

VCCA Legislative Report – January 25, 2009

We are right in the middle of a pretty good fight regarding the inclusion of our students in HB 1663. The chairman of the Education Committee (Del. Tata) is the patron of this Bill and I think he was caught off guard a little bit when the bill came up and ran in to some serious opposition despite SCHEV's strong endorsement of the bill (which they asked Tata to introduce) on their behalf. As a result the bill was not acted upon and re-scheduled for consideration this coming week.

VCCA has lobbied many members of the committee on both sides of the aisle and believe a final vote on the bill will be very close. Late last week the private not-for-profits entered the fray in opposition to our amendment to have our sector's students included in the expansion of students contemplated by this legislation.

VCCA recognizes that the Commonwealth of Virginia will not stop functioning if we lose this battle, but this Bill does represent another subtle attempt to continue to segregate our sector from mainstream higher education in Virginia. So if nothing else, the Education Committee is much more aware of this effort to keep us separate and many are wondering why? And in my opinion having the not-for-profits oppose our inclusion hurts that sector more than it helps them in that many legislators wonder why in the world they would even engage on such a diminimus piece of legislation.

In light of the newly received AG's opinion, HB 1924 may have some potential for VCCA schools as well. We are trying to assess if does, and how best to proceed. I am still awaiting some response from Legislative Services to the AG opinion, which I hope will get that monkey off our back.

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Composite view with notes

| Bills | Committee | Last action | Date |
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| HB 1612 - Dance - Community College Scholarship Match Program; created. | (H) Committee on Appropriations | (H) Assigned App. sub: Higher Education (Morgan) | 01/19/09 |
| HB 1638 - Poisson - College Scholarship Assistance Program; out-of-state student | (H) Committee on Education | (H) Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts | 01/20/09 |

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| HB 1656 - Marshall, R.G. - Concealed handguns; allows faculty members at institutions of higher education to carry on campus. | (H) Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety | (H) Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety | 12/15/08 |
| HB 1663 - Tata - Council of Higher Education for Virginia, State; may appoint certain students to advisory committee. | (H) Committee on Education | (H) Referred to Committee on Education | 12/17/08 |
| HB 1664 - Tata - Council of Higher Education; eliminates requirement to develop crisis & emergency management plan. | (H) Committee on Education <hr/> (S) Committee on Education and Health | (S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health | 01/23/09 |
| HB 1665 - Tata - Council of Higher Education, State; eliminates requirement to develop strategic statewide plan. | (H) Committee on Education <hr/> (S) Committee on Education and Health | (S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health | 01/23/09 |
| HB 1718 - Cox - Estheticians; extends grandfather period for licensure thereas until July 1, 2010. | (H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions | (H) Read first time | 01/23/09 |
| HB 1924 - Lewis - Tuition grants; provide for commercial crab fishermen attending two-year educational institution. | (H) Committee on Education | (H) Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) | 01/20/09 |
| HB 2082 - Saxman - Early Graduation Incentive Grant Program; established. | (H) Committee on Education | (H) Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts | 01/20/09 |
| HB 2196 - Watts - Income tax, state; deduction for certified nursing assistants and home health aides. | (H) Committee on Finance | (H) Referred to Committee on Finance | 01/14/09 |
| HB 2295 - Caputo - Two-Year College Transfer Grant; increases annual amount. | (H) Committee on Appropriations | (H) Assigned App. sub: Higher Education (Morgan) | 01/20/09 |
| HB 2324 - Athey - Higher educational institutions; at least 80% of transfer students admitted be Virginia domiciles. | (H) Committee on Education | (H) Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts | 01/20/09 |
| HB 2325 - Athey - Higher educational institutions; at least 70% of students admitted be Virginia domiciles. | (H) Committee on Education | (H) Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts | 01/20/09 |
| HB 2327 - Athey - Community College Scholarship Match Program; created. | (H) Committee on Appropriations | (H) Assigned App. sub: Higher Education (Morgan) | 01/23/09 |
| HJ 654 - Tata - Higher Education, State Council of; to study establishing four year institution in Virginia Beach. | (H) Committee on Rules | (H) Assigned Rules sub: Studies | 01/16/09 |
| HJ 660 - Albo - Career & technical education; joint subcommittee to study ways to increase in secondary schools. | (H) Committee on Rules | (H) Referred to Committee on Rules | 01/09/09 |
| HJ 705 - Scott, J.M. - Higher education; joint | (H) Committee on Rules | (H) Referred to Committee | 01/14/09 |

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| SB 866 - Edwards - Community College Scholarship Match Program; created. | (S) Committee on Education and Health | (S) Assigned Education sub: Higher Education | 01/15/09 |
| SB 878 - Martin - Massage Therapy, Advisory Board on; created. | (S) Committee on Education and Health | (S) Rereferred to Education and Health | 01/21/09 |
| SB 1118 - Colgan - Community College Scholarship Match Program; created. | (S) Committee on Education and Health | (S) Assigned Education sub: Higher Education | 01/15/09 |
| SB 1214 - Deeds - Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program; eligibility. | (S) Committee on Education and Health | (S) Assigned Education sub: Higher Education | 01/19/09 |
| SB 1240 - Stosch - Two-Year College Transfer Grant; increases annual amount thereof. | (S) Committee on Finance | (S) Rereferred to Finance | 01/22/09 |
| SB 1527 - McDougle - Board for Barbers and Cosmetology; estheticians; waiver of examination requirements. | (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology | (S) Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology | 01/23/09 |