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House Republicans Highlight Success of Legislative Agenda at End of 2010 Session

RICHMOND, VA – Highlighting the legislative achievements of the 61-member strong House Republican Majority Caucus in delivering real reforms and practical solutions to the issues of concern to Virginians struggling through the economic recession and its aftermath, Virginia House of Delegates Speaker William J. Howell (R-Stafford) today highlighted the positive results of the policy initiatives advanced by House Republicans this year. Overcoming a \$4.2 billion hole in the state budget and fixing an inherited \$1.9 billion inherited budget deficit without a tax increase, the House of Delegates today adjourned *sine die*, bringing an end to the 2010 Regular Session of the Virginia General Assembly.

“Considering the unprecedented economic and budget challenges confronting the Commonwealth at the outset of this year’s session, the results achieved by the General Assembly, particularly on those measures championed by House Republicans, are remarkable,” said Speaker Howell. “Facing a \$4.2 billion shortfall and a \$1.9 billion deficit inherited from Governor Kaine, we nonetheless produced a balanced state budget without raising taxes, approved new initiatives to jump-start job creation, enacted far-reaching educational reforms championed by Governor McDonnell, and began instituting long-term structural changes in how state government delivers public services. The final budget positions Virginia to lead the way out of this recession toward a stronger and more prosperous future.”

Below is the outcome for a partial list of 115+ measures – grouped by topic – supported by the House Republican Majority. In all, about 850 pieces of legislation were approved by the General Assembly this year.

BUDGET & TAXES

HB 30 (Putney — Bedford)

Passed House 73-23

Passed Senate 34-6

- Rejects and the budget does not include the 17% statewide income tax increase proposed by Governor Kaine
- Preserves car tax relief for Virginia taxpayers and localities at a total of \$950 million each year
- Eliminates one-third of Kaine’s \$145 million in fee increases, holding the total to \$47.7 million each year, which is significantly lower than the \$330 million fees proposed by the Senate over the 2011-2012 biennium; only remaining fee increases are not broad-based and have a direct nexus to underwriting or providing specific services
- Strengthens fiscal stability and prudent budget management going forward with a \$50 million reserve for the state’s Rainy Day Fund, in addition to a \$6.8 million unappropriated balance

JOBS, ENERGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [HB 30](#) (Putney — Bedford) *Passed House 73-23* *Passed Senate 34-6*
- Provides \$50 million for Governor McDonnell’s “Jobs & Opportunity Agenda”
 - Doubles the first-year appropriation in economic incentives for the Governor’s Opportunity Fund, enabling deal-closing, job-creating investments of over \$30 million in the 2011-2012 biennium
 - Takes a number of other proactive steps to support existing businesses and incentivize job creation and entrepreneurs to open and expand businesses, positioning Virginia well for economic recovery
 - Continues accelerated schedule for capital building projects at state supported colleges and universities, which will provide an economic boost and more job opportunities
- [HB 16](#) (Cole — Spotsylvania) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Places a constitutional amendment before the voters in November 2010 to allow localities to offer senior citizens and disabled property owners relief from property tax
- [HB 18](#) (Cole — Spotsylvania) *Passed House 74-23* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Asserts Virginia's authority under the 10th amendment to be free from federal regulation of goods manufactured in, sold in, and consumed in Virginia
- [HB 21](#) (Kilgore — Scott) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Repeals the 2013 expiration date on space flight liability and insurance to foster the further development in Virginia of this job-creating industry
- [HB 57](#) (Cole — Spotsylvania) *Passed House 88-8* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Limits the expansion of business, professional and occupational (BPOL) taxes
- [HB 147](#) (O'Bannon — Henrico) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Places a constitutional amendment before the voters in November 2010 to increase the size of the state "Rainy Day Fund" to allow for saving more money during good times to address future budget shortfalls
- [HB 193](#) (Cosgrove — Chesapeake) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Makes permanent the Aerospace Advisory Council that promotes Virginia as a center for aerospace industry job growth
- [HB 199](#) (Cox, M.K. — Colonial Heights) *Passed House 93-0* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Expands the type of incentives that may be offered to Major Employment and Investment (MEI) economic development projects to attract more job-creating employers to Virginia
- [HB 295](#) (Cosgrove — Chesapeake) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Expands the Oceana / Fentress Military Advisory Council to protect jobs related to Hampton Roads military installations
- [HB 302](#) (O'Bannon — Henrico) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Attracts data centers to Virginia by exempting purchase of data center hardware and software from sales and use tax

