

2020

Virginia State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Virginia's General Assembly
are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

This 2020 Virginia Scorecard was created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the 140 legislators who serve in the Virginia General Assembly. It is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT PRO-GROWTH POLICIES.

THE FOUNDATION CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS OF VOTING RECORDS.

THE FOUNDATION'S GOAL IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND BRING AWARENESS TO LAWMAKERS.

Methodology | Virginia 2020

Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Virginia's elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker's record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

The Foundation examines legislative votes related to the Club's immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limited government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding parental choice for education
- Implementing term limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examines votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation, and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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The Foundation’s study examined over 6,700 floor votes and, in the end, included 24 Virginia House votes and 24 Virginia Senate votes.

COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was ranked. Lawmakers with 0% scores are, by default, ranked #100 in the House and #40 in the Senate. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2020 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the Virginia House and Virginia Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“In this first release in a series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies, and we are starting with Virginia. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

- DAVID McINTOSH
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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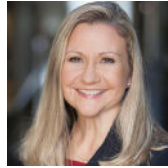
Virginia Senate Snapshot

19 Republicans

21 Democrats

Average Republican Score: 65%

Average Democrat Score: 6%



Sen. Amanda Chase



Sen. Ryan McDougale



Sen. Mark Obenshain



Sen. David Suetterlein

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICANS

Sen. Amanda Chase (SD-11) | **73%**

Sen. Ryan McDougale (SD-04) | **73%**

Sen. Mark Obenshain (SD-26) | **73%**

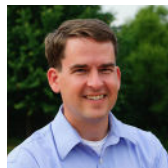
Sen. David Suetterlein (SD-19) | **73%**



Sen. Amanda Chase

LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Sen. Jill Vogel (SD-27) | **47%**



Sen. Jeremy McPike



Sen. Chap Petersen

HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Sen. Jeremy McPike (SD-29) | **7%**

Sen. Chap Petersen (SD-34) | **7%**

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Several at **5%**

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	
POINTS					1	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	5	4	7	7	4	3	3	4	5	6	1	3	5	3	
Barker, George	SD-39	D	6%	15%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22
Bell, John	SD-13	D	6%	16%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22
Boysko, Jennifer	SD-33	D	6%	15%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22
Chafin, Benton	SD-38	R	67%	58%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	8
Chase, Amanda	SD-11	R	73%	76%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	1	-	5	-	1
Cosgrove, John	SD-14	R	72%	64%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	5
Deeds, R. Creigh	SD-25	D	6%	8%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22
DeSteph, Bill	SD-08	R	69%	56%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	7
Dunnavant, Siobhan	SD-12	R	61%	55%	-	X	3	4	3	5	-	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	15
Ebbin, Adam	SD-30	D	6%	8%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22
Edwards, John	SD-21	D	5%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	36
Favola, Barbara	SD-31	D	6%	9%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22
Hanger, Emmett	SD-24	R	53%	52%	-	5	-	4	3	5	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	17
Hashmi, Ghazala	SD-10	D	6%	6%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22
Howell, Janet	SD-32	D	6%	14%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22
Kiggans, Jen	SD-07	R	67%	67%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	8
Lewis, Lynwood	SD-06	D	6%	16%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22
Locke, Mamie	SD-02	D	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	36
Lucas, L. Louise	SD-18	D	5%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	36
Marsden, Dave	SD-37	D	5%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	36

