A Review of the Legislative Information System and Lobbyist-in-a Box

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The 2017 session is the 2nd year of a two year session cycle. Bill numbers begin with House Bill 1392 and Senate Bill 782.

This is also the day that the Joint Rules committee will meet and submit the resolution that sets exact dates for session.
Members Have Bill Limits

In an odd session year, House members can only introduce a total of 15 bills. Senate members submit unlimited numbers of prefiled bills. All prefiled bills, House and Senate, must be submitted by 10 a.m. on the first day of session.

- SESSION CONVENES – Wednesday, January 11, it is 46 days long. After Prefiling (After session begins)

House members have a 5 bill limit. Senate members have an 8 bill limit.
Who’s New in 2017?

**House**

100 Members

District 77: Vacated by Lionell Spruill who was replaced by C.E. Cliff Hayes Jr.

District 85: Vacant
Vacated by Scott Taylor who is moving to U.S. Congress VA 2nd District

District 93: Vacated by Monty Mason who was replaced by Michael Mullin

**Senate**

40 Members

District 1: Monty Mason (moved from House)
Replacing John Miller

District 5: Lionell Spruill, Sr. (moved from House)
Replacing Kenneth Alexander

District 9: Vacant
Vacated by Donald McEachin who is moving to U.S. Congress VA 4th District

District 22: Vacant
Vacated by Thomas Garrett who is moving to U.S. Congress VA 5th District
What are the Significant Dates in the 2017 Session? (Based on previous odd-year sessions)

- **SESSION CONVENES** – Wednesday, January 11

  Friday, January 20 – Bill cut off. Final date members can submit any legislation for introduction.

Log-in and use Lobbyist in a Box today! No new bills after January 20th!

- **BILL CROSSOVER** – Tuesday, February 7 – when each body has to have completed work of its own legislation
Saturday, February 25, 2017 - Last day of the 2017 session Sine die. Most always occurs on Saturday unless the session is extended by an operating resolution.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 - Reconvene session
**NEW in 2015** the Virginia Law Portal

**2016 SESSION**

Convenes January 13, 2016

- Bills & Resolutions: Status of individual bills and related information
- General Assembly Members: Member sponsored legislation
- Standing Committees: Legislation referred to committee
- State Budget: Budget bills, committees and summaries
- Daily Floor Calendars: Legislative agendas
- Communications: Legislation communicated between houses
- House Minutes / Senate Minutes: Record of floor sessions
- Meetings: House and Senate committee meeting schedule
- Statistics: Session statistics
- Lobbyist-In-a-Box: Subscription-based bill tracking service
Important Notice: Virginia Law Portal

Effective July 1, 2015, the on-line version of the Code of Virginia will only be updated and supported on the Virginia Law Portal Web site, http://law.lis.virginia.gov/. All Code of Virginia laws that were enacted, amended, or repealed during the 2015 Regular Session will only be available at the Web address of http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode. If you access the on-line version of the Code of Virginia through Bookmarks, Favorites, or any Web address that contains any variation of http://lis.virginia.gov/000/src.htm or https://leg1.state.va.us/000/src.htm or http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?000+cod+TOC, you will be re-directed to either the Virginia Law Portal Web site, the Table of Contents Web page for the Code of Virginia, or to a specific Code of Virginia Section. To ensure prompt access to the Code of Virginia, please update existing Bookmarks, Favorites, etc., to reflect the Web address of http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode.
*NEW - 2016 Updates*

All Changes to the Code of VA in the Previous Session Year

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**VIRGINIA LAW**

**Click 2016 Updates…**

Populace Aims

**2016 Updates**

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**Click Title 2.2…**

**Code of Virginia**

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- General Provisions
- Administration of Government
- Agriculture, Animal Care, and Food
- Alcoholic Beverage Control Act
- Aviation
- Wills, Trusts, and Fiduciaries
- Workers’ Compensation
- Juvenile Justice
- Virginia Energy Plan
Only the sections of Title 2.2 that were added or amended in the 2016 session show. How can you track what will be updated in Title 2.2 in 2017?
*NEW in 2016