HB 380 (Edmunds — Halifax)	<i>Passed House 98-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Establishes criteria for economic development loans as job creation, private capital investment, and state revenue created by jobs and investment		
HB 384 (Cox, J.A. — Hanover)	<i>Passed House 97-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Streamlines tax procedures for Virginians paying income tax in more than one state		
HB 389 (Janis — Henrico)	<i>Passed House 98-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Promotes development of off-shore wind-powered electric energy generation		
HB 523 (Nixon — Chesterfield)	<i>Passed House 97-2</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Expands science & technology investments by exempting those in business startups for capital gains taxes		
HB 529 (Nixon — Chesterfield)	<i>Passed House 93-4</i>	<i>Killed by Senate Committee</i>
Streamlines business transactions by updating Virginia's notary public process for electronic transactions		
HB 535 (Nixon — Chesterfield)	<i>Passed House 97-1</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Postpones increase in threshold wages to qualify for unemployment benefits		
HB 555 (Marshall, D.W. — Danville)	<i>Passed House 99-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Prioritizes job creation in state grant awards and expands jobs eligible for such grants		
HB 629 (Kilgore — Scott)	<i>Passed House 49-48</i>	<i>Killed by Senate Committee</i>
Protects jobs and promotes fairness by limiting asbestos-related liability for successor companies		
HB 677 (May — Loudoun)	<i>Passed House 98-1</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Leverages \$22 million state investment in biotech research at the Ignite Institute into \$200 million in research and development funding and 415 new jobs		
HB 737 (Albo — Fairfax)	<i>Passed House 87-8</i>	<i>Passed Senate 37-3</i>
Requires state agencies to use E-Verify to insure newly-hired employees are legally eligible for employment		
HB 755 (Janis — Henrico)	<i>Passed House 97-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Protects wills of Virginians from uncertainty created by the renewal of the federal estate or "death tax"		
HB 787 (Villanueva — Virginia Beach)	<i>Passed House 69-28</i>	<i>Passed Senate 32-8</i>
Expands state policy to promote oil and natural gas exploration, development and production, not just exploration for natural gas		
HB 806 (Poindexter — Franklin)	<i>Passed House 99-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Promotes the use of alternative fuels through infrastructure development, such as refueling stations		
HB 928 (Bell, Robert B. — Albemarle)	<i>Passed House 99-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 39-1</i>
Promotes clean energy research and development by Virginia universities		
HB 960 (Ingram — Hopewell)	<i>Passed House 99-0</i>	<i>Killed in Senate Committee</i>
Expands housing opportunities by providing new financing options for localities		

