

HB 1600 - Budget Bill.

Chief Patron: Torian

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I, as amended by Chapters 3 and 4 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I, which appropriates the public revenues for two years ending, respectively, on June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026; a Bill to amend and reenact § 58.1-15, § 58.1-322.03, § 58.1-416, § 58.1-419, § 58.1-422.4, § 58.1-422.5, and § 58.1-492 of the Code of Virginia; and a Bill to amend the Code of Virginia by adding § 58.1-339.15 and § 58.1-416.1.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Budget Bill. Amends items of and adds items to Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I.

5 Last Events

12/18/2024	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103935D
12/18/2024	House	Referred to Committee on Appropriations

HB 1612 - Board of Education; Child Care Subsidy Program; maximum reimbursement rate; vendors providing care outside of normal business hours.

Chief Patron: Hernandez

Status: In Subcommittee

A BILL to direct the Board of Education to amend its regulations relating to the maximum reimbursement rate for Child Care Subsidy Program providers.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Board of Education; Child Care Subsidy Program; maximum reimbursement rate; vendors providing care outside of normal business hours. Directs the Board of Education to amend its regulations relating to the Child Care Subsidy Program to permit payment over the maximum reimbursable rate for any vendor that provides child care outside of normal business hours, provided that such rate may not exceed twice the maximum reimbursable rate for child care provided within normal business hours.

5 Last Events

01/03/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25100791D
01/03/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Education
01/13/2025	House	Assigned Educ sub: Early Childhood

HB 1685 - Early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exclusions.

Chief Patron: Sewell

Status: In Subcommittee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-289.02 of the Code of Virginia, relating to early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exclusions.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Early childhood care and education; publicly funded providers; exclusions. Excludes from the definition of "publicly funded provider" for the purpose of provisions of law relating to early childhood care and education any program that receives financial assistance for military child care pursuant to relevant federal law and is accredited by a U.S. Department of Defense-approved national accrediting body.

5 Last Events

01/03/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101054D
01/03/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Education
01/13/2025	House	Assigned Educ sub: Early Childhood

HB 1760 - Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Act; report.

Chief Patron: Gardner

Status: In Subcommittee

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 an article numbered 7.1, consisting of sections numbered 32.1-67.2 through 32.1-67.6, relating to Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Act; report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Act; report. Directs the Department of Health (the Department), in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Education, to establish several programs related to mental health for children five years of age or younger. The bill directs the Department to establish a mental health consultation program for early childhood education providers, health care providers, and families. In service of this program, the bill requires the Department to employ or contract with mental health professionals to provide consulting services on mental health. The bill also requires the Department to establish mandatory training programs for early childhood educators, child care providers, and pediatric health care providers, as those terms are defined in the bill, and to require such programs in order to maintain licensure in such professions. The bill directs the Department to establish parent education programs that are available in multiple locations as well as to create an evidence-based home visiting program to provide at-risk families with direct support and education on early childhood development. The bill requires the Department to collect data on the programs and report annually to the General Assembly.

5 Last Events

01/05/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101729D
01/05/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
01/13/2025	House	Assigned sub: Behavioral Health

HB 1771 - Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program; established, report.

Chief Patron: McClure

Status: In Subcommittee

A BILL to establish the Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program. Establishes the Employee Child Care Assistance Pilot Program (the Program) to provide matching funds to employers in order to incentivize employers to contribute to the child care costs of their employees. The Program shall be administered by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (the Foundation). To participate in the Program, an employer shall agree to make child care contributions to the eligible mixed-delivery provider on behalf of the employee and shall provide any other information deemed necessary by the Foundation. To the extent funds are available, the Foundation shall issue a state match directly to such eligible mixed-delivery provider or to a third-party administrator. Program funds shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis; however, the Foundation is encouraged to prioritize awards to proposals involving contributions from small businesses. The bill requires the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation to provide an interim report to the General Assembly by September 1, 2026, and a summative report to the General Assembly by September 1, 2027, on the effectiveness and impact of the Program.

5 Last Events

01/05/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101358D
01/05/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Appropriations
01/11/2025	House	Assigned Approps sub: Elementary & Secondary Education

HB 1785 - Child day centers, certain; exemption from licensure by Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Chief Patron: Orrock

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-741, 15.2-914, 22.1-289.04, 22.1-289.030, 22.1-289.031, 22.1-289.035, 22.1-289.039, and 22.1-289.049 of the Code of Virginia, relating to certain child day centers operated by religious institutions; exemption from licensure by Superintendent of Public Instruction.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Certain child day centers operated by religious institutions; exemption from licensure by Superintendent of Public Instruction. Exempts fully from the statutory requirement to be licensed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction any child day center that (i) exclusively serves children over the age of two, (ii) is operated or conducted under the auspices of a religious institution, and (iii) (a) has tax exempt status as a nonprofit religious institution in accordance with § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or (b) owns and exclusively occupies real property that is exempt from local taxation. Under current law, such child day centers are exempt from licensure but are still subject to several enumerated requirements. The bill, however, preserves the requirement for such child day centers to conduct background checks for employees and volunteers and prohibits the employment or service at such child day centers of any such individual who has been convicted of any barrier crime as defined in relevant law or who is the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect.

