



Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation

**Legislation Committee Report
June 2013**

2010 Session Statistics



Type	<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Passed House</u>	<u>Passed Senate</u>	<u>Passed Both</u>	<u>Cont.</u>	<u>Failed</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Vetoed</u>
H.B.	1047	552	496	489	166	723	440	2
H.J.R.	444	395	368	368	10	86	1	0
H.R.	156	153	0	153	0	3	0	0
S.B.	692	326	438	323	126	495	286	4
S.J.R.	205	164	168	164	21	61	0	0
S.R.	31	0	30	30	1	2	0	0
Totals	2575	1590	1500	1527	324	1370	727	6

House Bills Approved



HB 1344

Deaf or hard-of-hearing children; special education.

Permits local school divisions to ensure that individualized education program (IEP) teams consider the specific communication needs of children who are deaf or hard of hearing and address those needs as appropriate in the child's IEP.

HB 1701

Driver's license applicants; person who fails DMV exam 3 times must take VA Driver's Manual course.

Provides that no person who is at least 19 years old and who fails DMV's driver knowledge exam three times can take the exam a fourth time until he successfully completes a course of instruction based on the Virginia Driver's Manual offered by a licensed driver training school.

House Bills Approved



HB 1871

Bullying; defines term, school boards shall include policies & procedure in code of student conduct.

Defines the term "bullying" and requires school boards to include in their codes of student conduct policies and procedures that include a prohibition against bullying. The bill also requires the Board of Education to develop model policies and procedures and school boards to adopt policies and procedures to educate school board employees about bullying and the need to create a bully-free environment.

House Bills Approved



HB 1907

Handheld personal communications devices; mandatory minimum fine when convicted of reckless driving.

Provides that driving while texting is a traffic infraction punishable, for a first offense, by a fine of \$125 and, for a second or subsequent offense, by a fine of \$250. The current penalties are \$20 for a first offense and \$50 for a second or subsequent offense. The bill also increases the punishment of any person convicted of reckless driving to include a \$250 mandatory minimum fine if the person was texting at the time of the reckless driving offense. The bill also changes the offense from a secondary offense (one that can only be charged when the offender is stopped for another, separate offense) to a primary offense. The bill also provides that the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall make training on such offenses available to state and local law-enforcement agencies. The bill incorporates [HB 1357](#), [HB 1360](#), [HB 1495](#), [HB 1540](#), [HB 1848](#), [HB 1883](#) and is identical to [SB 1222](#).

House Bills Approved



HB 2077

Motor carrier and commercial drivers; amends several licensing laws, etc.

Amends several motor carrier and commercial driver's licensing laws. The bill clarifies and strengthens fitness and operating authority requirements for intrastate motor carriers. It also enables Virginia to comply with new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulation amendments regarding commercial motor vehicles and a prohibition on texting in commercial motor vehicles, and it codifies federal commercial driver's license requirements. This bill is identical to [SB 1219](#).

House Bills Approved



HB 2344

School safety; threat assessment teams, model critical incident response training program, etc.

Requires local school boards to establish policies and procedures for the establishment of threat assessment teams. The bill requires the division superintendent to establish for each school a threat assessment team. The threat assessment teams shall (i) provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community; (ii) identify members of the school community to whom threatening behavior should be reported; and (iii) implement the policies adopted by the school board. The bill requires threat assessment teams to report to the division superintendent upon a preliminary determination that an individual poses a threat of violence to self or others.

House Bills Approved



HB 2345

School Safety, Va. Center for; development of model critical incident response training program.

Requires the Virginia Center for School Safety, in conjunction with the Department of State Police, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and the Department of Education, to develop a model critical incident response training program for public school personnel and those providing services to schools. The bill also requires the Virginia Center for School Safety, in consultation with the Department of Education, to provide schools with a model policy for the establishment of threat assessment teams for each school, including procedures for the assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior poses a threat to the safety of school staff or students.

