



VOTE CHARTS 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

At the conclusion of the Virginia General Assembly session each year, the Virginia Catholic Conference publishes a report of votes taken by members of the Senate and House of Delegates on bills of particular interest to the Conference.

During this year's 59-day General Assembly session (January 13 to March 11), the Conference took formal positions on more than 100 bills and budget amendments. The two charts that follow record nine Senate floor and committee votes and ten House floor and committee votes that were focal points of Catholic advocacy.

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Alexander, Kenneth C. (D-5)	X	√	X	X	√	■	X	■	√
Barker, George L. (D-39)	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■
Black, Richard H. (R-13)	√	X	√	√	X	√	√	X	■
Carrico, Charles W., Sr. (R-40)	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	X
Chafin, A. Benton, Jr. (R-38)	√	X	√	√	X	■	√	X	■
Chase, Amanda F. (R-11)	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	X
Cosgrove, John A., Jr. (R-14)	√	X	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Dance, Rosalyn R. (D-16)	X	√	X	X	√	■	X	√	■
Deeds, R. Creigh (D-25)	X	√	X	X	√	■	■	■	√
DeSteph, William R., Jr. (R-8)	√	X	√	√	√	■	■	X	X
Dunnavant, Siobhan S. (R-12)	√	X	√	√	√	√	■	■	■
Ebbin, Adam P. (D-30)	X	√	X	X	√	■	■	■	■
Edwards, John S. (D-21)	X	√	X	X	√	■	■	■	√
Favola, Barbara A. (D-31)	X	√	X	X	√	■	■	√	√
Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. (R-22)	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	X
Hanger, Emmett W., Jr. (R-24)	√	X	√	√	√	■	■	X	■
Howell, Janet D. (D-32)	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■
Lewis, Lynwood W., Jr. (D-6)	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■
Locke, Mamie E. (D-2)	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	√	■
Lucas, L. Louise (D-18)	X	√	X	X	√	X	X	■	■

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Marsden, David W. (D-37)	X	√	X	X	√	■	■	■	√
McDougle, Ryan T. (R-4)	√	X	√	√	X	■	√	X	■
McEachin, A. Donald (D-9)	X	√	X	X	√	■	■	■	■
McPike, Jeremy S. (D-29)	X	X	X	X	√	■	■	√	■
Miller, John C. (D-1)	X	√	X	X	√	■	■	■	■
Newman, Stephen D. (R-23)	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	■	X
Norment, Thomas K., Jr. (R-3)	√	X	√	√	√	■	■	■	■
Obenshain, Mark D. (R-26)	√	X	√	√	X	■	√	■	■
Petersen, J. Chapman (D-34)	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	X	■
Reeves, Bryce E. (R-17)	√	X	√	√	√	■	■	X	■
Ruff, Frank M., Jr. (R-15)	√	X	√	√	X	■	■	■	■
Saslaw, Richard L. (D-35)	X	X	X	X	√	X	X	■	■
Stanley, William M., Jr. (R-20)	√	NV	√	√	X	■	√	■	■
Stuart, Richard H. (R-28)	√	X	√	√	X	■	√	■	■
Sturtevant, Glen H., Jr. (R-10)	√	X	√	√	X	■	√	■	■
Suetterlein, David R. (R-19)	√	X	√	√	√	√	■	■	X
Surovell, Scott A. (D-36)	X	√	X	X	√	■	■	√	■
Vogel, Jill Holtzman (R-27)	√	X	√	√	X	■	■	■	■
Wagner, Frank W. (R-7)	√	X	√	√	X	■	√	X	■
Wexton, Jennifer T. (D-33)	X	√	X	X	√	■	■	√	√

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Improving Scholarship Tax Credits-Conference-supported legislation passed by the Senate (21-19; see Senate chart) and House (65-34; see House chart) would increase the number of days that scholarship foundations participating in the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program may use to process donations and convert donations of marketable securities into cash.

Increasing Grand Larceny Threshold-Conference-supported legislation to increase the threshold for grand larceny from \$200 to \$500 passed the Senate (26-14; see Senate chart) but was later defeated by a House committee. Virginia currently has one of the lowest grand larceny thresholds in the nation.

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Opportunity to View an Ultrasound-Conference-opposed legislation that would have eliminated the requirements that a transabdominal ultrasound be performed at least 24 hours before an abortion and that mothers be provided the opportunity to see the ultrasound was defeated in a Senate committee (8-7; see Senate chart). The same bill was also defeated in a House committee without a recorded vote.

