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2026 General Assembly Session: How Did Your Legislators Vote?

During the 2026 Virginia General Assembly session, your state senator and delegate cast key votes on critical issues impacting human life, dignity and the common good. This report contains:

- A **Senate** chart showing how your senator voted;
- A **House** chart showing how your delegate voted; and
- **Committee** charts showing two key votes on bills that did not advance to the floor of either chamber.

At the conclusion of the report are:

- **Descriptions of Legislation** featured in the charts, organized into three categories – Life & Liberty, Families & Children, and Social & Economic Concerns.
- An **Index of Legislation**, for those interested in more detail than what the brief bill descriptions provide.

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Senate Votes

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Stuart, Richard H. (R-25)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√
Sturtevant, Glen H., Jr. (R-12)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√
Suetterlein, David R. (R-4)	√	√	√	X	√	X	X	√	X	√
Surovell, Scott A. (D-34)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√
VanValkenburg, Schuyler T. (D-16)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√
Williams Graves, Angelia (D-21)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√

House of Delegates Votes

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Anderson, Jessica L. (D-71)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Anthony, Bonita G. (D-92)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Askew, Alex Q. (D-95)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Austin, Terry L. (R-37)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Ballard, Jason S. (R-42)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Bennett-Parker, Elizabeth B. (D-5) <i>Resigned Feb. 18 to become a member of the Virginia Senate</i>	X				X	X		√	√	√
Bloxom, Robert S., Jr. (R-100)	√	√	X	√	X	X	√	√	X	√
Bulova, David L. (D-11) <i>Resigned House of Delegates Jan. 14 to become Virginia Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources</i>	X				X				√	
Bulova, Gretchen M. (D-11) <i>Sworn in Jan. 19</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Callsen, Katrina E. (D-54)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Carnegie, Karen Robins (D-89)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Carr, Betsy B. (D-78)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Carroll, Stacey A. (D-64)	X	X	X	NV	X	X	NV	√	√	√
Cherry, Mike A. (R-74)	√	√	√	√	√	√	NV	√	√	√
Clark, Nadarius E. (D-84)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NV	√	√

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Cohen, Laura Jane (D-15)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Cole, Joshua G. (D-65)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Cole, Nicole (D-66)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Convirs-Fowler, Kelly K. (D-96)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Cornett, Mitchell (R-46)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Cousins, Rae C. (D-79)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Davis, Will P. (R-39)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	X
Delaney, Karrie K. (D-9)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Dougherty, Lindsey (D-75)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Downey, Mark C. (D-69)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Feggans, Michael (D-97)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Fowler, Hyland F. (Buddy), Jr. (R-59)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Franklin, Lily V. (D-41)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Franklin, Margaret Angela (D-23) <i>Sworn in Jan. 19</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Gardner, Debra D. (D-76)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. (R-56)	√	NV	√	√	X	√	√	X	X	X
Glass, Jackie Hope (D-93)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√

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Griffin, Timothy P. (R-53)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	X
Guzman, Elizabeth R. (D-22)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Hamilton, Karen Fleming (R-62)	√	NV	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	X
Hayes, C. E. (Cliff), Jr. (D-91)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Helmer, Dan (D-10)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Henson, Rozia A., Jr. (D-19)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Hernandez, Phil M. (D-94)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Herring, Charniele L. (D-4)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Hodges, M. Keith (R-68)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Hope, Patrick A. (D-1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Kent, Hillary Pugh (R-67)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Keys-Gamarra, Karen (D-7)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Kilgore, Terry G. (R-45)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Knight, Barry D. (R-98) <i>Died Feb. 19</i>	√				√	√		X	X	
Krizek, Paul E. (D-16)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Laufer, Amy J. (D-55)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Leftwich, James A. (Jay), Jr. (R-90)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√