House Bills Approved



HB 2346

Lock-down drills; every public school is required to have at least two practices per year, etc.

Requires each school, in its annual school safety audit, to complete a school inspection walk-through using a standardized checklist provided by the Virginia Center for School Safety, which shall incorporate crime prevention through environmental design principles. Each completed walk-through checklist shall be made available to the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality or his designee upon request. The bill requires the local school board to provide copies of each school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plan to the

House Bills Approved



HB 2346

Lock-down drills; every public school is required to have at least two practices per year, etc. (Continue)

chief law-enforcement officer, the fire chief, the chief emergency medical services official, and the emergency management official of the locality upon request. The bill also requires the division superintendent to establish a school safety audit committee that will review the school safety audits, and requires each school division to designate an emergency manager. The bill finally requires each public school to conduct at least two lock-down drills: one in September and one in January of each school year.

Senate Bills Approved



SB 893

Public schools; possession & administration of epinephrine by employees of local governing bodies.

Adds employees of local governing bodies and employees of local health departments to the lists of individuals who are permitted to possess and administer epinephrine and not be held liable for civil damages when certain conditions are met. The bill also requires local school boards to include in policies for the possession and administration of epinephrine a provision adding any employee of a local governing body or an employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine to administer the drug to any student believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction. This bill contains an emergency clause. This bill is identical to [HB 1468](#).



Senate Bills Approved

SB 1097

Deaf or hard-of-hearing children; special education.

Permits local school divisions to ensure that individualized education program (IEP) teams consider the specific communication needs of hearing-impaired children and address those needs as appropriate in the child's IEP

SB 1200

Traffic regulation; conforms Title 46.2 to changes to Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Conforms Title 46.2 (Motor Vehicles) of the Code of Virginia to recent changes to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. This bill is identical to [HB 2106](#).

Senate Bills Approved



And one more....

From the 2013 Virginia General Assembly Session....

Even though it had to be rescheduled....

Senate Bills Approved



VIRGINIA "LOVE THE BUS"

2013 EVENT RESCHEDULED

for February 21st

LoveTheBus





Senate Bills Approved

SJ 297

Love the Bus Month; designating as February 2013, and each succeeding year thereafter.

Love the Bus Month. Designates February, in 2013 and in each succeeding year, as Love the Bus Month in Virginia.

House Bills Failed



- [HB 2337](#) Public schools; school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plans.
- [HB 2285](#) Alternative fuels; establishes tax rate for biodiesel fuel, etc., used in operating highway vehicle.
- [HB 2171](#) School safety audits; school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plans.
- [HB 2164](#) School divisions, local; unexpended or unencumbered local school and educational funds.
- [HB 2124](#) Following too closely; operator of any vehicle shall not get closer than is reasonable.
- [HB 1974](#) Vehicle safety inspection; fees, calculation of future increases or decreases.
- [HB 1950](#) Following too closely; driver of a vehicle shall not get closer than is reasonable, etc.
- [HB 1949](#) Reckless driving; speed limits on toll facilities.
- [HB 1948](#) Tow truck drivers; definition of tow.
- [HB 1909](#) Driving under influence of alcohol; defendant's blood or breath tested, exemplary damages.
- [HB 1895](#) Reckless driving; passing other vehicles at intersections.
- [HB 1894](#) Public school programs; opening of the school day.
- [HB 1883](#) Handheld personal communications devices; texting while driving, reckless driving.
- [HB 1880](#) School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening of school year.
- [HB 1867](#) Students; expulsion for certain drug offenses.
- [HB 1848](#) Reckless driving; using a handheld personal communications device, penalty.
- [HB 1673](#) School calendar; alternative schedules in school divisions offering additional instruction time.
- [HB 1647](#) DUI offenders; compliance with State ignition interlock requirements if convicted out-of-state.
- [HB 1628](#) Driver training schools; no DMV regulation shall provide for minimum distance between facilities.
- [HB 1596](#) School calendar; alternative schedules in school divisions containing low-performing schools.
- [HB 1567](#) Suspended or revoked license; driving recklessly causing death of another person, penalty.
- [HB 1550](#) Gang-free zones; adds school bus stops to list of places.

