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HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT

HB 555 Marshall	<p>Enterprise Zone Grant Program; preference for allocating grant funds. Changes the eligibility for enterprise zone job grants in areas with an unemployment rate that is one and one-half times or more than the state average to positions paying at least 150 percent of the federal minimum wage including health benefits. Currently positions paying less than 175 percent of the federal minimum wage are not eligible for the job grants. In addition, the bill provides that when the sum of grants for job creation and real property investment exceeds the total annual appropriation for payments, allocations shall be prioritized to fully fund the grants for job creation with any remaining funds to be allocated to the real property investment grants. <i>The bill incorporates HB 660 and HB 1299.</i></p>	<p>House: Passed substitute 99-0 Senate: Passed 40-0 Governor: Approved</p>
HB 882 Athey Support	<p>Transfer of development rights; density bonus. Allows localities to establish a density bonus that would permit certain property owners to transfer more property rights than the existing density would otherwise allow.</p>	<p>House: Passed with amendments 96-0 Senate: Passed w/amendments 39-0 House: Agreed to Senate amendments 99-0 Governor: Approved</p>
HB 233 Dance	<p>Assessments for affordable housing units. Provides that assessments for certain affordable housing units be done according to the income approach, based on the property's current use and restrictions. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission. The bill is effective for assessments for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. <i>Governor's amendments added the following language to the bill: "Notwithstanding the exception in § 58.1-3294 for an owner of four or fewer residential units, upon application by such an owner, the duly authorized real estate assessor may require the owner to comply with all provisions of § 58.1-3294."</i></p>	<p>House: Passed substitute 99-0 Senate: Passed w/amendments 39-0 House: Agreed to Senate amendments 99-0 Governor: Recommendations House & Senate: Concurred w/Governor's recommendations</p>
SB 273 Whipple	<p>Assessments for affordable housing units. Same as HB 233.</p>	<p>Senate: Passed substitute 38-2 House: Passed w/amendments 99-0 Senate: Agreed to House Amendments 38-1 Governor: Recommendations House & Senate: Concurred w/Governor's recommendations</p>
HB 46 Oder	<p>Virginia Disaster Response Fund; hazardous materials in dwellings. Creates the Virginia Defective Drywall Correction and Restoration Assistance Fund to promote the correction and restoration of residential property affected by the environmental problems attributable to defective drywall used in new construction or renovation that occurred between 2001 and 2008. The fund will be administered by the shall be Virginia Resources Authority and the Department of Housing and Community Development. Under the bill, the Department of Housing and Community Development would develop guidelines for the distribution of loans or grants from the Fund to particular recipients. The grants and loans may be used to pay the reasonable and necessary costs associated with (i) the remediation of a contaminated property to remove hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, or solid wastes, (ii) the stabilization or restoration of such structures or (iii) the demolition and removal of the existing structures or other work necessary to remediate or reuse the real property. Housing Commission Bill <i>Governor's amendment was in the nature of a Substitute</i></p>	<p>House: Passed w/ Amendments 99-0 Senate: Passed w/Substitute 40-0 House: Rejected Senate Substitute 0-97 Conference Report: Agreed to by House (93-1) and Senate (39-0-1) Governor: Recommendations House & Senate: Concurred w/Governor's recommendations</p>

EMINENT DOMAIN and ANNEXATION

<p>HB 997 * Howell</p>	<p>Eminent domain; application to Norfolk. Extends the expiration date, from June 30, 2010, to December 31, 2010, for the exemption to requirements applicable to the exercise of the power of eminent domain by the City of Norfolk or the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The exemption was created in the 2007 legislation that, among other things, established limitations on what constituted a public use for which private property could be acquired by exercise of the power of eminent domain.</p>	<p>House: Passed substitute 95-3 Senate: Passed w/amendments 34-6 House: Agreed to Senate amendments 89-7 Governor: Approved</p>
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