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POINTS					1	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	5	4	7	7	4	3	3	4	5	6	1	3	5	3		
Mason, Monty	SD-01	D	6%	15%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22	
McClellan, Jennifer	SD-09	D	6%	4%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22	
McDougle, Ryan	SD-04	R	73%	68%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	1	-	5	-	1	
McPike, Jeremy	SD-29	D	7%	19%	1	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	20	
Morrissey, Joseph	SD-16	D	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	36	
Newman, Stephen	SD-23	R	70%	64%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	1	-	5	-	6	
Norment, Thomas	SD-03	R	53%	50%	-	5	-	4	3	5	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	17	
Obenshain, Mark	SD-26	R	73%	70%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	1	-	5	-	1	
Peake, Mark	SD-22	R	67%	59%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	8	
Petersen, Chap	SD-34	D	7%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	20	
Pillion, Todd	SD-40	R	67%	65%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	8	
Reeves, Bryce	SD-17	R	67%	60%	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	8	
Ruff, Frank	SD-15	R	64%	58%	-	5	-	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	13	
Saslaw, Richard	SD-35	D	6%	13%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22	
Spruill, Lionell	SD-05	D	6%	8%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22	
Stanley, William	SD-20	R	60%	57%	-	5	-	4	3	5	4	-	7	2	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	5	-	16	
Stuart, Richard	SD-28	R	63%	58%	1	X	3	4	3	X	4	6	7	-	-	-	X	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	1	-	5	-	14	
Suetterlein, David	SD-19	R	73%	77%	-	5	-	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	X	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	1	X	5	-	1	
Surovell, Scott	SD-36	D	6%	3%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	22	
Vogel, Jill	SD-27	R	47%	46%	-	5	-	-	-	5	X	6	7	-	-	-	7	-	X	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	X	-	19	

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HB 119

STATE CONTROL OF THE WORD “MILK”

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would narrowly define milk as the “lacteal secretion of a healthy hooved mammal” and therefore ban all products misbranded as milk. Products like almond milk and soy milk are named as such because its producers want to compete against animal milk. For the government to prevent this is to stifle commercial speech and reduce competition. The Virginia House passed this bill, 66-32, on January 29, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 24-16, on February 27, 2020.

HB 395

INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

The minimum wage is a price control on labor. Increasing or expanding the minimum wage often has the opposite desired effect, leading to job losses and shortages. This bill raises the state’s minimum wage gradually from its current

federally mandated \$7.25 per hour in 2020 to \$15.00 per hour in 2026. The Virginia House passed this bill, 53-45, on March 7, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 21-17, on March 8, 2020.

HB 408

EXTENDING GREEN JOB SUBSIDIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would extend the sunset date for the Green Job Creation Tax Credit from January 1, 2021, to January 1, 2025. This tax credit is an example of social engineering using arbitrary targets and dollar amounts. It’s not a core function of government, but instead egregious corporate welfare. The Virginia Senate passed it, 27-13, on February 20, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 58-40, on February 24, 2020.

HB 534

NEW PLASTIC BAG TAX

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would allow local governments to charge a 5-cent tax on plastic bags provided

to customers by certain retailers. This is social engineering and is not an equitable way to raise taxes for financing the core functions of government. The Virginia House passed this bill, 52-47, on March 5, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 22-18, on March 7, 2020.

HB 570

ALLOW INCOMPETENT TEACHERS TO KEEP WORKING

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would remove the definition of “incompetency” for the purpose of establishing grounds for the dismissal of public school teachers. Teachers need to be subjected to more competition, not less, in order to make sure that the very best instructors are teaching our children. The Virginia House passed this bill, 57-42, on February 4, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 22-18, on February 17, 2020.

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HB 582

ALLOW PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO UNIONIZE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would permit counties, cities, and towns to adopt local ordinances authorizing them to recognize labor unions for certain public employees, including employees at government-run schools. This will further raise the cost of maintaining government bureaucracies, placing a higher burden on taxpayers. The Virginia House passed this bill, 53-46, on March 7, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 21-18 on March 8, 2020.

HB 755

NEW UGLY PROPERTY TAX (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows certain local governments to levy a higher property tax on properties that it deems as blighted or having derelict structures. This is social engineering and is not an equitable way to raise taxes for financing the core functions of government. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 23-15, on February 21, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 59-39, on February 25, 2020.

HB 1141

VIRGINIA HEALTHCARE MUST BE OBAMACARE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would require health insurance companies to only offer plans that are compliant with Obamacare requirements, even if Obamacare is repealed. This will reduce healthcare freedom and choice while raising prices for everyone. The Virginia House passed this bill, 61-37, on March 5, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 22-18, on the same day.

