



# CAPITOL ISSUES

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## VASSP Legislative Update on Priority Bills



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### **HB 23 Children; prohibited photography, penalty.**

### **HB 76 Instructional spending; local school board to report expenditures annually.**

**Notes:** HB 76 is the vehicle in the House for the 65% Solution bills. Bill passed with substitute language to require that the State Board of Education define instructional spending rather than the very limited version of the definition in the original language.

### **HB 107 Adult students; notifying schools when charged with certain crimes, etc.**

**Notes:** Notification when student 18 or older under jurisdiction of J&D court.

### **HB 111 Schools; delayed implementation of statutes and regulations upon which accreditation is based.**

**Notes:** Senate bill exempts increased graduation requirements from bill thus requiring them to go forward as scheduled.

### **HB 172 Sex offenders; prohibiting proximity to children.**

### **HB 196 Graduation requirements; delayed implementation.**

**Notes:** Amended version of bill would delay implementation of economic education and financial literacy

### **HB 227 Sex offender; prohibiting entry onto school property of those that are violent.**

### **HB 257 Homebound instruction services; Board of Education shall review its regulations.**

**Notes:** Bill amended to have State Board recommend those who may assign student to homebound instruction

**HB 270** Vaccination of school children; Department of Health to develop plan for all students in State.

**HB 304** Va. Grade Level Alternative; justification shall be provided for each student considered therefor.

**HB 331** Charter schools, public; Board may submit recommendation to school board to approve applications.

**Notes:** Reasons for denial must be in writing.

**HB 385** Suspension of state mandates; Governor may suspend any mandate, not to exceed two years.

**HB 394** Standards of Quality; requirements for standard, modified, or advanced studies diploma.

**Notes:** Bill favorable amended to require identification of focused sequence of electives in student Academic and Career Plan

**HB 475** Concealed handgun permits; permit to carry in part of school building not being used for activities.

**Notes:** Allows for carrying of concealed handgun with permit in school building, parking lot and traffic circle

**HB 528** Physical restraint of student; requires school principal or his designee to notify parents.

**Notes:** Bill successfully carried over - would have required principal to notify parent of any type of physical restraint.

**HB 566** Standards of Quality; local school board to include in its annual report.

**HB 581** Paraprofessional training; person seeking licensure to obtain certificate in autism disorders.

**Notes:** Bill to require additional 80 hrs of training for paraprofessionals for students in autism spectrum failed to be recommended in House Appropriations due to fiscal implications.

**HB 623** Substitute teachers; may be employed longer than 90 teaching days in a school year.

**HB 682** Gang-free zones; expanded to include any school bus stop or public buildings, etc.

**HB 744** Assault and battery; person bullying, etc., of student on school property punishable for assault.

**Notes:** Punishment for bullying, etc. to be punished under criminal code.

**HB 780** Open school enrollment policies; local school divisions to have policies in place by August 1, 2010.

**Notes:** Bill failed to provide for assignment to any school at request of parent.

**HB 862** Juveniles; punishment for possession, etc., of alcohol.

**HB 863** Children, delinquent; loss of driving privileges for alcohol, firearm, and drug offenses.

**HB 926** Students, nonpublic school; participation in public school interscholastic programs, fees.

**Notes:** Bill to allow homeschool students to participate in interscholastic sports failed to pass and was carried over to 2011

**HB 978** Statewide uniform grading policy; requires Board of Education to establish.

**Notes:** Bill failed to pass; carried over.

**HB 1067** Nutritional guidelines; Board & VDH to develop for all competitive foods in public schools, report.

**Notes:** Bill to regulate competitive foods failed in House Appropriations. Senate bill with same language passed but will likely meet same fate in House.

**HB 1119** Charter schools, public; approval of applications.

**HB 1214** Firearm on public school property; prohibits those in closed container in motor vehicle.

**HB 1353** DUI; prohibited while operating a school bus, penalty.

**SB 56** Prayer at public events; governmental agency to have no authority to regulate.

**SB 135 Public schools; school divisions shall not be required to purchase new textbooks until 2011-2012.**

**SB 145 Virginia Index of Performance incentive program; established.**

**SB 196 School nonattendance; attendance officer, volunteers, school personnel, & principal notifies parent.**

**Notes:** Clarifying language to add "or designee"

**SB 197 Public schools; maintaining records of pesticide application on school grounds.**

**SB 209 International Baccalaureate program; course credit.**

**SB 211 School boards, local; disciplinary authority.**

**Notes:** Bill failed to be reported in Senate Education and Health Committee.

Re: student charged with crime against another student: Principal required to place student in another school or alternative setting; if not resolved within 10-day period, student must be returned to original school or provided alternative placement. This bill removes language worked on by all ed groups last year authorizing principal to impose short-term suspension prior to school board decision regarding a student alleged to have committed crime against another student in the school.

**SB 213 Retirement System; retirees hired as school board security personnel.**

**SB 269 Driver education programs; fuel efficient driving practices to be included in curriculum.**

**SB 352 Schools; delayed implementation of statutes and regulations upon which accreditation is based.**

**Notes:** Exempts new graduation requirements from delay.

**SB 354 No Child Left Behind Act; school division may administer limited English proficiency assessment.**

**SB 361 Religious holidays; student's absence because of observance thereof must be recorded as excused.**

**Notes:** Allows student to receive perfect attendance awards, etc., if only absence due to religious holiday.

**SB 414 Nutritional guideline; Board and VDH to develop for all competitive foods in public schools, report.**

**Notes:** Seeks to regulate all competitive foods sold in schools, except beverages. Same bill defeated in House Appropriations Committee.

**SB 580 Airsoft guns; prohibited on school property.**

**SB 586 Juveniles; petition filed by intake officer to schools for certain crimes committed.**

**SB 630 Standards of Quality; local school board to include in its annual report.**

**Notes:** Report Workplace Readiness Skills Assessment numbers.

**SB 652 Concussions; Board of Education to develop guidelines dealing with in student-athletes.**

**Notes:** Reported from Senate Education Committee. Guidelines to be developed and made available to parents; restricts return to play pending dr examination in certain cases.

**SB 682 Public schools; school board to report to Superintendent of Public Instruction recycling policies.**

**Notes:** Reported from Senate Education Committee. To require reporting of recycling efforts including estimation of weight of items recycled.

**SB 715 Civics education; teachers training to include local government and civics specific to State.**

**Notes:** Requires Board of Ed regulations for additional teacher training in state/local civics.