<p>HB 385* Dance Support Petersburg</p>	<p>Suspension of state mandates. Allows the Governor, upon application by a locality, to suspend any mandate, or portion thereof, for a period not to exceed two years, prescribed by any unit of the executive branch of state government on a locality upon a finding that it faces fiscal stress and the suspension of the mandate or portion thereof would help alleviate the fiscal hardship. Under existing law, the Governor may suspend such mandates for up to one year.</p>	<p>House: Passed with amends 98-0 Senate: Passed 40-0 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>HB 618* Pogge</p>	<p>Constitutionality of local ordinances. Permits a locality to obtain a determination by the circuit court as to the constitutionality of a local ordinance that has been held to be unconstitutional in a court not of record.</p>	<p>House: Passed 98-0 Senate: Passed 40-0 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>SB 521 Norment</p>	<p>Constitutionality of local ordinances. Same as HB 618</p>	<p>Senate: Passed 40-0 House: Passed 99-0 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>SB 35* Lucas Support</p>	<p>Distribution of handbills, etc., and sale of merchandise or services on highways. Makes the power to regulate and prohibit distribution of handbills, etc., and solicitation of contributions, and sale of merchandise on highways or public roadways and medians a statewide authority. The bill also adds the sale of services or attempted sale of services as a prohibited activity. This bill is identical to HB 350.</p>	<p>Senate: Passed 40-0 House: Passed w/substitute 96-0 Senate: Agreed to House Substitute 40-0 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>HB 350 Rust</p>	<p>Distribution of handbills, etc., and sale of merchandise or services on highways. <i>Same as SB 35</i></p>	<p>House: Passed substitute 99-0 Senate: Passed substitute 40-0 House: Agreed to Senate Substitute 92-7 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>HB 467 Ward</p>	<p>Hampton Federal Area Development Authority. Expands the board from seven to nine members. <i>House substitute is technical.</i></p>	<p>House: Passed substitute 98-0 Senate: Passed w/substitute 39-0 House: Agreed to Senate substitute 99-0 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>HB 1297 Gear</p>	<p>Fort Monroe Authority Act. Establishes the Fort Monroe Authority as a public body corporate and as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to be governed by a Board of Trustees. As a result of decisions made by the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission, Fort Monroe will cease to be an army base in 2011, and at that time most of the site will revert to the Commonwealth. Among other duties, the Authority shall have the power to oversee the preservation, conservation, protection, and maintenance of the Commonwealth's real property interests at Fort Monroe and the renewal of Fort Monroe as a vibrant and thriving community. The Authority may issue bonds under the bill. This bill is identical to SB 315.</p>	<p>House: Passed substitute 99-0 Senate: Passed 35-3 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>SB 315 Locke</p>	<p>Fort Monroe Authority Act. Same as HB 1297</p>	<p>Senate: Passed substitute 39-2 House: Passed substitute 98-0 Senate: Agreed to House substitute 38-2 Governor: Approved</p>

TAXATION/FUNDING

<p>HB 421 Hope</p>	<p>Allocation by CTB of funds for transit projects. Prior to the annual adoption of the 6-Year Improvement Program, the CTB may allocate up to 20 % of the funds in the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund designated for capital purposes to transit operating assistance if operating funds for the next fiscal year are estimated to be less than the current fiscal year's allocation, to attempt to maintain transit operations at approximately the same level as the previous fiscal year. <i>Initiated by NVTC.</i></p>	<p>House: Passed sub statute 92-3 Senate: Passed 40-0 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>HB 16 Cole</p>	<p>Constitutional amendment; property exempt from taxation. Provides for a referendum at the 11/2/10 election on the approval of a proposed constitutional amendment relating to property exempt from taxation. Allows the General Assembly to authorize localities to establish their own income or financial worth limitations for purposes of granting property tax relief for homeowners not less than 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled.</p>	<p>House: Passed 98-0 Senate: Passed 39-0 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>HB 430 Griffith</p>	<p>Real property tax assessment. Provides (i) that the fair market value of certain affordable housing be determined using the income approach, based on the property's current use and restrictions; (ii) additional requirements for real property appraisers; (iii) that a locality's real property sales assessment ratio higher than 130 percent is prima facie proof that the locality has failed to assess at 100 percent of fair market value; (iv) taxpayers access to certain information related to assessments; and (v) additional requirements related to boards of equalization; and (vi) that the local assessing officer provide notice of any request to increase an assessment for commercial, multifamily residential, or industrial property assessments that are already being appealed.</p>	<p>House: Passed substitute 99-0 Senate: Passed substitute 39-0 House: Agreed to Senate Substitute 98-1 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>HB 999 Nutter</p>	<p>Local real and personal property taxes; separate classification for certified renewable energy manufacturing equipment, facilities, devices. Creates separate classifications for rate purposes of (i) certified renewable energy manufacturing equipment and devices for personal property tax purposes, and (ii) improvements to real property that are primarily designed and used in the manufacture of renewable energy for real property tax purposes. <i>Governor's amendments were technical</i></p>	<p>House: Passed substitute 99-0 Senate: Passed 40-0 Governor: Recommendations House & Senate: Concurred w/Governor's recommendations</p>
<p>HB 1244 Marshall Support</p>	<p>Governor's Development Opportunity Fund; authority to award grants. Permits the Governor to exceed the caps for any individual qualifying projects of regional or statewide interest. The bill also authorizes the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to include in its guidelines a requirement for matching local funds. The bill incorporates House Bill 602 (Delegate O'Bannon) and House Bill 1371 (Delegate Lewis).</p>	<p>House: Passed substitute 99-0 Senate: Passed 40-0 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>SB 554 Puckett Support</p>	<p>Governor's Development Opportunity Fund; authority to award grants. Provides that the guidelines for the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund may require an affected locality or localities to provide matching funds, which may be cash or in-kind, at the discretion of the Governor. In addition, the Governor may waive the cap on the amount of money that may be provided to any individual project if the project for which the waiver is granted is of regional or statewide interest.</p>	<p>Senate: Passed substitute 40-0 House: Passed 100-0 Governor: Approved</p>