HB 1162

NEW AUTHORITY TO PURSUE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill states that Virginia's Department of Environment Quality is now supposed to further "environmental justice". Such a policy will likely reduce economic growth by rejecting building permits, tightening environmental regulations, and restricting development, especially in low-income areas. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 21-19, on February 24, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 53-43, on February 26, 2020.

HB 1238

MORE POLITICAL SPEECH REGULATIONS (CFGF OPPOSES)

Current law states that political advertisements must have a disclosure of at least a font size of seven. This bill would require the font size to be proportional to the advertisement, setting up a myriad of regulations since candidates use different methods of advertisements. The Virginia House passed this bill, 81-14, on February 6, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 35-5, on February 24, 2020.

HB 1318

EXTENSION OF HOLLYWOOD TAX CREDITS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the sunset deadline from January 2022 to January 2027 for the motion picture tax credit that the state currently offers. This is corporate welfare and is not a core function of government. The Virginia House passed this bill, 67-26, on March 4, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 35-4, on March 7, 2020.

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HB 1361

CORPORATE WELFARE FOR TRUCK COMPANY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

While the legislation doesn't explicitly say it, this bill was created so that one company - The Volvo Group - could receive a direct cash payment of over \$16 million if certain performance standards are met. This is corporate welfare where lawmakers and bureaucrats get to pick winners and losers in the marketplace. This is not a core function of government. The Virginia House passed this bill, 90-9, on January 31, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 40-0, on February 20, 2020.

HB 1414

HUGE TRANSPORTATION TAX AND SPEND BILL

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This massive bill would increase the state gas tax by ten cents over two years and then index it to inflation. It would also impose a new fee on electric or alternative fuel vehicles, and impose a new regional fuels sales tax in parts of the state

that don't already have one. It also creates a new rail authority that would be allowed to acquire land via eminent domain to promote and create new rail service. The bill would raise over \$168 million a year in new revenue from the tax hikes, and it also authorizes over \$2 billion in new debt spending. The Virginia House passed this bill, 54-43, on March 7, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 23-16, on March 8, 2020.

HB 1451

MANDATORY RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill replaces the state's existing voluntary renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) program with a mandatory one. Electric utilities will be forced to generate or purchase increasing percentages of renewable energy until the year 2050 when all electric power must be renewable. If a company fails to meet these new standards, they will be forced to pay a tax called a "deficiency payment." This mandate could come at a huge price, resulting in higher prices for consumers and greater government bureaucracy and spending.

The Virginia House passed this bill, 52-47, on February 11, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 22-18, on February 24, 2020.

HB 1498

CORPORATE WELFARE FOR MERCK

(CFGF OPPOSES)

While the legislation doesn't explicitly say it, this bill was created so that one company - Merck - could receive a direct cash payment of over \$7.5 million plus \$2.5 million in indirect benefits if certain performance standards are met. This is corporate welfare where lawmakers and bureaucrats get to pick winners and losers in the marketplace. This is not a core function of government. The Virginia House passed this bill, 91-7, on January 31, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 38-0, on February 21, 2020.

HB 1503

HEALTHCARE MANDATE FOR AUTISM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill mandates that health insurance plans sold on the individual market and the small group market include coverage for autism spectrum

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disorder. When lawmakers mandate insurance coverage for various medical conditions, it reduces healthcare freedom and drives up the price for everyone else. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 40-0, on February 20, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 97-1, on February 24, 2020.

HB 1562

MUSIC THERAPY LICENSURE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Occupational licensure laws restrict innovation and job growth. It's also a prime example of regulatory capture where industry controls its own competition through the political process. This bill would establish an advisory board to help create a regulatory structure to license music therapists in the state. Under this law, unlicensed people will now be prevented from practicing music therapy. The Virginia House passed the bill, 92-5, on January 27, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 40-0, on February 17, 2020.

HB 1602

SUBSIDIES FOR PRIVATE AIRLINES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new slush fund called the Governor's New Airline Service Incentive Fund. The new fund will use tax dollars to promote and advertise new air service routes for airports in Virginia. This is not a core function of government and should be handled by the private sector. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 40-0, on February 27, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 88-10, on March 7, 2020.