Prohibiting Taxpayer-Funded Abortion-on-Demand-A Senate committee defeated (10-4; see Senate chart) Conference-opposed legislation that would have repealed the General Assembly's 2013 decision to opt-out of abortion-on-demand coverage in health plans offered on the federal health exchange in Virginia. Under Virginia's opt-out law, health plans cannot participate in the exchange if they cover abortions beyond the federal Hyde Amendment cases (danger to life of the mother, rape and incest). The same bill was also defeated in a House committee without a recorded vote.

Death Penalty Moratorium-Conference-supported legislation to put a moratorium on the death penalty in Virginia pending the completion of a legislative study was defeated by a Senate committee (9-6; see Senate chart).

Driver's Licenses for Immigrants-The Conference supported legislation that would have allowed the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue temporary driver's licenses to applicants who are currently denied licenses due to their federal immigration status, in order to promote public safety and encourage safe transport of individuals to church, work and school. Unfortunately, a Senate committee defeated the bill (7-6; see Senate chart). Similar bills offered in the House were carried over to the 2017 session for further study.

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Adams, Les R. (R-16)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Aird, Lashrecse D. (D-63)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	√	X	X
Albo, David B. (R-42)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	X	■
Anderson, Richard L. (R-51)	√	√	X	√	√	X	NV	X	√	■
Austin, Terry L. (R-19)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Bagby, Lamont (D-74)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■
Bell, John (D-87)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■
Bell, Richard P. (R-20)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	√	■
Bell, Rob B. , III (R-58)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Bloxom, Robert S., Jr. (R-100)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	X
Boysko, Jennifer B. (D-86)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■
Bulova, David L. (D-37)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	√	X	■
Byron, Kathy J. (R-22)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	√
Campbell, Jeffrey L. (R-6)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Carr, Betsy B. (D-69)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	√	X	■
Cline, Ben L. (R-24)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	√

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Cole, Mark L. (R-88)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	√
Collins, Chris (R-29)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Cox, M. Kirkland (R-66)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Davis, Glenn R., Jr. (R-84)	√	√	X	X	√	X	√	■	■	■
Dudenhefer, Mark (R-2)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Edmunds, James E., II (R-60)	√	√	X	NV	√	X	√	■	■	■
Fariss, C. Matt (R-59)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	X
Farrell, Peter F. (R-56)	√	√	√	√	√	X	√	■	■	X
Filler-Corn, Eileen (D-41)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	X
Fowler, Buddy, Jr. (R-55)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	√
Freitas, Nicholas J. (R-30)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	√
Garrett, T. Scott (R-23)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Gilbert, C. Todd (R-15)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	√	■
Greason, Thomas A. (Tag) (R-32)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	X	■
Habeeb, Greg D. (R-8)	√	√	√	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Head, Christopher T. (R-17)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	√
Hesel, Gordon C., Jr. (R-91)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	X	■
Heretick, Steve (D-79)	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	■	■	■

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Herring, Charmiele L. (D-46)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■	
Hester, Daun (D-89)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	√	X	■	
Hodges, M. Keith (R-98)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	√	■	
Hope, Patrick A. (D-47)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■	
Howell, William J. (R-28)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Hugo, Timothy D. (R-40)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	X	
Ingram, Riley E. (R-62)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
James, Matthew (D-80)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■	
Jones, S. Chris (R-76)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Keam, Mark L. (D-35)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	X	
Kilgore, Terry G. (R-1)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Knight, Barry D. (R-81)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	√	■	
Kory, Kaye (D-38)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	X	
Krizek, Paul E. (D-44)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■	
Landes, R. Steven (R-25)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
LaRock, David A. (R-33)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Leftwich, James A., Jr. (R-78)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	√	■	
LeMunyon, James M. (R-67)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	X	■	

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Levine, Mark H. (D-45)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■	
Lindsey, Joseph C. (D-90)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■	
Lingamfelter, L. Scott (R-31)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Lopez, Alfonso H. (D-49)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■	
Loupassi, G. M. (Manoli) (R-68)	√	√	X	NV	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Marshall, Daniel W., III (R-14)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Marshall, Robert G. (Bob) (R-13)	√	*	√	√	√	X	√	■	■	√	
Mason, Monty (D-93)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■	
Massie, James P. (Jimmie), III (R-72)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
McClellan, Jennifer L. (D-71)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■	
McQuinn, Delores L. (D-70)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	√	X	■	
Miller, Jackson H. (R-50)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Minchew, J. Randall (R-10)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	X	■	
Miyares, Jason (R-82)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Morefield, James W. (Will) (R-3)	NV	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Morris, Rick (R-64)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	
Murphy, Kathleen J. (D-34)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	X	
O'Bannon, John M., III (R-73)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■	