HB 1013 (Athey — Warren)	<i>Passed House 96-0</i>	<i>Killed in Senate Committee</i>
Provides loans for road and water infrastructure in urban development areas		
HB 1041 (Byron — Campbell)	<i>Passed House 97-1</i>	<i>Killed in Senate Committee</i>
Streamlines the Virginia Workforce Council to enhance the delivery of workforce training programs		
HB 1122 (Byron — Campbell)	<i>Passed House 99-0</i>	<i>Killed in Senate Committee</i>
Reforms corporate income tax for manufacturers		
HB 1220 (Hugo — Fairfax)	<i>Passed House 99-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Synchronizes implementation of federal and state stormwater management regulations to help businesses		
HB 1241 (Oder — Newport News)	<i>Passed House 97-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 39-0</i>
Allows expansion of metropolitan planning organizations to include members of the General Assembly		
HB 1244 (Marshall, D.W. — Danville)	<i>Passed House 99-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Allows the Governor to waive the cap on grants from the Governor's Opportunity Fund		
HB 1298 (Crockett-Stark — Wythe)	<i>Passed House 99-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Attracts data centers to Virginia by expanding exemption from sales & use tax to smaller data center projects		
HB 1300 (Kilgore — Scott)	<i>Passed House 81-18</i>	<i>Passed Senate 27-11</i>
Allows electric generating facilities to better and more easily comply with emissions restrictions		
HB 1372 (Comstock — Fairfax)	<i>Passed House 99-0</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Enhances the ability of the Economic Development Partnership to bring more employers to Virginia		
HB 1396 (Putney — Bedford)	<i>Passed House 91-4-1</i>	<i>Passed Senate 40-0</i>
Expands economic incentive programs to attract major employers to Virginia		

EDUCATION

HB 30 (Putney — Bedford)	<i>Passed House 73-23</i>	<i>Passed Senate 34-6</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds total targeted K-12 reductions – achieved by implementing ongoing structural changes and providing additional local flexibility – to approximately \$250 million in net savings over biennium compared to the Kaine-introduced budget • Directs more funding into the classroom for student learning by making structural changes to non-personnel support services costs, such as limiting staff travel, lease and rental expenditures • Provides \$29.5 million to unfreeze the Local Composite Index (LCI) update in FY 2011; provides 100% “hold harmless” grant (\$116.5 million) for those school divisions whos LCI is increasing based on re-benchmarking cycle in first year of biennium and 50% “hold harmless” in the second year. • Preserves “Cost of Competing” funding that helps offset higher cost-of-living expenses in and around Northern Virginia for school teachers and others • Restores \$115.6 million to local schools divisions for new Virginia Public School Authority Technology Grants over biennium 		

- [HB 41](#) (Putney — Bedford) *Passed House 96-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Authorizes issuance of bonds to finance revenue-producing capital projects at Virginia colleges and universities, which will help create more jobs
- [HB 76](#) (Bell, Richard P. — Staunton) *Passed House 63-35* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Requires local school boards to report the percentage of their budget spent on instructional spending, and, if the percentage is less than 65 percent, to develop a plan to increase instructional spending
- [HB 111](#) (Lohr — Rockingham) *Passed House 97-0* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Delays implementation of certain accreditation requirements to allow school systems to effectively allocate limited financial resources
- [HB 196](#) (Ware, R.L. — Powhatan) *Passed House 96-1* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Postpones implementation of any additional graduation requirements, including economics education and financial literacy requirement, until July 1, 2011
- [HB 331](#) (Marshall, R.G. — Prince William) *Passed House 95-4* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Promotes charter school availability by expanding State Board of Education involvement in local school board charter approval process
- [HB 566](#) (Tata — Virginia Beach) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Promotes workforce development by expanding school board reporting on workforce readiness
- [HB 599](#) (Massie — Henrico) *Passed House 55-44* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Expands educational opportunity by providing future tax credits for investment in public and private education scholarships
- [HB 623](#) (Orrock — Caroline) *Passed House 97-1-1* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Improves classroom instruction by allowing for continuity of substitute teachers when a classroom teacher is out on an extended basis
- [HB 1388](#) (Bell, Richard P. — Staunton) *Passed House 80-18* *Passed Senate 34-6*
Promotes “virtual school” programs to that will use technology to remove distance as an impediment to a world-class education and help students who struggle in a traditional classroom environment; part of Governor McDonnell’s Chart School package of educational reforms
- [HB 1389](#) (Peace — Hanover) *Passed House 77-20* *Passed Senate 26-14*
Establishes college partnership “laboratory schools” for the purpose of stimulating the development of innovative programs for preschool through 12th grade students; provides opportunities for greater cooperation and coordination between institutions of higher education and local school systems; part of Governor McDonnell’s Chart School package of educational reforms
- [HB 1390](#) (Lingamfelter — Prince William) *Passed House 64-34* *Passed Senate 27-12-1*
Expands charter schools in Virginia by implementing a new process for reconsideration of those that are denied or revoked by local schools boards; offers new hope for students in chronically failing schools as well as brings new ideas and innovation to the Commonwealth’s entire educational system; part of Governor McDonnell’s Chart School package of educational reforms