EDUCATION

<p>HB 669 May Oppose</p>	<p>Triennial census of school population; sales and use tax distribution. Eliminates the requirement that every three years a census of all school-age persons residing within each school division take place. Also eliminates all related requirements regarding appointment and compensation of persons taking census, agents, and census results. The bill also amends the procedure regarding sales and use tax distribution to localities so that distribution is based on an annual estimate of the school-age population of a school division done by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at UVA. This bill also allows for up to \$115,000 to be given to the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service to cover the cost of producing the estimate. This bill is identical to SB 413 (Vogel).</p>	<p>House: Passed substitute 65-34 Senate: Passed substitute 32-8 House: Agreed 59-36 Governor: Approved</p>
<p>SB 413 Vogel Oppose</p>	<p>Triennial census of school population; sales and use tax distribution. <i>Same as HB 669</i></p>	<p>Senate: Passed substitute 30-10 House: Passed Substitute 69-24 Senate: Agreed to House Substitute 32-8 Governor: Approved</p>

HB 1388 Bell	Establishment of virtual school programs. Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop, and the Board of Education to approve, criteria for approving and monitoring multi-division providers of online courses and virtual school programs. The bill also allows local school boards to enter into contracts with approved private or nonprofit organizations to provide such courses and programs; such contracts shall be exempt from the Virginia Public Procurement Act. Any multi-division online provider operating prior to the adoption of approval criteria by the Board may continue operating until such criteria are adopted.	House: Passed Substitute 80-18 Senate: Passed 34-6 Governor: Approved
SB 738 Newman	Establishment of virtual school programs. Same as HB 1388. <i>Governor's amendments were technical</i>	Senate: Passed substitute w/amendment 35-5 House: Passed 78-18 Governor: Recommendations Senate: Concurred 33-7 House: Concurred 79-15
HB 1389 Peace	College Partnership Laboratory Schools. Allows for the establishment of college partnership laboratory schools by any public institution of higher education that operates an approved teacher education program. Such schools shall be public schools established by a contract between the governing board of the school and the Board of Education. Teachers working in such schools shall be employees of the institution of higher education and shall either be licensed by the Board or eligible for such license. <i>Governor's amendments were technical</i>	House: Passed substitute 77-20 Senate: Passed 26-14 Governor: Recommendations House: Concurred 81-14 Senate: Concurred 24-15
SB 736 Newman	College Partnership Laboratory Schools. Same as HB 1389	Senate: Passed substitute 25-15 House: Passed 73-22 Governor: Recommendations Senate: Concurred 33-7 House: Concurred 80-15
HB 1390 Ligamfelter	Public charter schools; review and reconsideration. Requires the public charter school applicant to submit its proposed charter application to the Board of Education for review, comment, and a determination as to whether the application meets approval criteria developed by the Board, prior to submission to the local school board. Also, provides for an opportunity for a public charter school applicant to petition for reconsideration of a decision by a local school board to deny an application. Prior to such petition for reconsideration, an applicant may seek technical assistance from the Superintendent of Public Instruction.	House: Passed substitute 65-35 Senate: Passed w/amendments 27-12-1 House: Agreed to Senate amendments 64-34 Governor: Approved
SB 737 Newman	Public charter schools; pre-certification and appeals. Same as HB 1390.	Senate: Passed substitute 27-12-1 House: Passed 62-34 Governor: Approved

