

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

Summary as introduced:

Expenditures and reports on instructional spending. Requires each local school board to allocate 65 percent of its operating budget to instructional spending. Local school boards must report annually to the Board of Education the percentage of their operating budgets allocated to instructional spending. Any school division that fails to meet the 65 percent requirement must present a plan to the Board of Education to increase instructional spending by 0.5 percent in the following fiscal year. School divisions failing to submit such a plan must be audited by the Auditor of Public Accounts, who is required to submit recommendations to the Board, including instruction concerning how failing school divisions can increase their instructional spending to 65 percent. In addition, the Board must annually report to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations the amount of spending allocated by the local school divisions to instructional spending based on the reports submitted annually by the local school boards.

Notes: HB 76 is the vehicle in the House for the 65% Solution bills. Last week's subcommittee agreed to pass the bill to the full House Education Committee with a recommendation to require that the State Board of Education define instructional spending rather than the very limited version of the definition in the current bill, an amendment that will give principals and other stakeholders the opportunity to offer input into a very important issue.

HB 189 Immunizations; philosophical exemption.

Summary as introduced:

Immunizations; philosophical exemption. Establishes a philosophical exemption from requirements for immunizations.

HB 257 Homebound instruction services; Board of Education to amend its regulations.

Summary as introduced:

Board of Education; homebound instruction. Requires the Board of Education to amend its regulations establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia as they relate to homebound instructional services to include that homebound instruction shall be made available to students based on a certification of need by a licensed clinical social worker. Current regulations provide that certification must be made by a licensed physician or licensed clinical psychologist.

Notes: Adds clinical social worker to those who may recommend homebound instruction

HB 394 Standards of Quality; standard diploma.

Summary as introduced:

Standards of Quality; standard diploma. Ensures that the sequential elective requirement for the standard diploma supports the student-selected career pathway required by the Academic and Career Plan and described in Board of Education regulations.

Notes: Question is how to ensure a sequential elective in student selected career pathway. Understand that this particular Board requirement is not necessarily followed "to the letter" currently and may not be in best interest of student to require such. CTE bill.

HB 397 Statewide uniform grading policy; requires Board of Education to establish.

Summary as introduced:

Board of Education; statewide uniform grading policy. Requires the Board of Education to establish a policy to interpret end-of-course grades in a uniform manner across the Commonwealth in grades 6 - 12, but allows for a weighted grading system for advanced placement, honors, and International Baccalaureate classes.

Notes: VA Beach bill

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

Summary as introduced:

Public schools; notification of physical restraint of student. Requires the school principal or his designee to notify the parents of a student, including those with an Individual Education Plan, whenever action has been taken to physically restrain such student.

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

Summary as introduced:

Board of Education; teacher licensure; paraprofessional training. Requires the Board of Education to include in its regulations governing licensure a requirement that by September 1, 2011, every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement in special education and working with students with autism spectrum disorders must obtain a certificate of completion in coursework in autism spectrum disorders, as recognized by the Virginia Autism Council. Also requires that by September 1, 2011, any local school division employing paraprofessional aides for

students with an autism spectrum disorder shall provide an 80-hour preservice training program that meets the requirements set forth by the Virginia Autism Council.

Notes: Most immediate problem is certifying paraprofessionals, keeping them and attracting them with new requirements. Could also be problematic in attracting special ed teachers.

HB 724 Open Education Curriculum Board; established.

Summary as introduced:

Open Education Curriculum Board; established. Establishes the Open Education Curriculum Board. The purpose of the Board is to designate qualifying entities as Open Education Consortia and set the standards for submission of education materials and subsequent licensing of educational curriculum developed by the Consortia. Materials submitted to a Consortium may be edited in any manner and released under a Creative Commons license or licensed for use as a commercial product, subject to restrictions developed by the Board. Consortia may offer financial incentives to encourage individuals to submit educational materials to the Consortium.

Notes: Administrative arm of govt reviewing and editing curriculum content - this is not the Board of Ed

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

Summary as introduced:

Bullying at school punishable as assault and battery. Provides that any person who engages in the bullying, harassment, and intimidation of a student on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored activity shall be subject to punishment for assault pursuant to § 18.2-57.

Notes: 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.

Summary as introduced:

Open enrollment policies; local school divisions. Requires that by August 1, 2010, local school divisions must have policies that provide for the open enrollment to any school of any pupil residing within the school division upon the request of a parent or guardian and pursuant to certain conditions. Also, requires local school divisions with fewer than 50,000 students to have policies that provide for the open enrollment to any school of pupils residing in adjoining school divisions with fewer than 50,000 students upon the request of a parent or guardian and pursuant to certain conditions.

Notes: Assignment to any school at request of parent.

[HB 906](#) Security for Public Deposits Act; includes extracurricular public school activities funds.

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Security for Public Deposits Act; definition of public deposit; student activity funds. Includes in the definition of "public deposit" any funds derived from extracurricular public school activities, such as entertainment, athletic contest, cafeteria, club dues, etc., and from any and all activities of the school involving personnel, students, or property.

[SB 211](#) School boards, local; disciplinary authority.

Summary as introduced:

Local school boards; disciplinary authority. Allows local school boards to authorize a principal to immediately send a student who is the subject of a petition alleging that he has committed certain offenses involving intentional injury of another student at the same school to an alternative education program or another school for a 10-day period.

Notes: If decision regarding placement of such student not resolved within 10-day period, student must be returned to 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 414](#) Nutritional guidelines; Board & VDH to develop for all competitive foods in public schools, report.

Summary as introduced:

Competitive foods in public schools; report. Requires the Board of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Health, to promulgate and periodically update regulations setting nutritional guidelines for all competitive foods sold or served to students during regular school hours. The bill also requires (i) the Board to adopt either the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Competitive Foods Guidelines or the Institute of Medicine's Recommended Standards for Competitive Foods in Schools as the initial statewide standard for competitive foods, (ii) the Board to report to the General Assembly on the final regulations by December 1, 2011, and (iii) local school boards to report to the Department of Education on their plans to implement the final regulations by 30 days prior to the beginning of the 2012 - 2013 school year.

Notes: Seeks to regulate all competitive foods sold in schools, except beverages (the beverage industry was able to remove their products from all the nutrition bills seeking to regulate vending machines)