HEALTH CARE

- [HB 30](#) (Putney — Bedford) *Passed House 73-23* *Passed Senate 34-6*
- Restores respite care for Medicaid waiver recipients, and lifts freeze on all Medicaid waivers for elderly and disabled Virginians – including Intellectually Disabled (ID) waivers
 - Funds 250 new ID waivers slots, beginning in FY 2011 through available Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), for individuals who would otherwise require placement in a state-run institution instead of being able to obtain treatment and services at home and/or in their community; continues House’s strong commitment to provide support for most vulnerable citizens
 - Restores hospital, nursing homes, physicians and other health care provider reductions proposed by Governor Kaine using FMAP funds when received
 - Restores funding for the Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents
 - Restores funding for free health care clinics and community health centers
- [HB 116](#) (Purkey — Virginia Beach) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Allows health insurers to include more than one mail-order pharmacy provider to expand price competition for prescription drugs
- [HB 334](#) (Marshall, R.G. — Prince William) *Passed House 95-2* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Requires that informed consent for abortion include information on effects of abortion on future pregnancies
- [HB 393](#) (Lohr — Rockingham) *Passed House 72-25* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Applies same licensing procedure to abortion clinics as to other facilities regulated by Board of Health
- [HB 548](#) (Marshall, D.W. — Danville) *Passed House 97-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Provides for discounts on group health insurance premiums for employer's with a wellness program
- [HB 556](#) (Marshall, D.W. — Danville) *Passed House 97-0* *Passed Senate 38-2*
Expands availability of basic health insurance by including HMOs along with insurers and corporations among offerors of such insurance
- [HB 708](#) (Peace — Hanover) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Protects Virginians using home health care by requiring providers to maintain a drug-free workplace
- [HB 726](#) (Peace — Hanover) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Requires review of all health insurance mandates for medical efficacy
- [HB 733](#) (Albo — Fairfax) *Passed House 96-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Protects Virginia's taxpayers by cracking down on fraud in the state-federal Medicaid program
- [HB 1033](#) (Byron — Campbell) *Passed House 94-2* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Protects the lives of newborn children by allowing the Commonwealth to prosecute a mother who would take the life of a newly born child after birth

[HB 1039](#) (Byron — Campbell) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Requires notification to Virginians if medical or insurance information is breached

[HB 1263](#) (Ware, R.L. — Powhatan) *Passed House 93-5* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Promotes health care choice by prohibiting dental plans from setting prices for services not covered by such plans

[HB 1304](#) (Nutter — Montgomery) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Promotes more effective healthcare by developing a statewide healthcare work force

[HB 1307](#) (Griffith—Salem) *Passed House 98-1* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Promotes home-based health care by easing approval for temporary family health care facilities, such as a small temporary trailer equipped as a hospital room, on residential lots

[HB 1375](#) (Garrett — Lynchburg) *Passed House 97-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Updates diagnostic criteria for drugs to treat cancer

LAW ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY

[HB 30](#) (Putney — Bedford) *Passed House 73-23* *Passed Senate 34-6*

- Provides \$1.8 million in dedicated funding for Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces
- Changes Line of Duty Act funding mechanism by rejecting Kaine’s 18-cent surcharge increase on E-911 calls and instituting an “insurance premium” model supported with funds from the VRS group life program
- Reduces Kaine Administration proposed cuts to commonwealth’s attorney’s

[HB 15](#) (Marshall, R.G. — Prince William) *Passed House 87-7* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Prohibits federal government from coopting state or local correctional facilities for suspected/convicted terrorists