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

HB 1220 Hugo Support	Stormwater management regulations; effective date. <i>(As passed the House)</i> Delays the regulation that establishes local program criteria and delegation procedures and the water quality and water quantity criteria. The regulation, however, shall be adopted within 280 days after the establishment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay - wide TMDL, but no later than December 1, 2011. The bill also directs the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board to establish an advisory panel to review the regulation and make recommendations on possible revisions to the regulation. This bill incorporates HB 1311 and HB 155 .	House: Passed substitute 99-0 Senate: Passed 40-0 Governor: Approved
SB 395 Wagner	Stormwater management regulations; effective date. Delays the regulation that establishes local program criteria and delegation procedures and the water quality and water quantity criteria. The regulation, however, shall be adopted within 280 days after the establishment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay-wide Total Maximum Daily Load, but no later than December 1, 2011. The bill also directs the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board to establish an advisory panel to review the regulation and make recommendations on possible revisions to the regulation. This bill incorporates SB 677 , SB 245 , and SB 681 . This bill is identical to HB 1220 .	Senate: Passed substitute 40-0 House: Passed w/amendments 96-0 Senate: Agreed to House amendments 40-0 Governor: Approved

HB 82 Knight Support	Civil penalties for violation of sewage usage ordinances. Allows any locality under an order of VA DEQ issued pursuant to the authority of subdivision (8a) of § 62.1-44.15 to adopt an ordinance establishing a uniform schedule of civil penalties for violations of ordinances governing the introduction of pollutants and wastes into the locality's public sewer system. Such civil penalties may not be more than \$100 for the initial summons and not more than \$150 for each additional summons.	House: Passed substitute 98-0 Senate: Passed 39-0 Governor: Approved
HB 436 Toscano	Donations by localities; energy efficiency. Provides that a locality may make gifts and donations to any nonprofit organization that is engaged in providing energy efficiency services or promoting energy efficiency within or without the boundaries of the locality.	House: Passed with amendments 94-9 Senate: Passed 30-9 Governor: Approved
SB 291 Deeds	Donations by localities; energy efficiency. Same as HB 436	Senate: Passed 38-2 House: Passed w/amendments 95-4 Senate: Agreed to amendments 39-1 Governor: Approved
HB 877* BaCote	Volunteer property maintenance and zoning inspectors. Adds Newport News to those cities that may utilize volunteers to issue notices of noncompliance with certain ordinances related to property maintenance and zoning.	House: Passed 91-6 Senate: Passed 27-12 Governor: Approved
HB 1189 Putney	Virginia Retirement System; new employees. Modifies for new employees, all the defined benefit retirement plans administered by the Virginia Retirement System ("VRS"), as follows: (i) requires employees to contribute five percent of creditable compensation (only local employers would be allowed to pick up this contribution), and (ii) increases the number of months used to calculate average final compensation from 36 to 60, (iii) increases the cost, and decreases the time in which employees may purchase certain prior service credits, and (iv) reduces the portion of the increase in the Consumer Price Index used for determining annual retirement allowance supplements ("COLA") from three percent plus one-half of the next four percent to two percent plus one-half of the next eight percent. The bill also decreases the Commonwealth's contribution for employees in institutions of higher education participating in an optional retirement plans from 10.4 percent to 8.5 percent of creditable compensation. However, institutions of higher education may provide an additional contribution up to 0.4 percent each year at their own cost. New employees of institutions of higher education would also be required to contribute 5 percent of salary. In addition to these modifications, for new state and local employees covered under the main defined benefit plan, (i.e. excluding the separate plans for state and local law enforcement employees and judges), the bill changes (a) the requirements for unreduced early retirement benefits from 50 years of age and 30 years of creditable service, to one whereby the sum of age plus years of service equals 90 and (b) set the person's normal retirement date as his normal retirement date for federal social security. The bill would allow reduced early retirement to be taken only by those persons who have attained the age of 60 with at least five years of creditable service. Finally, for judges appointed or elected to an original term commencing on or after July 1, 2010, service as a judge would be multiplied by the weighted years of service factor of (i) 1.5 if the person was less than 45 at the time of such original term, (ii) 2.0 if the person was at least 45 but less than 55 at the time of such original term, and (iii) 2.5 if the person was at least 55 at the time of such original term.	House: Passed substitute 80-19 Senate: Passed substitute 40-0 House: Rejects Senate substitute 0-99 Conference Report: Agreed to by House (85-13) and Senate (38-1) Governor: Approved
SB 232 Watkins	Virginia Retirement System; new employees. Same as HB 1189	Senate: Passed substitute 26-14 House: Passed substitute 81-14 Senate: Agreed to House substitute 39-1 Governor: Approved

CARRIED OVER UNTIL 2011 (in bill number order)

HB 57 Cole	BPOL tax; limits on rates and imposition. Prohibits any locality from (i) imposing the BPOL tax if the locality did not impose it as of 1/1/10, and (ii) increasing the BPOL tax rates after 1/1/10. Continued to 2011 in Senate Finance
HB 808 Watts	Coordination of state and local transportation planning. Provides for coordination of local transportation planning with not only the VDOT, but the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation as well. House: Carried over in Transportation