SB 182

EXPAND PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes any state or local government to require bidders to enter into or adhere to project labor agreements on public works projects. This will artificially raise the cost of labor for public works resulting in a higher price tag for taxpayers. The Virginia House passed this bill, 55-45, on February 28, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 21-19, on March 2, 2020.

SB 404

PROHIBIT SHORT TERM HEALTHCARE POLICIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill will prohibit health insurance companies from offering short term policies that exceed 3 months in duration or that can be renewed or extended. This reduces consumer choice and healthcare freedom while stripping customers of their insurance if they like it. The Virginia House passed this bill, 55-43, on March 5, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 21-19, on March 7, 2020.

SB 480

PROHIBIT COMPETITION FROM LOW WAGE EMPLOYEES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Allowing employers and employees to enter into voluntary contracts with each other is at the heart of economic freedom and the ability to ignite growth and innovation. This bill threatens that freedom by prohibiting employers from entering a covenant not to compete between an employer and a low-wage employee. Also, it allows any employee subject to such a covenant

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to bring a civil action against an employer. The Virginia House passed a similar bill, HB 330, on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 86-6. The Virginia Senate passed this bill on March 7, 2020, by a vote of 34-6.

SB 713

ART THERAPY LICENSURE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Occupational licensure laws restrict innovation and job growth. It is also a prime example of regulatory capture where industry controls its own competition through the political process. This bill creates a whole new regulatory regime to license art therapists and art therapist associates who practice in Virginia. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 39-0, on February 4, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 75-22, on February 21, 2020.

SB 817

IDENTIFY NUCLEAR ENERGY AS CLEAN ENERGY

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill states that if Virginia undertakes,

oversees, regulates, or permits any clean energy initiative or carbon-free energy initiative, then nuclear energy shall be considered a clean energy source. This is a pro-growth effort that could help lower the cost of energy for all taxpayers across the state. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 39-0, on January 24, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 65-35, on February 27, 2020.

SB 1044

LICENSING FOR FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Occupational licensure laws restrict innovation and job growth. It is also a prime example of regulatory capture where industry controls its own competition through the political process. This bill directs the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers to create regulations that establish the requirements of licensure for funeral directors and embalmers. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 40-0, on February 4, 2020. The Virginia House passed this bill, 76-18, on March 3, 2020.

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45 Republicans

55 Democrats

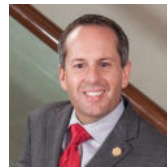
Average Republican Score: 72%

Average Democrat Score: 5%



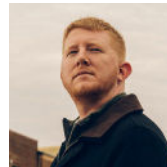
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Several at 0%

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POINTS					1	1	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	5	4	7	7	4	3	3	4	5	6	3	5	3	
Adams, Dawn	HD-068	D	6%	15%	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Adams, Les	HD-016	R	77%	73%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	3	4	5	6	3	-	-	9
Aird, Lashrecse	HD-063	D	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Askew, Alex	HD-085	D	1%	1%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	83
Austin, Terry	HD-019	R	65%	59%	-	X	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	X	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	36
Avoli, John	HD-020	R	69%	69%	-	-	5	-	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	28
Ayala, Hala	HD-051	D	0%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Bagby, Lamont	HD-074	D	6%	15%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	58	
Batten, Amanda	HD-096	R	90%	90%	-	1	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	5	4	7	7	4	-	-	4	5	6	3	5	-	4
Bell, Robert	HD-058	R	80%	76%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	4	7	7	-	-	-	4	5	6	-	5	-	7
Bloxom, Robert	HD-100	R	58%	56%	-	-	5	-	4	3	5	4	-	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	44
Bourne, Jeffrey	HD-071	D	5%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	70
Brewer, Emily	HD-064	R	71%	70%	-	1	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	3	22
Bulova, David	HD-037	D	11%	14%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	50
Byron, Kathy	HD-022	R	74%	70%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	4	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	5	-	15
Campbell, Jeffrey	HD-006	R	67%	61%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	29
Campbell, Ronnie	HD-024	R	73%	69%	1	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	X	-	5	6	3	5	-	17
Carr, Betsy	HD-069	D	1%	9%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83
Carroll Foy, Jennifer	HD-002	D	0%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Carter, Lee	HD-050	D	24%	23%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	X	46

