

VCCA Legislative Report

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This week both "yoga" bills (HB 703 and SB 598) were heard and things got a little more complicated. The Senate has gone along with the language we crafted with SCHEV and that bill appears ready to sail out of the Senate. The House subcommittee that heard the House version of the bill unfortunately had some members on it who don't like our sector, and others who don't like SCHEV so when the patron indicated that VCCA and SCHEV had worked up compromise language to fix the problem in an acceptable fashion, both of these little sub-groups got a little hissy, rejected our language, and decided they wanted yet a new, undetermined solution to the problem and directed staff to craft new language.

So now we have lost a bit of control over the language in this bill, and will need to keep a close eye on it to be sure that language isn't added that goes beyond the intent of the bill. (Since these two bills open up the section of the Code of Virginia dealing with the regulation of our sector, changes can be offered to other provisions of the Code that were not even in the original bill. I hate when this happens!!)

On a more overtly substantive issue, we continue to monitor the progress of HB 1041 to try and ensure that the last section of this bill does not indicate a preference, in state law, for community colleges to provide workforce training. I talked with the patron again this week and she again indicated that she supports our amendment to the bill, but that doesn't mean it will happen as you can be sure the community colleges oppose our language. I spoke with the Virginia Manufacturers Association this week and asked that they support our proposal. Their initial response was positive. HB 1041 will be heard before full committee next week.

Finally, HB 1011 ran into a stone wall this week when it was heard. This bill attempts to provide community colleges with the ability to grant four-year degrees in high

demand occupations as determined by, non other than, the community colleges themselves. But the publics, not for profit privates, and even the community college lobbyists expressed opposition ranging from unsure to flatly opposed. As a result, the bill was killed in committee.

I'm buried in snow. I hope you are not.

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Bills	Committee	Last action	<u>Date</u>
HB 7 - Tata - Higher Education, Council of; duties.	(H) Committee on Education <hr/> (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Referred to Committee on Education and Health	01/29/10
HB 300 - Dance - Tuition, in-state; eligibility for dependents of civilian personnel of the military.	(H) Committee on Education	(H) Subcommittee recommends laying on the table	01/26/10
HB 471 - Dance - Community College Scholarship Match Program; created.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Subcommittee recommends laying on the table	02/01/10
HB 647 - Armstrong - Unemployment benefits; eligibility of individuals part-time employed and in training programs.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N)	02/04/10
HB 703 - Bulova - Yoga teacher training program; disclosure statement to all prospective students before enrollment.	(H) Committee on Education	(H) Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (9-Y 0-N)	02/02/10
HB 961 - Crockett-Stark - Community College Scholarship Match Program; created.	(H) Committee on Education	(H) Subcommittee recommends laying on the table	01/26/10
HB 996 - James - Education, Secretary of; name changed to Secretary of Education and Workforce Development.	(H) Committee on Education	(H) Stricken from docket by Education	01/20/10
HB 1005 - Athey - Community College Scholarship Match Program; created.	(H) Committee on Education	(H) Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB961-Crockett-Stark)	01/26/10
HB 1006 - Athey - Higher educational institutions; funding disbursed based on total number of Virginia domiciles.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Subcommittee recommends laying on the table	02/01/10
HB 1007 - Athey - Higher educational institutions; governing body establish rules & regulations for undergraduates.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Assigned App. sub: Higher Education	01/19/10
HB 1011 - Athey - Community College	(H) Committee on	(H) Subcommittee	02/02/10

System; establish programs and grant baccalaureate degrees in nursing, etc.	Education	recommends laying on the table	
HB 1041 - Byron - Virginia Workforce Council; reduces membership.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	01/13/10
HB 1043 - Byron - Chief Workforce Development Officer; responsibilities.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Read first time	02/04/10
SB 166 - Edwards - Community College Scholarship Match Program; created.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Rereferred to Finance	01/28/10
SB 182 - Stosch - Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program; eligibility.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 1-N)	02/01/10
SB 323 - Ruff - Education, Secretary of; name changed to Secretary of Education and Workforce Development.	(H) Committee on Education <hr/> (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Referred to Committee on Education	02/03/10
SB 598 - Herring - Yoga teacher training program; disclosure statement to all prospective students before enrollment.	(S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Committee substitute printed 10104709D-S1	02/04/10
SB 720 - Norment - Tuition; covered higher educational institutions to charge based on ability to pay.	(S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Assigned Education sub: Higher Education	01/26/10
SB 731 - Reynolds - Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority; created, report.	(S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Committee substitute printed 10105027D-S1	02/04/10