[HB 26](#) (Wright — Lunenburg) *Passed House 99-0* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Protects concealed weapons permit applicants from additional local information collection requirements

[HB 83](#) (Knight — Virginia Beach) *Passed House 97-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Improves ability of police to recover stolen property by expanding pawn shop reporting requirements

[HB 166](#) (Pogge — James City County) *Passed House 75-21* *Passed Senate 28-12*
Protects additional categories of law enforcement by allowing for capital punishment for individuals convicted of murdering fire marshalls and deputy and assistant fire marshalls with law enforcement powers

[HB 281](#) (Albo — Fairfax) *Passed House 93-2* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Increases penalties for animal cruelty

[HB 290](#) (Griffith — Salem) *Passed House 97-0* *Passed Senate 39-1*
Expands fire-fighting capacity by promoting donation of excess fire-fighting equipment to volunteer fire departments

[HB 502](#) (Gilbert — Shenandoah) *Passed House 74-24* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Redefines the "triggerman rule" to allow imposition of criminal liability on accomplices to murderers

[HB 682](#) (Miller, J.H. — Manassas) *Passed House 94-0* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Protects students from gangs by expanding Gang-free zones to bus stops and other public facilities frequented by students

[HB 854](#) (Morefield — Tazewell) *Passed House 75-24* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Codifies the common law "castle doctrine" allowing individuals to use deadly force against intruders and attackers with no duty to retreat

[HB 869](#) (Cline — Rockbridge) *Passed House 97-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Includes public health emergencies among exemptions to law against wearing masks in public

[HB 885](#) (Athey — Warren) *Passed House 69-28* *Passed Senate 24-16*
Allows persons lawfully possessing a gun to transport the gun secured in a motor vehicle or boat

[HB 934](#) (Bell, Robert B. — Albemarle) *Passed House 78-20* *Passed Senate 26-14*
Protects additional categories of law enforcement by allowing for capital punishment for individuals convicted of murdering such law enforcement personnel

[HB 1033](#) (Byron — Campbell) *Passed House 94-2* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Clarifies application of homicide and child abuse laws to human infants born alive, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta detached

GOVERNMENT REFORM & SAVINGS

[HB 30](#) (Putney — Bedford) *Passed House 73-23* *Passed Senate 34-6*

- Rejects unpaid days off (furloughs) for state and local government employees in FY 2011 and FY 2012, but does adopt proposal for one-day furlough before end of the current FY 2010
- Restores funding for deferred compensation cash match program and eliminates proposal by Governor Kaine to make current state employees contribute towards the cost of their retirement
- Provides state workers with a 3% bonus in FY 2011, if FY 2010 revenues exceed the revenue assumptions by \$82.2 million
- Removes funds for and leave vacant 17 currently unfilled judgeships for the next two years
- Delegates agreed to forgo their \$135-a-day payment for the one day of Session overtime in recognition of troubled economic times and spending reductions throughout the budget; Senators instead chose to accept their \$160 per diem for the 61st day of what was supposed to be a 60-day Session

[HB 17](#) (Cole — Spotsylvania) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 38-2*
Reduces the statute of limitations on taxes from 20 years to 10 years

[HB 114](#) (Marshall, R.G. — Prince William) *Passed House 99-0* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Prohibits political campaigns from accepting contributions through anonymous credit cards that can make identifying the source of the funds difficult

[HB 122](#) (Purkey — Virginia Beach) *Passed House 99-0* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Extends the "Revolving Door" Lobbying ban on state lawmakers from one year to two years.