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Cole, Joshua	HD-028	D	13%	13%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	47
Cole, Mark	HD-088	R	99%	97%	-	1	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	5	4	7	7	4	X	3	4	5	6	3	5	3	1
Collins, Christopher	HD-029	R	75%	70%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	3	11
Convirs-Fowler, Kelly	HD-021	D	2%	17%	1	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	82
Cox, M. Kirkland	HD-066	R	67%	62%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	29
Coyner, Carrie	HD-062	R	61%	61%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	-	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	41
Davis, Glenn	HD-084	R	53%	52%	-	1	5	-	4	3	5	-	-	7	X	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	3	45
Delaney, Karrie	HD-067	D	11%	19%	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	50
Edmunds, James	HD-060	R	59%	56%	-	X	5	3	4	3	5	-	-	7	-	X	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	-	-	42
Fariss, C. Matt	HD-059	R	74%	67%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	-	4	X	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	5	-	15
Filler-Corn, Eileen	HD-041	D	6%	11%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	58
Fowler, Hyland	HD-055	R	67%	64%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	29
Freitas, Nick	HD-030	R	96%	98%	-	1	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	5	4	7	7	4	3	3	4	5	6	3	5	-	2
Gilbert, C. Todd	HD-015	R	93%	86%	-	1	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	2	5	4	7	7	4	-	-	4	5	6	3	5	3	3
Gooditis, Wendy	HD-010	D	0%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Guy, Nancy	HD-083	D	11%	11%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	50
Guzman, Elizabeth	HD-031	D	0%	15%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Hayes, C.E.	HD-077	D	4%	11%	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	78
Head, Chris	HD-017	R	75%	70%	-	X	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	X	5	-	11
Helmer, Dan	HD-040	D	1%	1%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	83
Heretick, Steve	HD-079	D	0%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Herring, Charniele	HD-046	D	6%	13%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	58

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Hodges, M. Keith	HD-098	R	64%	57%	-	-	5	-	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	39
Hope, Patrick	HD-047	D	6%	10%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Hudson, Sally	HD-057	D	6%	6%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Hurst, Chris	HD-012	D	5%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	70	
Jenkins, Clinton	HD-076	D	6%	6%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	58
Jones, Jerrauld	HD-089	D	9%	16%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	X	53
Keam, Mark	HD-035	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Kilgore, Terry	HD-001	R	59%	60%	-	-	5	3	4	X	5	-	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	-	3	5	-	42
Knight, Barry	HD-081	R	67%	57%	-	-	5	3	4	-	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	3	29
Kory, L. Kaye	HD-038	D	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Krizek, Paul	HD-044	D	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
LaRock, Dave	HD-033	R	90%	89%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	4	7	7	4	-	-	4	5	6	3	5	3	4
Leftwich, James	HD-078	R	64%	59%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	-	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	3	39
Levine, Mark	HD-045	D	6%	10%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Lindsey, Joseph	HD-090	D	3%	13%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	80
Lopez, Alfonso	HD-049	D	1%	11%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83
Marshall, Daniel	HD-014	R	65%	58%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	X	-	-	7	7	-	X	-	-	5	6	-	-	-	36
McGuire, John	HD-056	R	75%	76%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	5	-	11
McNamara, Joseph	HD-008	R	71%	73%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	-	7	2	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	5	-	22
McQuinn, Delores	HD-070	D	5%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	70
Miyares, Jason	HD-082	R	66%	68%	-	-	5	X	4	3	5	-	-	7	X	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	X	5	6	3	5	3	34
Morefield, James	HD-003	R	65%	60%	-	-	5	3	4	-	5	-	6	7	2	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	3	36

