

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2017 SESSION

## CHAPTER 229

*An Act to express the intent of the General Assembly relating to the Commonwealth's two land-grant universities.*

[H 1569]

Approved February 23, 2017

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1.** § 1. *It is the intent of the General Assembly that in order to support a strong Commonwealth and to fulfill the principles of the federal Morrill Land-Grant Acts of 1862 and 1890 and Smith-Lever Act of 1914 (7 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.), the Commonwealth's two land-grant universities, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Virginia State University, shall maintain strong programs of instruction, research, and the extension of knowledge in agriculture, natural resources, family and consumer sciences, community viability, youth development, and such other fields as are necessary to fulfill their respective land-grant missions. Therefore, it is incumbent on these two institutions to ensure that these objectives will be addressed in all strategic plans for the future.*