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O'Quinn, Israel D. (R-5)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	■	■	■	
Orrock, Robert D., Sr. (R-54)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	■	■	X	
Peace, Christopher K. (R-97)	✓	NV	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	■	
Pillion, Todd E. (R-4)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	■	■	■	
Plum, Kenneth R. (D-36)	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	■	■	■	
Pogge, Brenda L. (R-96)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	■	■	✓	
Poindexter, Charles D. (R-9)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	■	■	■	
Price, Marcia S. (Cia) (D-95)	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	■	■	■	
Ransone, Margaret B. (R-99)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	■	■	■	
Rasoul, Sam (D-11)	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	■	■	■	
Robinson, Roxann L. (R-27)	✓	✓	X	X	NV	X	✓	X	X	■	
Rush, L. Nick (R-7)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	■	■	■	
Sickles, Mark D. (D-43)	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	■	■	■	
Simon, Marcus B. (D-53)	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	■	■	■	
Spruill, Lionell, Sr. (D-77)	X	X	*	NV	X	✓	X	■	■	■	
Stolle, Chris P. (R-83)	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	■	■	■	
Sullivan, Richard C. (Rip), Jr. (D-48)	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	■	■	X	
Taylor, Scott W. (R-85)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	■	■	✓	

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Torian, Luke E. (D-52)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	√	X	■
Toscano, David J. (D-57)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■
Tyler, Roslyn C. (D-75)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	■	■	■
Villanueva, Ronald A. (R-21)	√	√	X	X	√	X	√	■	■	■
Ward, Jeion A. (D-92)	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	√	X	■
Ware, R. Lee, Jr. (R-65)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	X
Watts, Vivian E. (D-39)	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	■	■	X
Webert, Michael J. (R-18)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Wilt, Tony O. (R-26)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Wright, Thomas C., Jr. (R-61)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	X	√	■
Yancey, David E. (R-94)	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	■	■	■
Yost, Joseph R. (R-12)	√	√	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	■

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Restricting Abortion Funding-The House adopted (64-34-1; see House chart) a Conference-supported budget amendment restoring restrictions against abortion funding that had been in place since the McDonnell administration, which Governor McAuliffe removed when he introduced his budget. The Senate budget also restores the McDonnell restrictions. A floor amendment to further restrict abortion funding was offered by Delegate Bob Marshall, but it did not receive a recorded vote.

Blocking Electric Chair Expansion-The House (65-34-1; see House chart) and Senate (22-17; see Senate chart) passed a draconian, Conference-opposed bill that would return Virginia's electric chair to regular use whenever the state says lethal drugs are not available "for any reason" after "reasonable efforts."

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Prohibiting Taxpayer-Funded Contraception-The House removed funding (64-35; see House chart) for a Conference-opposed program proposed by Governor McAuliffe that would have aggressively promoted and provided "long-acting reversible contraception," such as IUDs and skin implants, to low-income Virginia women and teens. The Senate budget also eliminated funding for this program.

Closing Health Coverage Gap-The House voted (66-34; see House chart) to eliminate Conference-supported funding proposed in Governor McAuliffe's budget to expand Medicaid to some 400,000 uninsured Virginians. The Senate budget also eliminated this proposed funding.

Improving Scholarship Tax Credits-Conference-supported legislation passed by the House (65-34; see House chart) and Senate (21-19; see Senate chart) would increase the number of days that scholarship foundations participating in the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program may use to process donations and convert donations of marketable securities into cash.

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Welcoming Refugees-A House committee passed (15-7; see House chart) Conference-opposed legislation that would have prevented state agencies from providing assistance for refugee resettlement unless the refugee has been certified by multiple federal agencies as not posing a threat to national security. The measure was later defeated in another House committee. Refugees already undergo an extensive process of multiple background checks, screenings and security clearances.

Protecting Student Privacy-Conference-supported legislation that would have required that public school bathrooms, locker rooms and showers accessible by multiple students at the same time could only be used by students of the same biological sex was defeated in a House committee (8-14; see House chart).

Increasing Scholarship Tax Credits-Conference-supported legislation to increase the tax credit percentage for the EISTC program from 65% to 90% was defeated in a House committee (9-13; see House chart).