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Mugler, Martha	HD-091	D	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	70
Mullin, Michael	HD-093	D	1%	14%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83
Murphy, Kathleen	HD-034	D	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
O'Quinn, Israel	HD-005	R	70%	65%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	5	-	25
Orrock, Robert	HD-054	R	71%	68%	-	X	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	X	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	22
Plum, Kenneth	HD-036	D	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Poindexter, Charles	HD-009	R	75%	68%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	5	-	11
Price, Marcia	HD-095	D	4%	9%	1	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	78
Ransone, Margaret	HD-099	R	80%	69%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	X	-	-	4	5	6	3	5	3	7
Rasoul, Sam	HD-011	D	13%	15%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47
Reid, David	HD-032	D	5%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	70
Robinson, Roxann	HD-027	R	67%	63%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	29
Roem, Danica	HD-013	D	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Runion, Chris	HD-025	R	72%	72%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	19
Rush, Nick	HD-007	R	70%	64%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	5	-	25
Samirah, Ibraheem	HD-086	D	9%	9%	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	53
Scott, Don	HD-080	D	12%	12%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	3	49
Sickles, Mark	HD-043	D	6%	11%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	58
Simon, Marcus	HD-053	D	6%	11%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	5	X	58
Simonds, Shelly	HD-094	D	9%	9%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	53
Subramanyam, Suhas	HD-087	D	1%	1%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83
Sullivan, Richard	HD-048	D	5%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	70

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Torian, Luke	HD-052	D	6%	12%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	58
Tran, Kathy	HD-042	D	3%	10%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
Tyler, Roslyn	HD-075	D	9%	16%	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	53
VanValkenburg, Schuyler	HD-072	D	8%	19%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
Walker, Wendell	HD-023	R	70%	70%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	5	-	25
Wampler, William	HD-004	R	66%	66%	-	-	5	3	X	3	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	34
Ward, Jeion	HD-092	D	5%	3%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	70
Ware, Lee	HD-065	R	73%	68%	-	X	5	3	4	3	5	-	6	X	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	3	-	5	6	3	5	-	17
Watts, Vivian	HD-039	D	5%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	70
Webert, Michael	HD-018	R	82%	84%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	-	7	2	5	X	7	7	X	-	-	4	5	6	3	5	-	6
Willett, Rodney	HD-073	D	6%	6%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	58
Wilt, Tony	HD-026	R	72%	64%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	19
Wright, Thomas	HD-061	R	77%	71%	-	X	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	X	-	X	-	7	7	4	-	-	-	5	6	3	5	-	9
Wyatt, Scott	HD-097	R	72%	72%	-	-	5	3	4	3	5	4	6	7	-	5	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	5	-	19

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HB 119

STATE CONTROL OF THE WORD “MILK”

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would narrowly define milk as the “lacteal secretion of a healthy hooved mammal” and therefore ban all products misbranded as milk. Products like almond milk and soy milk are named as such because its producers want to compete against animal milk. For the government to prevent this is to stifle commercial speech and reduce competition. The Virginia House passed this bill, 66-32, on January 29, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 24-16, on February 27, 2020.

HB 330

PROHIBIT COMPETITION FROM LOW WAGE EMPLOYEES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Allowing employers and employees to enter into voluntary contracts with each other is at the heart of economic freedom and the ability to ignite growth and innovation. This

bill threatens that freedom by prohibiting employers from entering a covenant not to compete between an employer and a low-wage employee. Also, it allows any employee subject to such a covenant to bring a civil action against an employer. The Virginia House passed this bill, 86-6, on March 4, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed a similar bill, SB 480, on March 7, 2020, by a vote of 34-6.

HB 395

INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

The minimum wage is a price control on labor. Increasing or expanding the minimum wage often has the opposite desired effect, leading to job losses and shortages. This bill raises the state’s minimum wage gradually from its current federally mandated \$7.25 per hour in 2020 to \$15.00 per hour in 2026. The Virginia House passed this bill, 53-45, on March 7, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 21-17, on March 8, 2020.