5 Last Events

01/06/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101780D
01/06/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Education

HB 1786 - Child day centers operated by religious institutions; exemption from licensure, conditions.

Chief Patron: Orrock

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-289.031 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child day centers operated by religious institutions; exemption from licensure; conditions.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Child day centers operated by religious institutions; exemption from licensure; conditions. Changes from mandatory to permissive the filing of certain statements and documentary evidence and the establishment and implementation of certain procedures by child day centers operated by religious institutions that are exempt from licensure but permits the Superintendent of Public Instruction to perform on-site inspections of any such center to investigate complaints and at the conclusion of such investigation to require any such center to provide such statements and documentary evidence or establish and implement such procedures.

5 Last Events

01/06/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101781D
01/06/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Education

HB 1807 - Kindergarten Readiness Fund; established, report.

Chief Patron: Cohen

Status: In Subcommittee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-289.09 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Preschool Initiative; Kindergarten Readiness Fund established.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Virginia Preschool Initiative; Kindergarten Readiness Fund established. Establishes the Kindergarten Readiness Fund and provides that all balances of state general funds intended for the provision of services to families through the Virginia Preschool Initiative that are unspent at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Kindergarten Readiness Fund and thereafter used in the discretion of the Department of Education solely for the purpose of providing grants on a competitive basis to school divisions to utilize for other currently operated early childhood education programs.

5 Last Events

01/06/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101258D
01/06/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Appropriations
01/11/2025	House	Assigned Approps sub: Elementary & Secondary Education

HB 1808 - Early Childhood Care and Education, Commission on; kindergarten readiness funding proposal, report.

Chief Patron: Cohen

Status: In Subcommittee

A BILL to require the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education to develop a kindergarten readiness funding proposal; report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education; kindergarten readiness funding proposal; report. Requires the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education to develop a proposal to increase funding for kindergarten readiness programs with a focus on programs that are already under contract with local school divisions. The bill requires the Commission, in developing such proposal, to consider how such programs can receive Virginia Preschool Initiative grants. The bill requires the Commission to report its proposal and any associated findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than October 1, 2025.

5 Last Events

01/06/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25101259D
01/06/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Appropriations
01/11/2025	House	Assigned Approps sub: Elementary & Secondary Education
01/13/2025	House	Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB1808)

HB 1959 - Child Care Subsidy Program waiting list; target timeline for assigning slots to priority groups.

Chief Patron: Bennett-Parker

Status: In Committee

A BILL to require the Department of Education to establish an additional priority group for the Child Care Subsidy Program waiting list and establish, track, and report on a target timeline for assigning slots to Child Care Subsidy Program priority groups.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Department of Education; Child Care Subsidy Program waiting list; additional priority group; target timeline for assigning slots to priority groups. Requires the Department of Education to amend its Child Care Subsidy Program Guidance Manual to add a seventh priority group to the Child Care Subsidy Program waiting list that consists of any family that meets all other Program eligibility criteria and includes a parent who is employed for at least 30 hours per week by a publicly funded child care provider in the Commonwealth that serves children from birth to age five, excluding employment by a local school division but including employment by a Head Start program that is located within a public school building. The bill also directs the Department of Education to require local departments of social services to target a maximum of 30 days for moving priority group families from the waiting list into services; regularly assess, in coordination with the Department of Social Services, the length of time it takes for priority groups to be assigned slots; and provide quarterly updates, beginning October 1, 2025, to the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education on such timeline and any other barriers experienced by families in priority groups on the waiting list in accessing services.

5 Last Events

01/06/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25104417D
01/06/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Education

HB 1972 - Early childhood care & education; statewide, unified, universally accessible, public-private system.

Chief Patron: Gardner

Status: In Subcommittee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-289.03 of the Code of Virginia, relating to statewide, unified, universally accessible, public-private system for early childhood care and education in the Commonwealth; online program.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Statewide, unified, universally accessible, public-private system for early childhood care and education in the Commonwealth; online program. Requires the statewide, unified, public-private system for early childhood care and education in the Commonwealth to be universally accessible, defined in the bill as providing each family with a child who is three or four years of age with at least one slot in an early childhood care and education setting, and in the case of certain families, providing such slot at no cost to the family or at a reduced rate based on a sliding scale and an analysis of family means as determined by the Department of Education. The bill requires the Department of Education, in order to assist with making the statewide, unified, public-private system for early childhood care and education in the Commonwealth universally accessible, to establish and maintain a comprehensive, free, online early childhood education program that is accessible to all families with a child who is three or four years of age, focuses on school readiness, social-emotional development, and language acquisition, and includes a hybrid learning option whereby local community centers or libraries serve as learning hubs for weekly in-person activities. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-13-2025 25104469D
01/07/2025	House	Referred to Committee on Education
01/13/2025	House	Assigned Educ sub: Early Childhood

HB 2265 - Certain individuals to be deemed licensed as teachers with an endorsement in special education early childhood (birth-age five years).