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LeVere Bolling, Destiny L. (D-80)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Lopez, Alfonso H. (D-3)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Maldonado, Michelle Lopes (D-20)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Martinez, Fernando J. (D-29)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
McAuliff, John C. (D-30)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
McClure, Adele Y. (D-2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
McGuire, Garrett (D-17) <i>Sworn in Jan. 21</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
McLaughlin, Ellen H. (R-36)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
McNamara, Joseph P. (R-40)	√	√	X	√	X	√	√	NV	X	√
McPike, R. Kirk (D-5) <i>Sworn in Feb. 18</i>		X	X	X		X	X			√
McQuinn, Delores L. (D-81)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Mehta, Leslie Chambers (D-73)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Morefield, James W. (Will) (R-43)	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	X	√
Mundon King, Candi (D-23) <i>Resigned House of Delegates Jan. 17 to become Secretary of the Commonwealth</i>	X				X				√	
Nivar, May (D-57)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Oates, Delores (R-31)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√

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O'Quinn, Israel D. (R-44)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Pence, Justin L. (R-33)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	X
Phillips, Eric J. (R-48)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Pope Adams, Kimberly (D-82)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Price, Marcia S. (Cia) (D-85)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Rasoul, Sam (D-38)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Reaser, Atoosa R. (D-27)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Reid, David A. (D-28)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Runion, Chris (R-35)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	X
Schmidt, Charles H., Jr. (D-77) <i>Sworn in Jan. 17</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Scott, Don (D-88)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Scott, Phillip A. (R-63)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	X
Seibold, Holly M. (D-12)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Sewell, Briana D. (D-25)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Shin, Irene (D-8)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Sickles, Mark (D-17) <i>Resigned House of Delegates Jan. 17 to become Virginia Secretary of Finance</i>	X				X				√	
Simon, Marcus B. (D-13)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√

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Simonds, Shelly A. (D-70)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Singh, JJ (D-26)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Sullivan, Richard C. (Rip), Jr. (D-6)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Tata, Anne Ferrell H. (R-99)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Thomas, Josh (D-21)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Thornton, Virgil Gene, Sr. (D-86)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Torian, Luke E. (D-24)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Tran, Kathy KL (D-18)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Wachsmann, Howard Otto, Jr. (R-83)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√
Walker, Wendell S. (R-52)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Ward, Jeion A. (D-87)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Ware, R. Lee (R-72)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Watts, Vivian E. (D-14)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√
Webert, Michael J. (R-61)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Whittle, Madison (R-49)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Wiley, William D. (Bill) (R-32)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Willett, Rodney T. (D-58)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√

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Williams, Wren M. (R-47)	√	NV	√	√	√	√	X	X	X	√
Wilt, Tony O. (R-34)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Wright, Thomas C., Jr. (R-50)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Wyatt, Scott A. (R-60)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	√
Zehr, Eric (R-51)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	X

Senate Education & Health Committee Vote

√: Vote agreed with VCC position
 X: Vote disagreed with VCC position

Name of Senator (Party, District)	Opposing Assisted Suicide
Aird, Lashrecse D. (D-13)	√
Bagby, Lamont (D-14)	X
Boysko, Jennifer B. (D-38)	X
Craig, Christie New (R-19)	√
Durant, Tara A. (R-27)	√
Favola, Barbara A. (D-40)	X
Head, Christopher T. (R-3)	√
Locke, Mamie E. (D-23)	X
Lucas, L. Louise (D-18)	X
Peake, Mark J. (R-8)	√
Pekarsky, Stella G. (D-36)	X
Perry, Russet W. (D-31)	X
Pillion, Todd E. (R-6)	√
Suetterlein, David R. (R-4)	√
VanValkenburg, Schuyler T. (D-16)	√

House Education K-12 Subcommittee Vote

√: Vote agreed with VCC position
 X: Vote disagreed with VCC position
 NV: Did not vote

Name of Delegate (Party, District)	Ensuring Parental Notification in Public Schools
Anderson, Jessica L. (D-71)	X
Askew, Alex Q. (D-95)	X
Bulova, Gretchen M. (D-11)	X
Cherry, Mike A. (R-74)	√
Cousins, Rae C. (D-79)	X
Dougherty, Lindsey (D-75)	NV
Kent, Hillary Pugh (R-67)	√
LeVere Bolling, Destiny L. (D-80)	X
Rasoul, Sam (D-38)	X
Simonds, Shelly A. (D-70)	X
Tata, Anne Ferrell H. (R-99)	√

DESCRIPTIONS OF LEGISLATION

LIFE & LIBERTY

Opposing Extreme Abortion Amendment: The VCC opposed a resolution proposing to enshrine a “fundamental right” to abortion in Virginia’s constitution. The resolution, which would allow virtually unlimited abortion at any stage of pregnancy, passed the Senate and House for the second straight year. (See **Senate** and **House** charts.) This proposed constitutional amendment will appear on the ballot on November 3 for voters to decide.