HB 408

EXTENDING GREEN JOB SUBSIDIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would extend the sunset date for the Green Job Creation Tax Credit from January 1, 2021, to January 1, 2025. This tax credit is an example of social engineering using arbitrary targets and dollar amounts. It’s not a core function of government, but instead egregious corporate welfare. The Virginia Senate passed it, 27-13, on February 20, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 58-40, on February 24, 2020.

HB 534

NEW PLASTIC BAG TAX

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would allow local governments to charge a 5-cent tax on plastic bags provided to customers by certain retailers. This is social engineering and is not an equitable way to raise taxes for financing the core functions of government. The Virginia House passed this bill, 52-47, on March 5, 2020. The Virginia

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Senate passed it, 22-18, on March 7, 2020.

HB 570

ALLOW INCOMPETENT TEACHERS TO KEEP WORKING

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would remove the definition of “incompetency” for the purpose of establishing grounds for the dismissal of public school teachers. Teachers need to be subjected to more competition, not less, in order to make sure that the very best instructors are teaching our children. The Virginia House passed this bill, 57-42, on February 4, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 22-18, on February 17, 2020.

HB 582

ALLOW PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO UNIONIZE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would permit counties, cities, and towns to adopt local ordinances authorizing them to recognize labor unions for certain public employees, including employees at government-run schools. This will further raise the cost of maintaining government bureaucracies, placing

a higher burden on taxpayers. The Virginia House passed this bill, 53-46, on March 7, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 21-18 on March 8, 2020.

HB 755

NEW UGLY PROPERTY TAX

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows certain local governments to levy a higher property tax on properties that it deems as blighted or having derelict structures. This is social engineering and is not an equitable way to raise taxes for financing the core functions of government. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 23-15, on February 21, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 59-39, on February 25, 2020.

HB 1141

VIRGINIA HEALTHCARE MUST BE OBAMACARE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would require health insurance companies to only offer plans that are compliant with Obamacare requirements, even if Obamacare is repealed. This will reduce

healthcare freedom and choice while raising prices for everyone. The Virginia House passed this bill, 61-37, on March 5, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 22-18, on the same day.

HB 1162

NEW AUTHORITY TO PURSUE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill states that Virginia’s Department of Environment Quality is now supposed to further “environmental justice”. Such a policy will likely reduce economic growth by rejecting building permits, tightening environmental regulations, and restricting development, especially in low-income areas. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 21-19, on February 24, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 53-43, on February 26, 2020.

HB 1238

MORE POLITICAL SPEECH REGULATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Current law states that political advertisements must have a disclosure of at least a font size of seven. This bill would require the font size to

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be proportional to the advertisement, setting up a myriad of regulations since candidates use different methods of advertisements. The Virginia House passed this bill, 81-14, on February 6, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 35-5, on February 24, 2020.

HB 1318

EXTENSION OF HOLLYWOOD TAX CREDITS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the sunset deadline from January 2022 to January 2027 for the motion picture tax credit that the state currently offers. This is corporate welfare and is not a core function of government. The Virginia House passed this bill, 67-26, on March 4, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 35-4, on March 7, 2020.

HB 1361

CORPORATE WELFARE FOR TRUCK COMPANY (CFGF OPPOSES)

While the legislation doesn't explicitly say it, this bill was created so that one company - The Volvo

Group - could receive a direct cash payment of over \$16 million if certain performance standards are met. This is corporate welfare where lawmakers and bureaucrats get to pick winners and losers in the marketplace. This is not a core function of government. The Virginia House passed this bill, 90-9, on January 31, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 40-0, on February 20, 2020.

HB 1414

HUGE TRANSPORTATION TAX AND SPEND BILL (CFGF OPPOSES)

This massive bill would increase the state gas tax by ten cents over two years and then index it to inflation. It would also impose a new fee on electric or alternative fuel vehicles, and impose a new regional fuels sales tax in parts of the state that don't already have one. It also creates a new rail authority that would be allowed to acquire land via eminent domain to promote and create new rail service. The bill would raise over \$168 million a year in new revenue from the tax hikes, and it also

authorizes over \$2 billion in new debt spending. The Virginia House passed this bill, 54-43, on March 7, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 23-16, on March 8, 2020.

