**SHAV 2024 FINAL Bill Tracking Report**

Well, the 2024 Regular Legislative Session has come to an end, and it has certainly been a historic session of ‘firsts.’ With the House having 35 brand new members, and the Senate having 18 (counting those coming from the House), many new practices took hold this year. We saw an increased number of bills carried over to next year (more than previous sessions). We witnessed, what would otherwise not be possible, several returning junior delegates chair committees. Most notably, and fittingly, we experienced the first session in the newly completed General Assembly Building welcoming in all the brand-new faces.

Now, as we look to the Governor for his next move, it is not unlikely we’ll see a near record number of vetoes. As Governor Youngkin no longer has a Republican controlled House to serve as the check on partisan legislation, he must now more fully utilize his executive authority on various ‘hot button’ issues. A report can already be found on the 8 early bills he has vetoed concerning firearms, marijuana, voting systems, etc. This was legislation signed by both chambers and sent to the Governor on or before Friday March 1, placing these bills into a 7-day window for executive action per the state constitution.

As described in previous reports, the 30-day window the governor now finds himself in will likely be consumed by review of party-line legislation, and of course the budget bill. It is still unclear whether the governor will veto the entire budget (initiating a special session) or send back amendments. Were the latter to happen, we would see debate unfold during reconvened session April 17th.

Bills tracked this session have ranged from topics such as expansive healthcare coverage, practitioner rights, IEPs, industry regulation, etc. You will find in the charts below, an outline of all bills tracked that are either alive, dead, or carried over. A specific bill of focus, Kathy Tran’s HB 982, mandated Medicaid cover adult hearing aids, screenings, audiological examinations, etc. While there was much support in principle, the price tag associated with this legislation ultimately led to its death in House Appropriations. Our next step for the 2025 session would hopefully be to work with Delegate Tran on a budget amendment for similar legislation.

It has been an exciting and fast-paced legislative session. At the risk of repeating myself, I thank you for your guidance and work on the various issues of importance. If there are any questions concerning either the budget process, or bills, please reach out by phone or email.

Best,

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**ALIVE LEGISLATION**

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| **Bills** | **Committee** | **Last action** | **Date** |
| [**HB 120**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB120) - [Sullivan](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H269) - DPOR and DHP; certain suspensions not considered disciplinary action. | [(H) Committee on Health and Human Services](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H24)  [(S) Committee on General Laws and Technology](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S12) | (G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 18 (effective 7/1/24) | 03/08/24 |
| [**HB 123**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB123) - [Sullivan](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H269) - Health insurance; ethics and fairness in carrier business practices. | [(H) Committee on Labor and Commerce](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H14)  [(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S02) | (G) Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 8, 2024 | 03/11/24 |
| [**HB 1089**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB1089) - [Coyner](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H315) - Special education and related services; definitions, utilization of Virginia IEP. | [(H) Committee on Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H02)  [(S) Committee on Finance and Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S05) | (S) Senate receded from amendment (40-Y 0-N) | 03/07/24 |
| [**SB 21**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB21) - [Salim](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S127) - Students with disabilities; SCHEV to study process used to determine eligibility for accommodations. | [(H) Committee on Education](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H09)  [(S) Committee on Education and Health](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S04) | (S) Conference report agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) | 03/07/24 |
| [**SB 60**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB60) - [Favola](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S86) - Individualized education program; guidelines for teams relating to age-appropriate instruction. | [(H) Committee on Education](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H09)  [(S) Committee on Education and Health](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S04) | (G) Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 8, 2024 | 03/11/24 |
| [**SB 105**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB105) - [Lucas](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S19) - Elementary and secondary education achievement; At-Risk Program established. | [(H) Committee on Education](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H09)  [(S) Committee on Finance and Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S05) | (H) VOTE: Adoption (96-Y 0-N) | 03/08/24 |
| [**SB 220**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB220) - [Favola](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S86) - Special education and related services; changes relating to services for children with disabilities. | [(H) Committee on Education](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H09)  [(S) Committee on Finance and Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S05) | (G) Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 8, 2024 | 03/11/24 |

**DEAD LEGISLATION**

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| **Bills** | **Committee** | **Last action** | **Date** |
| [**HB 8**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB8) - [Ware](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H124) - Medical Ethics Defense Act; established. | [(H) Committee on Health and Human Services](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H24) | (H) Left in Health and Human Services | 02/13/24 |
| [**HB 241**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB241) - [McQuinn](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H207) - Prescribed pediatric extended care centers; licensure, regulation. | [(H) Committee on Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H02) | (H) Left in Appropriations | 02/13/24 |
| [**HB 970**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB970) - [Tran](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H305) - Children; comprehensive health care coverage program. | [(H) Committee on Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H02) | (H) Left in Appropriations | 02/13/24 |
| [**HB 982**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB982) - [Tran](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H305) - State plan for medical assistance services; plan to include adult hearing screenings, etc. | [(H) Committee on Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H02) | (H) Left in Appropriations | 02/13/24 |
| [**SB 43**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB43) - [Favola](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S86) - Persons with disabilities; creates a helpline program within disAbility Law Center of Virginia. | [(H) Committee on Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H02)  [(S) Committee on Finance and Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S05) | (H) Tabled in Appropriations (22-Y 0-N) | 02/26/24 |
| [**SB 231**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB231) - [Hashmi](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S108) - Children; comprehensive health care coverage program for certain individuals. | [(H) Committee on Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H02)  [(S) Committee on Finance and Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S05) | (H) Tabled in Appropriations (21-Y 0-N) | 02/28/24 |
| [**SB 671**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB671) - [Peake](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S105) - Youth Health Protection Act; established, civil penalty. | [(S) Committee on Education and Health](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S04) | (S) Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (9-Y 6-N) | 02/08/24 |

**CARRIED OVER LEGISLATION**

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| **Bills** | **Committee** | **Last action** | **Date** |
| [**HB 1029**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB1029) - [Runion](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H321) - Bath County and Augusta County School Boards; cost-savings agreements, requirements. | [(H) Committee on Education](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H09) | (H) Continued to 2025 in Education | 01/31/24 |
| [**HB 1347**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB1347) - [Srinivasan](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H381) - Health insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder, cost-sharing requirements prohibited. | [(H) Committee on Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H02) | (H) Continued to 2025 in Appropriations | 02/09/24 |
| [**SB 518**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB518) - [Williams Graves](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S130) - Public high schools; college and career specialist required. | [(S) Committee on Education and Health](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S04) | (S) Continued to 2025 in Education and Health (15-Y 0-N) | 02/08/24 |