Bills Amending a Code Section

2017 SESSION

17100269D

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-208, 2.2-402, 2.2-1153, 2.2-2016.1, 2.2-2101, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 2.2-2105, 2.2-2263, 2.2-2519, 2.2-2801, 2.2-2817.2, 2.2-2901, 2.2-2905, 2.2-3106, 2.2-3701, 2.2-3705.7, 2.2-3711, 2.2-4115, 22.1-290.1, 22.1-346, 22.1-346.2, 23.1-100, 23.1-507, 23.1-615, 23.1-800, 23.1-802, 23.1-907, 23.1-1100, 23.1-1300, 23.1-1301.

Click full text link to the introduced bill...

Click the Code section being amended...

Click **Bills amending this Section**

A. The position of Secretary of Education (the Secretary) is created. The Secretary shall be responsible to the
Bills Amending a Code Section

Code of Virginia
Table of Contents » Title 2.2. Administration of Government » Chapter 2. Governor’s Secretaries » § 2.2-208. Position established; agencies for which responsible; powers and duties

§ 2.2-208. Position established; agencies for which responsible; powers and duties

Click Bills amending this Section to view the bills in the upcoming, 2017 session, that are amending this Section.

A. The position of Secretary of Education (the Secretary) is created. The Secretary shall be responsible for:

1. The administration of the educational services provided by the Commonwealth.
2. The integration of educational services and programs, including, but not limited to, those provided by the Department of Education, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of General Services, and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
3. The coordination of educational services and programs with other governmental agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Health and Human Resources, the Department of Aging and Long Term Care, the Department of Elderly Services, and the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
4. The implementation of the educational needs and goals of the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, those set forth in the Virginia Educational Plan.
5. The development and implementation of policies and procedures to ensure the effective delivery of educational services.
6. The development and implementation of strategies to improve the quality of educational services.
7. The development and implementation of strategies to increase the accessibility of educational services to all students.
8. The development and implementation of strategies to ensure the equitable distribution of educational services.
9. The development and implementation of strategies to ensure the effective use of educational resources.
10. The development and implementation of strategies to ensure the effective use of educational technology.
11. The development and implementation of strategies to ensure the effective use of educational research.
12. The development and implementation of strategies to ensure the effective use of educational evaluation.

Note what is called “Breadcrumb” navigation throughout the new site.
Law Portal – Not Just the Code of Virginia but other resources as well.

- **Virginia Administrative Code**
  - Governs Activities of Administrative Agencies of Government

- **Constitution of Virginia**
  - Outlines the Structure of State Government

- **Charters**
  - Document that Lays Out Privileges, Rights of Self Government

- **Authorities**
  - Serves a Public Interest, Public Purpose, Shall Promote the Health, Safety, Welfare, Convenience or Prosperity of the People of the Commonwealth

- **Compacts**
  - Interstate Agreement Between Two or More Signatory States That is Approved by Congress.

- **Uncodified Acts**
  - Acts of Special Application to Persons, Things or Places, Not Part of the Code of Virginia, Limited in Duration of Time and Effect
Law Portal - HELP

Get acquainted with our new Virginia State Law Portal!

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Overview

The Virginia Law Portal is a public website, designed for desktop and mobile devices, that makes the laws of Virginia easier to search, navigate, and find. The Virginia Law Portal is the online home of the Constitution of Virginia, Code of Virginia, Uncodified Acts of Assembly, Regulations of Virginia, Charters and Authorities of Virginia Localities, and Compacts of Virginia. It features easy navigation and readable presentation of content. Visitors can search across all of Virginia Law to find the information they want, without having to know where the information resides.
*NEW in 2016 the Virginia Budget Portal*

**Overview**
The Virginia State Budget Portal is a public website that makes Virginia’s budget information easier to navigate and search. The portal offers an easy-to-use interface to view **Budget Bills, Budget Amendments, and Committee Reports** related to the budget, present and in the past.

**2017 SESSION**
Convenes January 11, 2017

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**State Budget:** Budget bills, committees and subcommittees  
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**Cumulative Index:** Subject index of bills and resolutions

With the new portal, the State Budget link will remain on LIS year round.