House Bills Failed



- [HB 1540](#) Handheld personal communications devices; unlawful to use in specified school property or crossing.
- [HB 1495](#) Handheld personal communications devices; prohibits use while operating motor vehicle, etc.
- [HB 1491](#) School calendar; makes local school boards responsible for setting opening of school year, etc.
- [HB 1470](#) Public charter schools; costs and applications.
- [HB 1467](#) School calendar; makes local school boards responsible for setting opening of school year, etc.
- [HB 1442](#) Public school interscholastic programs; participation of students receiving home instruction.
- [HB 1416](#) School buses; exempted weight limits for certain traffic on U.S. Route 52 on Fancy Gap Mountain
- [HB 1369](#) School bus stops; school boards shall develop policy for stops located near sex offender residence.
- [HB 1360](#) Reckless driving; using a handheld personal communications device, penalty.
- [HB 1357](#) Handheld personal communications devices; texting while driving a primary offense.
- [HB 1321](#) Public schools; possession and administration of epinephrine by local health department employee.
- [HB 1319](#) School calendar; opening of school year in certain school divisions.
- [HB 1310](#) School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening of school year
- [HB 1309](#) School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening of school year.
- [HB 1080](#) Student discipline; parental notification.
- [HB 887](#) Student suspension or expulsion from school; requires superintendent to ensure continued education.
- [HB 365](#) Student suspension or expulsion from school; requires superintendent to ensure continued education.
- [HB 218](#) Deaf and hard-of-hearing children; special education.

Senate Bills Failed



- [SB 27](#) License plates; display of single plate on registered vehicles.
- [SB 88](#) Driver's licenses; requires DMV send initial notice of suspension or revocation by certified mail.
- [SB 168](#) Public schools; closed-circuit cameras prohibited for purpose of monitoring student conduct.
- [SB 199](#) Pedestrians; requires vehicle drivers to stop at marked crosswalks, etc.
- [SB 304](#) License plates; display of a single plate on registered vehicles.
- [SB 399](#) Deaf and hard-of-hearing children; special education.
- [SB 423](#) License plates; required to display only single plate on rear of vehicle.
- [SB 694](#) Reckless driving; removes driving in excess of 80 mph, etc.
- [SB 705](#) Child restraint devices; penalty if child suffers injury or death.
- [SB 736](#) Motor vehicle doors; requires drivers and passengers to wait for reasonable opportunity to open.
- [SB 771](#) License plates; display of a single plate on registered vehicles.
- [SB 792](#) Nonpublic school students; participation in interscholastic programs.
- [SB 812](#) Public school interscholastic programs; participation of students receiving home instruction.
- [SB 815](#) Driver training schools; length of daily instruction.
- [SB 900](#) Commercial advertising; permits school board to sell space on school buses and real property.
- [SB 951](#) Bullying; defines term and requires school boards to prohibit acts by students and school employees.
- [SB 981](#) Handheld personal communications devices; unlawful to use on school property or crossing, etc.
- [SB 1005](#) Handheld personal communications devices; using while driving on bridge or tunnel, primary offense.
- [SB 1060](#) Following too closely; includes bicycles, mopeds, etc., increases minimum clearance.
- [SB 1099](#) School calendar; makes local school boards responsible for setting opening of school year, etc.
- [SB 1103](#) DUI; alcohol monitoring devices.
- [SB 1153](#) Public schools; changes in instructional time for kindergarten.
- [SB 1160](#) Driving while texting; primary offense, increased penalties.
- [SB 1169](#) Driving under influence of alcohol; defendant's blood or breath tested, exemplary damages.
- [SB 1238](#) Handheld personal communications devices; texting while driving is punishable as reckless driving.

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