HB 881 BaCote	Restrictive covenants regarding solar energy collection devices. Invalidates any new or existing restrictive covenant adopted by a community association that prohibits or restricts the installation or use of any solar energy collection device. Community associations may establish reasonable restrictions as to the size, place, and manner regarding the placement of such devices on private property and community areas. House: Carried over until 2011 in C, C & T
HB 1013 Athey	Virginia Infrastructure in Urban Development Areas Loan Fund. (As passed the House) Creates the Virginia Infrastructure in Urban Development Areas Loan Fund. The Fund would be administered by the Virginia Resources Authority. Money in the Fund would be used exclusively for the financing of transportation improvement projects, small water facility, and wastewater treatment facility projects located or to be located within an urban development area in the Commonwealth and undertaken by a local government. Priority for loans would be given to projects that will serve two or more local governments to encourage regional cooperation. Continued to 2011 in Senate Local Government
HB 1056 Armstrong	Animal control officers. Clarifies the duties and responsibilities of animal control officers, who shall be sworn law-enforcement officers with jurisdiction over animal control and protection laws. House: Continued to 2011 in Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources.
SB 113 Petersen	Constitutional amendment; tax exemptions. Provides for a referendum at the 11/2/10, election to approve or reject an amendment allowing the General Assembly to authorize legislation that permits localities to exempt or partially exempt certain energy and resource efficient equipment, facilities, or devices from real or personal property taxes. Continued to 2011 in House Privileges and Elections
SB 340 Hanger Support	VA Retail Sales and Use Tax Act. Conforms the Commonwealth's sales and use tax laws to the provisions of the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. Senate: Carried over until 2011 in Finance.
SB 631 Marsh Support	Gang-free zones; penalties. Expands current "gang-free school zones" to the broader "gang-free zones" and includes any school bus stop or the property, including buildings and grounds, of any publicly owned or operated community center, park, library, or hospital. Engaging in criminal street gang activity in a gang-free zone is a Class 5 or 6 felony. Senate: Carried over until 2011 in Finance..
SJ 27 Obenshain Oppose	Constitutional amendment ; taking of private property for public uses. Limits the exercise of eminent domain for the purpose of public use and specifies that, with the exception of property taken for public service corporations, public service companies, or railroads, property may not be taken if the primary purpose of the taking is private financial gain, private benefit, an increase in tax base or tax revenues, or an increase in employment. Senate: Continued to 2011 in Privileges & Elections
SJ 88 Vogel	Study local government reorganization. Establishes a nine-member joint subcommittee to recommend methods for modernizing local government structure and organization, including the potential benefits of regional solutions to local problems and regional delivery of local services. 2-year study. Senate: Carried over in Rules

DEFEATED (in bill number order)

HB 33 Marshall Oppose	State and local debt; estimates of debt service costs required. Requires that bond authorizations by VA or by local governments that require voter approval shall include in the published notice estimates of the number of years to amortize the debt and the estimated total debt service to be paid on the principal amount of the bonds. House: Lay on the table in Appropriations
HB 44 Oder Hsg. Comm Bill	Insurance coverage; Chinese drywall. Exclusions in an insurance policy on an owner-occupied dwelling for property damage from environmental pollution or from defects in material, construction, or design or from deterioration shall not be construed in a manner that limits or excludes coverage for property damage resulting from sulfur compounds released from Chinese drywall or for the replacement of the Chinese drywall. House: PBI in Commerce & Labor
HB 45 Oder	Homeowners insurance; Chinese drywall. Prohibits an insurance company from canceling, refusing to renew, or increasing rates on a policy on an owner-occupied dwelling solely because the dwelling was built using Chinese drywall. House: Tabled in Commerce & Labor
HB 108 Cole	Disposition of firearms. Provides that no locality may participate in any program in which individuals are given a thing of value in exchange for surrendering a firearm to the locality unless the governing body of the locality has enacted an ordinance authorizing the participation of the locality. The ordinance shall require that such firearms shall be sold by public auction or sealed bids to a person licensed as a dealer. Senate: Left in Courts
HB 167* Pogge	Criminal street gangs; predicate criminal act. Adds burglary and shooting into an occupied dwelling to the list of predicate criminal acts for which a person committing such act may be convicted under the criminal street gang act. House: Left in Courts
HB 170* Pogge	Punishment for prostitution. Any person convicted of prostitution, alleged in the warrant, indictment, or information on which he is convicted, and admitted, or found by the jury or judge before whom he is tried, that he has been before convicted of prostitution, or of any substantially similar offense in any other jurisdiction, shall be confined in jail not less than 30 days; and for a 3rd, or any subsequent conviction, is guilty of a Class 6 felony. House: Left in Courts