Navigate other years using this drop down.
Virginia Budget Portal - Options for specific items, including an item’s amendments.

2016 Session
Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

Click the Item number to open it...

View previous, or next Item...print, create pdf or email the item too!

View this Item’s amendments!
## General Assembly of Virginia

### Item 1 Amendments

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The words “legislative assistant” was found 27 times in HB29 and HB30 in 2016.
Get acquainted with the Virginia State Budget Portal!

Click this link to get help!
If you are tasked with submitting a Report document or a House or Senate Document click Publication Guidelines for full instructions.

Statement of Purpose

The Division of Legislative Automated Systems (DLAS) is charged with tracking, managing, and disseminating General Assembly publications through print and electronic media. There are two types of documents defined as General Assembly publications: 1) Legislative (House and Senate) documents, and 2) Report documents.
This manual is published every year by the first day of session. Every 4 years (new Governor) it is published once at the beginning of session and then again at the end of session.
Visit the LIS Help Center

Planned launch of new **Reports to the General Assembly** set for Fall 2017, before the 2018 session.
Lobbyist-in-a-Box (LIAB) 2017

• If you are using an account that existed last year your profile names show in 2017. Those profiles contain continued/carried over bills.

  * Reminder – the first new bill numbers for the 2017 session are:
    HB 1392        SB 782

• If you click back to the 2016 session year you will see profile names, with all the bills you tracked last year.

• Continued bills were acted on, in committee, on December 1. All continued bills failed. You may want to remove those failed bills from your 2017 profiles.

• Personal Notes on bills you tracked last year are still intact. Add new notes to new bills in 2017.

• Be sure to make new bookmarks and favorites linking to the new 2017 session year in your web browser.
The members of the Committee - in public session - study, discuss, and vote on the bill.

**2017 SESSION**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**
Committee information includes membership, regularly scheduled meeting time and a linked list of bills and resolutions in committee. View House or Senate committee statistics.

**HOUSE COMMITTEES**
- Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
- Appropriations
- Commerce and Labor
- Counties, Cities and Towns
- Courts of Justice
- Education
- Finance
- General Laws
- Health, Welfare and Institutions
- Militia, Police and Public Safety
- Privileges and Elections
- Rules
- Science and Technology
- Transportation

**SENATE COMMITTEES**
- Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
- Commerce and Labor
- Courts of Justice
- Education and Health
- Finance
- General Laws and Technology
- Local Government
- Privileges and Elections
- Rehabilitation and Social Services
- Rules
- Transportation

The Clerk of the Senate refers all Senate bills upon introduction.

The Speaker of the House refers all house bills. House bills are introduced with the status Committee referral pending. House bills should begin to be referred around December 16, if not before.
House Committees – Agendas and Reports

For schedules of when bills will before a House committee, check Agendas and Committee reports. There will be no docket links on House Committees this year.

Senate Committees – Dockets

For schedules of when bills will before a Senate committee, check docket links.
House Committees – Agendas

*New in 2016 – Separate Notification in LIAB

Either of these two options will ensure that you receive notification when a bill is placed on an Agenda in the House or a Docket in the Senate.
House Committees – Agenda E-mail Notice

Click the link provided in the email to the House Agenda

HB 271
HB 897
Add Bills to Your Profile Indexed by Subject

1) Click a subject to display a list of bills by that subject. These are the same subjects you will find under the Cumulative Index on the LIS home page.

2) Click box on bill(s) you want to add...

3) Click submit to add bill(s) to your profile.
*NEW in 2015 - Cumulative Index

2014 SESSION
Convened January 8, 2014

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Search by Subject, by Patron, by Bill Type, by Bill Status or by Code Section

HOUSE BILL INDEX
New Index View
Old Index View

2016 Session
2016 Session

Subject: Workers' Compensation
Patron: Habeeb

HB44 Ch. 358 Habeeb

Description
Workers' compensation; injuries or deaths presumed to be in course of employment.

Date Introduced: 11/24/2015
Affected Law: Amending § 65.2-105
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