



**Virginia Association for  
Pupil Transportation  
Legislation Committee Report  
June 2015**



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# 2015 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.	1126	514	463	456	128	797	441	15
H.J.R.	473	399	388	386	8	95	2	0
H.R.	133	129	0	129	0	4	0	0
S.B.	793	347	478	344	77	526	333	11
S.J.R.	170	119	133	118	21	73	1	0
S.R.	81	0	80	80	1	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2776</b>	<b>1508</b>	<b>1542</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1497</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>26</b>



# House Bills Passed

- **HB 1307** Public elementary and secondary schools; student identification numbers.
- **HB 1334** Students' personally identifiable information.
- **HB 1342** Following too closely.
- **HB 1344** Flashing lights on motor vehicles; 'move over' law.
- **HB 1366** Sex offenses prohibiting entry onto school or other property; hearing.
- **HB 1379** Approaching stationary mail vehicles; reduce speed.



# House Bills Passed

- **HB 1398** Highways, bridges, and ferries; clarification of certain revisions to Title 33.
- **HB 1435** Physician assistants and nurse practitioners; appointment as medical examiners.
- **HB 1443** Public schools; Board of Education regulations on use of seclusion and restraint.
- **HB 1531** Speed limits in school zones.
- **HB 1649** Stationary refuse-collection vehicles; procedure for passing and overtaking.
- **HB 1639** DUI; persons convicted under laws of other states or federal law.

# House Bills Passed



- **HB 1952** School buses; transfer and sell to another school division.
- **HB 2082** Civil immunity for rendering emergency care; forcible entry of motor vehicle to remove a minor.
- **HB 2260** Driving under influence of alcohol; persons convicted under federal law.



# Senate Bills Passed

- **SB 781** Passing with a double yellow line; drivers allowed to pass a pedestrian, stopped vehicle, etc.
- **SB 803** Speed limits in school zones; counties allowed to increase or decrease.
- **SB 1027** Passing with a double yellow line.
- **SB 1191** Firearms on school property.
- **SB 1117** Child abuse or neglect, suspected; time period for investigation.
- **SB 1293** Public elementary and secondary schools; student identification numbers.



# Senate Bills Passed

- **SB 1286** Public schools; annual budget publication.
- **SB 1220** Following too closely.
- **SB 1451** Tolls; imposition and collection for use of Interstate Route 95 south of City of Fredericksburg.
- **SB 1424** Conflicts of Interests Act, State & Local Gov't & General Assembly, etc.; ethics reforms. (Note: This bill incorporates SB 735, SB 752, SB 812, SB 1267, SB 1278, and SB 1289 and is identical to HB 2070.)
- **SB 1411** Court costs; agreement with DMV authorizing collection of payment.

# Bills Passed



- **HB 198** - Elementary and secondary school students; sufficient cause for suspension or expulsion.
- **Summary:** *Prohibits an incident that occurs in any setting other than on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity from being deemed sufficient cause for the suspension or expulsion of a student, except in cases in which the division superintendent has received a report of an adjudication of delinquency or a conviction for a certain criminal offense.*

# Bills Passed



- **HB 255** - Photo-monitoring; systems to enforce traffic light signals.
- **Summary:** *Requires that all "photo-red" systems have yellow light signal lengths of at least three seconds.*



# Bills Passed



- **HB 218** - Tobacco products; purchase, etc., of vapor products by minors.
- **Summary:** *Adds vapor products to the definition of tobacco products that cannot be sold to or purchased or possessed by a minor. The bill defines a vapor product as a noncombustible tobacco-derived product containing nicotine that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, or circuit that can be used to heat a nicotine solution.*



# Bills Passed



- **HB 484** - Electronic cigarettes; prohibited in public elementary and secondary schools.
- **Summary:** *Requires each school board to (i) develop and implement a policy to prohibit the use of electronic cigarettes on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity and (ii) include in its code of student conduct a prohibition against possessing electronic cigarettes on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity. The bill requires school boards to update their policies and codes of student conduct by July 1, 2015.*

# Bills Passed



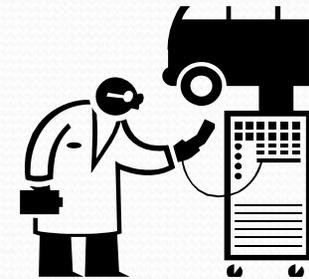
- **HB 341** - Natural gas vehicles; weight limit exception.
- **Summary:** *Allows vehicles fueled, wholly or partially, by natural gas to weigh up to 2,000 pounds more than the applicable weight limit. The bill requires the operator of the vehicle to be able to demonstrate that the vehicle uses natural gas.*