HB 224 Watts	Payments to cities and towns for maintenance. Equalizes municipal street payments to comparable amounts paid for state maintenance. Left in House Transportation
HB 225 Watts Oppose	SOQ; apportionment of state and local share. Directs the General Assembly, in apportioning the state and local share of the costs of meeting the SOQ, beginning 7/1/10, to implement a formula that determines each locality's ability to pay based on certain ratios. House: PBI with letter in Education
HB 230 Watts	Motor fuels tax; rate increase; allocation of construction funds for primary highway system. Increases the motor fuels tax by \$0.10 per gallon, minus \$0.01 for each \$0.20 that the average price of gasoline exceeds \$3.00. to be indexed every 2 years beginning 7/1/11 by an amount equal to the percentage change in the U.S. Department of Labor's PPI. House: Left in Finance
HB 359 Ware Support	Community development authorities. Permits community development authorities to request that the locality levy and collect a special tax on transient occupancy, food and beverages, and sales.. House: Strike from docket in Finance
HB 363 Ware	Vacant building registration. Increases the maximum registration fee required of an owner of a building that has been vacant for a continuous period of 12 months from \$25 to \$250. House: Lay on table in Counties, Cities & Towns
HB 391 Lohr	Payments to cities and towns for maintenance of certain highways. (As passed the House) Reduces unrestricted right-of-way widths from 50 to 40 feet and hard-surface widths from 30 to 22 feet before payment can be made by the Commissioner to any city or town for maintenance of certain highways if such highway was constructed on or after January 1, 2011 and is classified as a local street. Senate: Left in Transportation
HB 401 Bell Support	Local government; publication of notices for charter changes, referenda, and public hearings, etc.; alternatives. Gives localities alternatives to publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality for legal ads and other notices of proposed action. House: C, C & T sub recommends incorporating into HB 586
HB 451 Herring	Dept. of Housing and Community Development; rental assistance pilot project. Requires the Dept.of Housing and Community Development to establish a 3-year rental assistance pilot project and to report its findings and recommendations. House: Lay on table in General Laws
HB 452 Herring Support	Registration of limited service pregnancy centers. Requires the Department of Health to promulgate regulations for the registration of limited service pregnancy centers. House: HWI sub #3 recommends PBI.
HB 545 Marshall VA Hsg. Bill	Recycled materials to create tangible personal property; tax exemptions and incentives. Exempts from state taxation until 7/1/20, production and industrial components used to create finished tangible personal products from recycled materials. Allows localities to classify those tools and machinery separately for taxation purposes. Machinery and equipment used to process the recycled material is to be certified as such by the DEQ. Left in House Appropriations
HB 558 Tata	SOQ; changes in provisions. Provides for (i) early reading intervention services for students in grades K-3 who demonstrate deficiencies; (ii) mathematics intervention services to students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 who are at risk of failing the Algebra I end-of-course test; and (iii) local school division flexibility in the use of state funding designated for SOL Algebra Readiness; SOQ Prevention, Intervention, and Remediation; Early Reading Intervention; and instructional technology resource teachers. House: Failed to report in Appropriations
HB 570 Iaquinto Oppose	Real property tax assessments; appeals. Changes the burden of proof from the taxpayer to the assessor when a taxpayer appeals the assessment of real property to a board of equalization or to a circuit court. Senate: Passed by Indefinitely in Finance
HB 577 Cole Oppose	Real property tax; time to appeal assessments extended. Increases the time a taxpayer may appeal the assessment of his real estate to the commissioner of the revenue (i) from 3 to 5 years from the last day of the tax year for which the assessment is made or (ii) from 1 to 3 years from the date of the assessment, whichever is later. House: Finance sub #1 recommends laying on table
HB 586 Landes Support	Local government; publication of notices for charter changes, referenda, and public hearings, etc.; alternatives. Same as HB 401. House: C, C & T sub fails to report 3-8.
HB 613 Purkey	Personal property tax; machinery and tools. Classifies new investments in machinery and tools for manufacturing, processing and reprocessing, mining, and television broadcasting made after 7/1/10, as intangible personal property and not subject to local property tax. House: Defeated on the floor 48-51