HB 1451

MANDATORY RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill replaces the state's existing voluntary renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) program with a mandatory one. Electric utilities will be forced to generate or purchase increasing percentages of renewable energy until the year 2050 when all electric power must be renewable. If a company fails to meet these new standards, they will be forced to pay a tax called a "deficiency payment." This mandate could come at a huge price, resulting in higher prices for consumers and greater government bureaucracy and spending. The Virginia House passed this bill, 52-47, on February 11, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 22-18, on February 24, 2020.

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HB 1498

CORPORATE WELFARE FOR MERCK

(CFGF OPPOSES)

While the legislation doesn't explicitly say it, this bill was created so that one company - Merck - could receive a direct cash payment of over \$7.5 million plus \$2.5 million in indirect benefits if certain performance standards are met. This is corporate welfare where lawmakers and bureaucrats get to pick winners and losers in the marketplace. This is not a core function of government. The Virginia House passed this bill, 91-7, on January 31, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 38-0, on February 21, 2020.

HB 1503

HEALTHCARE MANDATE FOR AUTISM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill mandates that health insurance plans sold on the individual market and the small group market include coverage for autism spectrum disorder. When lawmakers mandate insurance coverage for various medical conditions, it reduces healthcare freedom and drives up the price for everyone else. The Virginia Senate passed this

bill, 40-0, on February 20, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 97-1, on February 24, 2020.

HB 1562

MUSIC THERAPY LICENSURE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Occupational licensure laws restrict innovation and job growth. It's also a prime example of regulatory capture where industry controls its own competition through the political process. This bill would establish an advisory board to help create a regulatory structure to license music therapists in the state. Under this law, unlicensed people will now be prevented from practicing music therapy. The Virginia House passed the bill, 92-5, on January 27, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 40-0, on February 17, 2020.

HB 1602

SUBSIDIES FOR PRIVATE AIRLINES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new slush fund called the Governor's New Airline Service Incentive Fund. The new fund will use tax dollars to promote and advertise new air service routes for

airports in Virginia. This is not a core function of government and should be handled by the private sector. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 40-0, on February 27, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 88-10, on March 7, 2020.

SB 182

EXPAND PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes any state or local government to require bidders to enter into or adhere to project labor agreements on public works projects. This will artificially raise the cost of labor for public works resulting in a higher price tag for taxpayers. The Virginia House passed this bill, 55-45, on February 28, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 21-19, on March 2, 2020.

SB 404

PROHIBIT SHORT TERM HEALTHCARE POLICIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill will prohibit health insurance companies from offering short term policies that exceed 3 months in duration or that can be renewed or

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extended. This reduces consumer choice and healthcare freedom while stripping customers of their insurance if they like it. The Virginia House passed this bill, 55-43, on March 5, 2020. The Virginia Senate passed it, 21-19, on March 7, 2020.

SB 713

ART THERAPY LICENSURE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Occupational licensure laws restrict innovation and job growth. It is also a prime example of regulatory capture where industry controls its own competition through the political process. This bill creates a whole new regulatory regime to license art therapists and art therapist associates who practice in Virginia. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 39-0, on February 4, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 75-22, on February 21, 2020.

SB 817

IDENTIFY NUCLEAR ENERGY AS CLEAN ENERGY

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill states that if Virginia undertakes,

oversees, regulates, or permits any clean energy initiative or carbon-free energy initiative, then nuclear energy shall be considered a clean energy source. This is a pro-growth effort that could help lower the cost of energy for all taxpayers across the state. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 39-0, on January 24, 2020. The Virginia House passed it, 65-35, on February 27, 2020.

SB 1044

LICENSING FOR FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Occupational licensure laws restrict innovation and job growth. It is also a prime example of regulatory capture where industry controls its own competition through the political process. This bill directs the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers to create regulations that establish the requirements of licensure for funeral directors and embalmers. The Virginia Senate passed this bill, 40-0, on February 4, 2020. The Virginia House passed this bill, 76-18, on March 3, 2020.

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