Protecting Parental Consent: During the Senate floor debate on the extreme abortion amendment, Senator Tara Durant (R – Fredericksburg) offered a VCC-supported amendment to require Virginia’s parental consent law to remain in effect. The Senate, however, rejected this proposed parental consent amendment. (See **Senate** chart.)

Protecting Babies Born Alive: During the Senate floor debate on the extreme abortion amendment, Senator Emily Jordan (R – Smithfield) offered a VCC-supported amendment to require that any baby born alive after an attempted abortion “shall be provided the same level of care and treatment as any infant or person seeking care and treatment in a medical facility.” The Senate, however, rejected this proposed amendment to protect babies born alive after attempted abortions. (See **Senate** chart.)

Hyde Amendment: The VCC supported a proposal to adopt the Hyde Amendment in the state budget. This policy is essential to stop the funding of abortions with state taxpayers’ money to the fullest extent possible under federal law. The House, however, rejected the proposed Hyde Amendment provision. (See **House chart**.) The Senate rejected it as well, but without a recorded vote.

Opposing Contraceptive Mandate: The VCC opposed legislation to require health plans to cover all drugs the FDA defines as contraceptives – including those that can cause abortions. The bill passed the Senate and House. (See **Senate** and **House** charts.)

Protecting Peaceful Pro-Life Witness: The VCC opposed a bill that would restrict the ability to offer peaceful prayer, witness and life-affirming information and resources outside abortion facilities. The measure passed the Senate and House. (See **Senate** and **House** charts.)

Opposing Assisted Suicide: Identical VCC-opposed Senate and House bills that would have legalized assisted suicide did not advance to floor votes in either chamber. The Senate assisted suicide bill was defeated in the Senate Education and Health Committee. (See **Committee** chart.) After the Senate measure failed, the House Courts of Justice Committee decided to defer consideration of the identical House legislation until next year.

FAMILIES & CHILDREN

Protecting Marriage: The VCC opposed a resolution proposing to repeal the one-man/one-woman marriage provision in Virginia’s constitution – a provision approved by Virginia voters in 2006 with strong support by the VCC. The resolution to repeal this longstanding provision passed the

Senate and House for the second straight year. (See **Senate** and **House** charts.) This proposed constitutional amendment will appear on the ballot on November 3 for voters to decide.

Opposing “Right to Contraception” for Minors: The VCC opposed legislation to grant all persons, including minors, “the right to obtain contraceptives and to engage in contraception,” including sterilization procedures. The measure passed the Senate and House. (See **Senate** and **House** charts.)

Opposing Marijuana Commercialization: VCC-opposed legislation to legalize the sale of marijuana – including high-potency THC – and establish a commercial marketplace for “pot shops” passed the Senate and House. (See **Senate** and **House** charts.)

Ensuring Parental Notification in Public Schools: A VCC-supported House measure would have required parental notification when a child indicates gender incongruence at school. The bill (“Sage’s Law”) would have ensured that parents are aware and in charge of their child’s health and best interests. The legislation was defeated by a House Education subcommittee. (See **Committee** chart.)

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC CONCERNS

Limiting Isolated Confinement: The House passed a VCC-supported measure to place a clear limit on the amount of time an incarcerated person can be held in isolated confinement. (See **House** chart.) However, the bill did not advance to the Senate floor.

Restoring Voting Rights: A VCC-supported resolution proposing to amend Virginia’s constitution to guarantee the restoration of voting rights to all who have completed their prison sentences passed the Senate and House for the second straight year. (See **Senate** and **House** charts.) This proposed constitutional amendment will appear on the ballot on November 3 for voters to decide.

Reducing Drug Costs: A VCC-supported measure to establish an advisory panel that would develop recommendations to make prescription drugs more affordable passed the Senate and House. (See **Senate** and **House** charts.)

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**See item 4-5.04(l) "MEDICAL SERVICES".*

***Denotes failed parental consent amendment.*

****Denotes failed amendment to protect babies born alive.*

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