Oppose	
HB 645 Armstrong Support	Enterprise zone job creation grants. A business firm is eligible for an enterprise zone job creation grant of \$500 per year for up to 5 years for each grant eligible position that during such year is 150 % of the federal minimum wage, if the locality where the business firm is located has an unemployment rate of t2 % or higher than the statewide average. House: No action in Appropriations
HB 652 Armstrong	Eminent domain; just compensation; restricted access. (As passed the House) Provides that any restriction, change, or loss of access to or from property taken under the power of eminent domain shall be considered as an element in assessing the damages to the residue for the purposes of determining just compensation. The bill states that an emergency exists and that the bill is effective upon passage. Passed By Indefinitely in Senate Finance
HB 658 Armstrong	Enterprise Zone Grant Program; threshold for real property investment grants. Lowers the threshold for qualified real property investments under the Enterprise Zone Grant Program for distressed localities from \$100,000 to \$50,000 for the rehabilitation or expansion of a single building and from \$500,000 to \$250,000 for new construction of a single building. House: No action in Appropriations
HB 680 May	Recordation fees. Increases the recordation fee from one to two dollars for every deed, deed of trust, contract, or other instrument conveying an interest in real property. House: Finance Strike from docket
HB 728 Albo Oppose	Conditions of release without bond. (As passed the House) No person arrested for a felony who has previously been convicted of a felony, or who is presently on bond for an unrelated arrest in any jurisdiction, or who is on probation or parole, may be released to a pretrial services agency unless he is determined to be indigent. Senate: Left In Courts
HB 766 Lewis Support	Legal notices by localities. Provides that in any instance in which a locality is required to publish a notice in a newspaper having a general circulation in the locality, and the locality in good faith attempts to have such notice published, a failure by the publisher of the newspaper to properly publish such notice shall not invalidate any action of the locality if the locality has also published such on the locality's World Wide Web site for the period required by law. Failed to report in Senate Local Government
HB 791 Brink	Taxes on room rentals. Retail sales and hotel taxes on transient room rentals are computed based upon the total charges or the total price paid for the use or possession of the room. House: Finance sub #1 recommends laying on table
HB 880* BaCote Support	Derelict Buildings. Expands the definition of derelict buildings to include residential or nonresidential buildings or structures that have not been completed and approved for use or occupancy, and for which the construction permit has been revoked. House: Lay on table in General Laws
HB 893 Barlow	Taxes on room rentals. Same as HB 791. House: Finance sub #1 Sub recommends laying on table
HB 878* BaCote	Local community-based probation services. Allows local probation programs to supervise offenders referred from drug courts. House: Courts sub on Criminal: Lay on Table
HB 879 BaCote Support	Control of firearms; libraries. Provides that a locality may adopt an ordinance that prohibits firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof in libraries owned or operated by the locality. House: Militia, Police & Public Safety sub #1 recommends PBI.
HB 901 Barlow	Motor vehicle safety belts. Makes nonuse of motor vehicle safety belts a primary offense. House: Militia, Police & Public Safety Sub recommends laying on table
HB 960 Ingram	Local housing fund. Any locality may establish by resolution a housing fund, the purpose of which will be to assist for-profit or nonprofit housing developers or organizations to develop or preserve affordable housing for low and moderate income persons. Passed by with a letter in Senate Local Government
HB 988 Nutter	Governor's Development Opportunity fund; grants to localities to meet local matching fund requirements for certain federal programs. The Governor's Development Opportunity Fund may be used to provide grants to localities to meet local matching fund requirements for grants under the federal Economic Development Administration. House: Left in General Laws
HB 1103 Sickles	Primary system highway construction funds allocation. Allocates primary system highway construction funds among the nine highway construction districts on the basis of the ratio of vehicle miles traveled on primary highways divided by the lane miles of primary highways in each highway construction district, weighted 90%, and a need factor, weighted 10%. House: PBI in Transportation with letter