# Bills Passed



- **HB 516** - Natural gas automobile mechanics & technicians; regulatory program for certification by DPOR.
- **Summary:** *Establishes a regulatory program for certification of natural gas automobile mechanics and technicians by the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and sets out the requirements for certification.*



# Bills Passed



- **HB 662 - Commercial driver's licenses, etc.; compliance with federal requirements.**
- **Summary:** *Amends several sections relating to commercial driver's licenses to comply with new FMCSA requirements relating to commercial motor vehicles and prohibited use of handheld mobile telephones in commercial motor vehicles. The bill also requires distracted driving to be included as a part of the driver's license knowledge examination to comply with MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, P.L. 112-141). In addition, the bill provides that DMV may continue to disclose personal information from crash reports, but only if otherwise authorized by law in order to comply with federal law.*

# Bills Passed



- **HB 662** - Commercial driver's licenses, etc.; compliance with federal requirements.  
(continued)
- **Summary:** *In addition, the bill provides that DMV may continue to disclose personal information from crash reports, but only if otherwise authorized by law in order to comply with federal law.*
- **Senate Bill 565 (SB 565)** *is identical to this bill.*

# Bills Passed



- **HB 851** - Assault and battery; any full-time or part-time school employee, penalty.
- **Summary:** *Provides that a battery against any full-time or part-time employee of a public or private elementary school who is engaged in the performance of his duties is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor and the punishment shall include a sentence of 15 days in jail, two days of which shall be a mandatory minimum sentence.*

# Bills Passed



- **HB 854** - Speed limits; maximum limit on nonsurface-treated highways in certain counties. (SB 470 is identical to this bill.)
- **Summary:** *Applies statewide the 35 mph maximum speed limit currently applied only in Albemarle, Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Montgomery, Nelson, Page, Rappahannock, Warren, and Wythe Counties and in any other county whose governing body adopts an ordinance to do so.*



# Bills Passed



- **SB 624 - Emergency care; school board employees that render certain care shall not be liable for negligence.**
- **Summary:** *Provides that school board employees that render certain acts of emergency care, including emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), or use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), shall not be liable for ordinary negligence that results from the certain acts of emergency care. The bill contains an emergency clause. The bill describes optional criteria for local school boards to consider when developing any such plan.*

# Bills Passed



- **SB 97 - Bicycles, etc.;** minimum clearance for passing. *Increases from two to three feet the minimum clearance between a passing vehicle and a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.*
- **HB 1164 - Speed limits;** reduction of speed limit on **Route 23 and Route 58.** *Increases the maximum speed limit on U.S. Route 23 and U.S. Alternate Route 58 from 55 mph to 60 mph, subsequent to a traffic study.*
- **HB 1144 - Private roads;** designation as highways for law-enforcement purposes in **Greene County.** *Greene County may designate private roads in residential developments with 25 or more lots as highways for law-enforcement purposes.*

# Bills Passed



- **HJ 282 Celebrating the life of Floyd Withers Merryman, Jr.**

## Bills Continued

- **SJ 56** Virginia Preschool Initiative; JLARC to study and identify policy and funding options to expand.
- **SB 240** Public schools; withholding child from custodial parent.
- **HB 908** Contract passenger carriers; eliminates certain requirements.



# Bills Failed

- School Calendar Bills: HB 34; HB 35; HB 42; HB 333; HB 386; HB 577; HB 610; SB 131; SB 637
- Seat Belts: HJ 34; HB 482.
- Early Childhood &/or Kindergarten: HJ 10; HB 462; HB 862; SB 509.
- Motor Vehicles: HB 51; HB 82; HB 160; HB 320; HB 378; HB1215; SB 225.
- Home School, Private/Religious Schools, Charter Schools: HB 63; HB 114; HB 382; HB 388.
- Applications and Driver's License: HB 93; HB 96; HB 603; HB 1073; SB 179; SB 180; SB 491.
- Remaining Other Bills: HB 21; HB 472; HB 515; HB 536; HB 643; HB 726; HB 859; HB 908; HB 973; HB 1111; HB 1128; SB 17; SB 99; SB 153; SB 240; SB 505; SB 506; SB 531.



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