[HB 284](#) (Merricks — Pittsylvania) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Expands the range of insured investments for public funds to increase returns

[HB 485](#) (Lingamfelter — Prince William) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Directs an operational/programmatic performance review of government agencies to identify cost savings

[HB 524](#) (Nixon — Chesterfield) *Passed House 98-0* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Reforms the lobbyist disclosure rules to streamline disclosure and compliance

[HB 543](#) (Marshall, D.W. — Danville) *Passed House 96-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Puts prisoners to work maintaining highways and medians to save funds

[HB 570](#) (Iaquinto — Virginia Beach) *Passed House 86-13* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Changes the burden of proof from the taxpayer to the assessor in an assessment appeal case

[HB 740](#) (Janis — Henrico) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Increases transparency by requiring disclosure of salaries from state and local government entities paid to members of the General Assembly

[HB 778](#) (LeMunyon — Fairfax) *Passed House 86-13* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Promotes accountability by making General Assembly voting records more easily accessible

[HB 944](#) (Landes — Augusta) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Expands reporting on revenue collection and economic assessments to improve state budget development and execution

[HB 1034](#) (Byron — Campbell) *Passed House 97-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Reforms information technology governance for state government and agencies

[HB 1309](#) (Scott, E.T. — Madison) *Passed House 96-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Improves state contracting for transportation services

[HB 1349](#) (Byron — Campbell) *Passed House 86-10-2* *Passed Senate 33-6*
Allows Virginians to file income tax returns without cost through Virginia Free File

[HB 1387](#) (Jones — Suffolk) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Updates public disclosure of campaign finance information

[HJ 60](#) (Cox, M.K. — Colonial Heights) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Directs JLARC to study efficacy of allowing school boards to procure services together

TRANSPORTATION

[HB 42](#) (Oder — Newport News) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Directs JLARC to annually audit operational & programmatic performance of all state transportation agencies

[HB 214](#) (Greason — Loudoun) *Passed House 78-17* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Extends for one year access to High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes for clean special fuel vehicles, regardless of the number of occupants

[HB 333](#) (Marshall, R.G. — Prince William) *Passed House 88-10* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Allows Commonwealth Transportation Board to name some transportation infrastructure for a living person, group or private entity that pays the cost of the highway, bridge, interchange or facility

[HB 402](#) (Oder — Newport News) *Passed House 80-16-1* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Expands opportunity for increasing the capacity of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel by allowing VDOT to accept unsolicited proposals from the private sector

[HB 665](#) (May — Loudoun) *Passed House 63-35* *Killed in Senate Committee*
Increases the amount of a general fund surplus to be deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund

[HB 756](#) (Stolle — Virginia Beach) *Passed House 71-26* *Passed Senate 21-19*
Requires at least 80 percent of royalties from off-shore drilling be deposited in Transportation Trust Fund

[HB 856](#) (Carrico — Grayson) *Passed House 71-26* *Passed Senate 30-10*
Increases the speed limit from 65 mph to 70 mph on certain highways in Virginia following a traffic engineering study and analysis of accident and law-enforcement data

[HB 970](#) (Rust — Fairfax) *Passed House 81-18* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Increases the amount of a general fund surplus to be deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund

[HB 1158](#) (Oder — Newport News) *Passed House 93-6* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Creates new regional allocation system for transportation funds to be spent in the region in which it is generated

[HB 1275](#) (Cosgrove — Chesapeake) *Passed House 99-0* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Replaces the Virginia-North Carolina High Speed Rail Compact with a new Virginia High-Speed Rail Commission to promote state's competitive stance for high-speed passenger rail service in Virginia

[HJ 126](#) (Nutter — Montgomery) *Passed House 95-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Requests Virginia Transportation Research Council to study privatizing highway rest areas

VETERANS & MILITARY

[HB 128](#) (Cox, M.K. — Colonial Heights) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Provides free fishing licenses to disabled, active duty military personnel during their treatment at a veterans or military hospital

[HB 149](#) (O'Bannon — Henrico) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Places constitutional amendment before voters in November 2010 to exempt disabled veterans from property tax

[HB 174](#) (Cox, M.K. — Colonial Heights) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Expands coverage of Wounded Warrior Program to all injuries sustained by military service personnel, regardless of whether the injuries were sustained in combat areas

[HB 262](#) (Sherwood — Frederick) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Waives fees for veterans starting a new business through the one-stop business permitting program