Chief Patron: Tran

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to require certain individuals to be deemed licensed as teachers with an endorsement in special education early childhood (birth-age five years).

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Certain individuals to be deemed licensed as teachers with an endorsement in special education early childhood (birth-age five years). Provides that any individual who has been employed in the Commonwealth as a preschool special education teacher licensed with an endorsement in special education - general curriculum K-12 for at least 15 school years shall be deemed licensed as a teacher with an endorsement in special education early childhood (birth-age five years) upon the recommendation of the division superintendent in the local school division in which such individual is employed to the Department of Education that such teacher is well-qualified to continue to teach preschool special education in such school division. The bill contains an emergency clause.

5 Last Events

01/07/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed with emergency clause; Offered 01-08-2025 25104343D
01/07/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending
01/14/2025	House	Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2265)

HB 2345 - Child day-care facility investment and child day-care expense reimbursement tax credits.

Chief Patron: Obenshain

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-439.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to child day-care facility investment and child day-care expense reimbursement tax credits.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Child day-care facility investment and child day-care expense reimbursement tax credits. Allows a taxpayer to claim a nonrefundable income tax credit for 25 percent of amounts incurred for eligible child day-care expenses of the taxpayer's employees that are either paid directly by the taxpayer or reimbursed by such taxpayer to the taxpayer's employees during the taxable year. The bill also increases from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the amount for which a taxpayer may claim a credit for establishing a child day-care facility for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2026. Finally, approval of applications for the credits shall be limited to those that are assumed to result in no more than \$200,000 of credits in any fiscal year. Under current law, such limit is \$100,000.

5 Last Events

01/08/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102783D
01/08/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HB 2451 - Early childhood care and education; Child Care Subsidy Program; income-based eligibility for assistance; development and implementation of phased reduction model.

Chief Patron: Glass

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 14.1 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-289.08:3, relating to early childhood care and education; Child Care Subsidy Program; income-based eligibility for assistance; development and implementation of phased reduction model.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Early childhood care and education; Child Care Subsidy Program; income-based eligibility for assistance; development and implementation of phased reduction model. Requires the Department of Education (the Department) to develop and implement a phased reduction model for the Child Care Subsidy Program (the Program) that provides for an assistance phase-out period during which the assistance for which a given family is eligible is incrementally reduced in proportion to the increase in such family's income for the purpose of ensuring that no family receiving child care assistance under the Program experiences a sudden loss in eligibility for assistance as a result of an increase in family income. The bill requires the phased reduction model developed and implemented by the Department to consist of incremental income tiers, with each increase in income tier corresponding to a proportional reduction in the percentage of assistance for which a given family is eligible under the Program. The bill directs the Board of Education to (i) promulgate regulations for the development and implementation of the phased reduction model in accordance with the provisions of the bill and (ii) submit to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services any amendments to the current Child Care and Development Fund Plan for Virginia as are necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

5 Last Events

01/08/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104656D
01/08/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

HB 2538 - Public education; early childhood care and education; funding formula calculations; Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established; report.

Chief Patron: Bulova

Status: Committee Referral Pending

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-289.03 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public education; early childhood care and education; funding formula calculations; Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established; report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Public education; early childhood care and education; funding formula calculations; Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established; report. Requires the Department of Education to (i) establish and maintain a funding formula for the provision of early childhood care and education services that establishes the minimum funding and number of slots per biennium for such providers based on a cost of quality rate per child, actual data from the prior year, unserved waitlists, and a multiplier based on enrollment and parent demand growth in prior biennia; (ii) make disbursements from the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund, established in the bill, to support the provision of early childhood care and education services in accordance with the funding formula set forth in the bill; and (iii) submit to the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education a report on the status of the Fund, including the data used to calculate the minimum funding and number of slots per biennium established pursuant to the funding formula. The bill requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit to the General Assembly by November 1 of each year a report on Fund revenues, distributions, and balances.

5 Last Events

01/09/2025	House	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25104342D
01/09/2025	House	Committee Referral Pending

SB 800 - Budget Bill.

Chief Patron: Lucas

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I, as amended by Chapters 3 and 4 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I, which appropriates the public revenues for two years ending, respectively, on June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026; a Bill to amend and reenact § 58.1-15, § 58.1-322.03, § 58.1-416, § 58.1-419, § 58.1-422.4, § 58.1-422.5, and § 58.1-492 of the Code of Virginia; and a Bill to amend the Code of Virginia by adding § 58.1-339.15 and § 58.1-416.1.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Budge Bill. Amends items of and adds items to Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I.

5 Last Events

12/18/2024	Senate	Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103938D
12/18/2024	Senate	Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations

SB 1391 - Adding a member of the Department of Veterans Services to the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education.

Chief Patron: Srinivasan

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-208.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to adding a member of the Department of Veterans Services to the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Adding a member of the Department of Veterans Services to the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education.

5 Last Events

01/13/2025	Senate	Prefiled and laid on Clerk's desk; Offered 01-13-2025 25104925D
01/13/2025	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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