waivers of this requirement. **Status:** Passed House 76-Y 22-N. Continued to 2019 in Senate Committee on Education and Health 9-Y 6-N.

**HB 544 Higher educational institutions, public; governing boards, open educational resources. (Patron: Freitas - R - 30)** Permits each local school board to (i) establish High School to Work Partnerships between public high schools and local businesses to create opportunities for high school students to participate in an apprenticeship, internship, or job shadow program in a variety of trades and skilled labor positions. **Status:** Passed House 100-Y 0-N. Passed Senate 40-Y 0-N.

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**HB 685 Cybersecurity Student Loan Repayment Grant Program established; report. (Patron: Ransone - R - 99)** Establishes the Cybersecurity Student Loan Repayment Grant Program, to be administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (the Council), whereby renewable grants of up to \$20,000 of matching state and employer funds are provided on a competitive basis to an individual who (i) either (a) graduated within the past year from a public institution of higher education or regionally accredited private institution of higher education with an undergraduate or graduate degree in computer science or another academic program recognized by the Council to prepare an individual for a career in cybersecurity and who resides in the Commonwealth or (b) has served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, was discharged or released within the past year from such service under conditions other than dishonorable, gained experience or received training in computer science during such service, and resides in the Commonwealth and (ii) accepts an offer of employment in a computer science position with any federal or state organization, including any federal or state military or defense organization, that is located in the Commonwealth or any private organization that contractually provides cybersecurity services for any such federal or state organization and that is located in the Commonwealth. The bill contains provisions relating to program administration and dissemination of information and reporting on the program. **Status:** Passed House 100-Y 0-N. Reported from Senate Committee on Education and Health 15-Y 0-N.

**HB 810 School bus operators; training. (Patron: O'Quinn - R - 5)** Requires any school bus operator applicant who does not possess a commercial driver's license to receive (i) a minimum of 24 hours of classroom training and (ii) six hours of behind-the-wheel training on a school bus that contains no pupil passengers and requires any school bus operator applicant who possesses a commercial driver's license to receive (a) a minimum of four hours of classroom training and (b) three hours of behind-the-wheel training on a school bus that contains no pupil passengers. Current law leaves the setting of such hourly requirements to the Department of Education. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to [SB 557](#). **Status:** Passed House 96-Y 2-N. Passed Senate 40-Y 0-N.

**HB 919 Virginia Community College System. . (Patron: Jones - R - 76)** Makes several changes to the Virginia Community College System to ensure a standard quality of education at all comprehensive community colleges, and to ensure in the transfer of community college credit to four-year public institutions of higher education in order to provide higher education as efficiently and cost effective as possible. The bill requires the development of a standard Passport Program and a Uniform Certificate of General Studies program to be offered at each community college.

The bill adds the Virginia Community College System to the Virginia Online Network, and requires that all Passport Program courses be made available through the Network. A community college would be required to indicate whether dual enrollment courses offered at local school division would be eligible for transfer. The Community College system would also be required to maintain a database of all dual enrollment course offered across the Commonwealth. **Status:** Passed House 100-Y 0-N. Reported From Senate Committee on Education and Health 15-Y 0-N.

**HB 1085 Public schools; military students; enrollment. (Patron: Yancey - R - 94)** Requires any local school board of a school division in which a military installation or other military housing is located to establish and implement policies to provide for the enrollment to any school of any student residing on a military installation or in military housing within the school division, upon the request of his parent. The bill permits such policies to include certain conditions. The bill requires a copy of such policies to be posted on the division's website and to be available to the public upon request. **Status:** Passed House 82-Y 16-0-N. Passed Senate 40-Y 0-N.

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**HB 1181 Online Virginia Network Authority. (Patron: Rush - R - 7)** Adds the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee and one nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the State Board for Community Colleges to the members of the board of trustees of the Online Virginia Network Authority (Authority). The bill also provides that the Online Virginia Network, established by the Authority, will facilitate the completion of degrees at comprehensive community colleges as well as at George Mason University and Old Dominion University. This bill is identical to [SB 760](#). **Status:** Passed House 97-Y 0-N. Passed Senate 40-Y 0-N.

**HB 1125 Teacher licensure. (Patron: Landes - R - 25)** Makes several changes to the teacher licensure process, including (i) permitting teachers with a valid out-of-state license, with full credentials and without deficiencies, to receive licensure by reciprocity without passing additional licensing assessments and (ii) specifying that for the purpose of Board of Education regulations for the approval of teacher education programs, the term "education preparation program" includes four-year bachelor's degree programs in teacher education. **Status:** Passed House 100-Y 0-N. Reported from Senate Committee on Education and Health with substitute with amendment 15-Y 0-N.

**HB 1156 Teacher licensure; endorsement in dual language instruction pre-kindergarten through grade six. (Patron: Wilt - R - 26)** Requires the Board of Education to provide for licensure of teachers with an endorsement in dual language instruction pre-kindergarten through grade six. **Status:** Passed House 99-Y 0-N. Passed Senate 40-Y 0-N.