[HB 419](#) (Cox, M.K. — Colonial Heights) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Enables Virginia to lead the nation in processing veterans disability claims by upgrading systems to support electronic claimsprocessing

[HB 479](#) (Carrico — Grayson) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Provides burial vaults at cost for veterans and their family members interred at state veterans cemeteries

[HB 760](#) (Stolle — Virginia Beach) *Passed House 97-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Promotes employment of veterans by establishing a skill matching database for employers and veterans looking for jobs

[HB 1118](#) (Stolle — Virginia Beach) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Exempts from taxation payments from the Virginia Military Family Relief Fund

[HB 1235](#) (Anderson — Prince William) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Protects the right to vote for military and overseas voters by reforming the absentee ballot law

FEDERALISM

[HB 10](#) (Marshall, R.G. — Prince William) *Passed House 80-17* *Passed Senate 23-17*
Protects Virginians from Federal government requirements or mandates to carry health insurance through the Virginia Health Care Freedom Act; preserves the prerogatives of the Commonwealth and its sovereign people; makes Virginia the first state in the nation to pass anti-mandate health reform legislation; 34 other states have considered or partially passed legislation to ban any federal mandate to secure health insurance coverage

[HB 18](#) (Cole — Spotsylvania) *Passed House 74-23* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Protects Virginians by pre-empting Federal regulation of goods and services that do not enter interstate commerce

[HB 69](#) (Carrico — Grayson) *Passed House 70-29* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Protects firearms, accessories and ammunition manufactured and kept in Virginia from federal regulation

[HJ 125](#) (Athey — Warren) *Passed House 76-20* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Reasserts Virginia's authority under the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO VIRGINIA'S QUALITY OF LIFE

- [HB 1](#) (Loupassi — Richmond City) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 39-0*
Updates Virginia's anti-spam law in response to Supreme Court decision
- [HB 447](#) (Ware, R.L. — Powhatan) *Passed House 96-3* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Reforms the Virginia Land Conservation Fund to cover the processing costs of tax credits and distribute additional funds to public and private conservation interests based on their participation
- [HB 717](#) (Peace — Hanover) *Passed House 99-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Preserves Virginia's historic resources by establishing the Civil War Site Preservation Fund
- [HB 741](#) (Cleaveland — Botetourt) *Passed House 97-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Expands ban on profane, threatening or indecent language from telephones and CB radio to e-mail and text messages
- [HB 757](#) (Stolle — Virginia Beach) *Passed House 96-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Allows cities and counties to use prisoners to remove graffiti on private property
- [HB 956](#) (Lingamfelter — Prince William) *Passed House 98-0* *Passed Senate 40-0*
Protects homeowners ability to display the flag of the United States
- [HB 1334](#) (Morgan — Gloucester) *Passed House 87-8* *Killed by Senate Committee*
Promotes a clean, healthy environment by prohibiting disposal of cigarette butts on public property
- [HJ 150](#) (Howell, W.J. — Stafford) *Passed House 95-0* *Passed Senate Voice Vote*
Recognizes the Patawomeck Indian Tribe, whose members include Wayne Newton, and its contributions to Virginia
- [HJ 182](#) (Howell, W.J. — Stafford) *Passed House 89-0* *Passed Senate Voice Vote*
Recognizes the important contributions of philanthropy and private foundations as well as encourages – through General Assembly passage of laws and policies – to promote the formation and creation of such philanthropic entities.

***NOTE:** The above list of over 115 bills and resolutions is not intended to be a complete record of all legislation sponsored and passed by the 61-member strong House Republican Majority in the 2010 Session. The short summaries above are provided only for convenience and are not meant to be a complete description of the highlighted legislation. For more details about a bill or resolution, contact the delegate who patroned the measure or click on the number, which links to the [General Assembly's Legislative Information Service](#) (LIS). LIS provides the entire legislative history and actual text of all bills and resolutions, amendments and conference reports, as passed by both the Virginia House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia.*

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