HB 1124 Keam	Street maintenance payments. Increases payments where traffic volumes exceed the statewide average by more than 20 %. <i>House: Tabled in Transportation</i>
HB 1128 Keam	Composite index of local ability-to-pay. A locality whose composite index exceeds 0.6750 must be considered as having an index of 0.6750 for purposes of distributing all payments based on the composite index. <i>House: Appropriations Sub recommends laying on table</i>
HB 1131 Keam	Composition of CTB formulas for allocating primary, urban, & secondary highway system construction funds. Adds one member from the NOVA highway construction district to the CTB. Also provides for allocation of highway construction funds within primary, urban, & secondary systems by the CTB on the basis of (i) population, (ii) traffic congestion, (iii) ambient air quality, (iv) functional classifications of highways, and (v) other objectives as determined by the CTB, with each such factor being equal. <i>House: Left in Transportation</i>
HB 1141 Morgan Oppose	Education; computation of composite index. Requires the General Assembly to modify the current SOQ funding formula and calculation of composite index of local ability to pay that determines each locality's ability to pay for its share of providing an educational program meeting the prescribed SOQ to incorporate within the current indices of wealth the indicated weighting. <i>House: Lay on the table in Appropriations.</i>
HB 1150 Scott Support	Sales and use tax; optional local tax for education. Authorizes any county or city to levy an additional local sales and use tax at a rate of one-half percent with all revenue generated from such tax to be used for education purposes. <i>House: PBI in Finance</i>
HB 1155 Scott Support	Income tax surtax to fund car tax relief. Imposes a state individual income tax surtax to provide a new source of revenue for localities to encourage them to essentially remove the tangible personal property tax on vehicles that currently qualify under the car tax relief program. <i>House: Refused engrossment</i>
HB 1173 Phillips	IVA Public Safety Fund assessment. Imposes an assessment on property and casualty insurance companies in the amount of ½ % of the total direct gross premium income for such insurance. Moneys collected pursuant to the assessment shall be credited to the VA Public Safety Fund. <i>House: Tabled in Commerce & Labor</i>
HB 1224 Scott	Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit. <i>(As passed the House)</i> Makes localities' health clinics providing free medical services by volunteer health practitioners eligible to receive tax credits that can be transferred to professionals donating their services to the programs. <i>Senate: Left in Finance</i>
HB 1228 Dance Support	VA Public Procurement Act; establishment of Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUB Zones) in the state. Same as SB 378. <i>House: Left in General Laws</i>
HJ 115 Joannou Oppose	Constitutional amendment; taking of private property for public uses. Defines the term "public uses" and specifies the instances for which private property may be taken. Taking of private property is not for a public use if the primary purpose of the property's acquisition is to increase tax base, tax revenues, or employment or otherwise to facilitate economic development. <i>House: Left in Privileges & Elections</i>
HB 1280 McClellan	VA Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices. It is an unlawful discriminatory housing practice for any political jurisdiction or its employees or appointed commissions to discriminate in the application of local land use ordinances or guidelines, or in the permitting of housing developments, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, elderliness, familial status, handicap. <i>House: PBI with letter in General Laws.</i>
SB 92 Quayle	VLORS. Provides that the supplemental allowance currently paid to members upon retirement until age 65 would instead be paid until Social Security Retirement Age. <i>(Amendment states that the bill will not become effective unless an appropriation of funds is included in the budget passed by the General Assembly)</i> <i>House: Left in Appropriations</i>
SB 217 Locke	Local boat and watercraft registration fees. <i>(As passed the Senate):</i> Permits a locality, beginning 1/1/11, to impose by ordinance a registration fee on recreational boats or watercraft. The registration fee may not be imposed any more frequently than every 3 years. Any tangible personal property tax imposed on motorboat will be credited against the registration fee. For purposes of the amount of the fee (i) privately owned pleasure motorboats (a) under 18 feet and weighing less than five tons and (b) used for recreational purposes only, (ii) all other privately owned pleasure motorboats under 18 feet and weighing less than five tons, (iii) motorboats 18 feet or over and weighing less than five tons, and (iv) motorboats weighing five tons or more shall be separate classifications of property. The local ordinance may require decals be displayed on the motorboats indicating the last month and year the registration is valid. <i>House: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and NR</i>
SB 353 Obenshain Oppose	Public schools; redirecting of class size reduction funds. Requires any funds appropriated for class size reduction programs for the 2010 - 2012 biennium to instead be distributed as direct aid to public education. <i>Senate: Left in Finance</i>

<p>SB 378 Puckett Support</p>	<p>Establishment of HUB Zones in the state. Requires the Dept. of General Services, in conjunction with the Dept..of Minority Business Enterprise, to develop a program that insures that at least 15 % of state procurement contracts are awarded to small, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses located in HUB Zones.. Senate: <i>Incorporated in SB 658 then both bills not reported from General Laws & Technology</i></p>
<p>SB 543 Colgan Support</p>	<p>Income tax surtax to fund car tax relief. Imposes a state individual income tax surtax to provide a new source of revenue for localities to encourage them to essentially remove the tangible personal property tax on vehicles that currently qualify under the car tax relief program. <i>House refused engrossment on companion bill.</i> Senate: Left in Finance</p>
<p>SB 705 Locke</p>	<p>New and increased taxes for funding the SOQ. Additional revenues to be appropriated for funding the SOQ by (i) establishing an additional individual income tax of 3 % in taxable years 2011 thru 2013 on VA taxable income that is in excess of \$250,000 for each single person and on VA combined taxable income that is in excess of \$500,000 for each married couple. Senate: <i>Defeated in Finance 5-10</i></p>

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