

**Legislation - 2018 General Assembly - vaACCSES**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>vaACCSES Position</b>
<b>HB 178/Bell, Dickie</b>	<b>Virginia Fair Housing Law; exemptions.</b> Provides that it shall not be unlawful under the Virginia Fair Housing Law for any owner to deny or limit the rental of housing to persons whose payment of rent for such housing is contingent upon the owner's acceptance of a contract authorizing payment of such rent by an entity or individual other than the lessee.	12/23/17 – Referred to Gen Laws <b>(Failed)</b>	Watch
<b>HB 324/Campbell</b>	<b>Closure of the Southwestern Virginia Training Center prohibited.</b> Provides that the Southwestern Virginia Training Center shall not be closed and shall instead remain open and continue to accept new admissions of individuals with intellectual disability for whom treatment in a training center is appropriate.	020918 – Sen HHR Subc (6-2) (Laying on Table - <b>Failed</b> )	Watch
<b>HB 325/Campbell</b>	<b>Closure of the Southwestern Virginia Training Center and the Central Virginia Training Center prohibited.</b> Provides that the Southwestern Virginia Training Center and the Central Virginia Training Center shall not be closed and shall instead remain open and continue to accept new admissions of individuals with intellectual disability for whom treatment in a training center is appropriate.	020918 – Sen HHR Subc (6-2) (Laying on Table – <b>Failed</b> )	Watch
<b>HB 338/Miyares</b>	<b>Medicaid; work requirement.</b> Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to apply for a waiver to implement a work requirement for able-bodied adult recipients of medical assistance services.	013018 – House Rules (14-3) Substitute 020918 – House Appro (22-0) Substitute	Watch
<b>HB 457/ Filler Corn</b>	<b>ABLE savings trust agreements; elimination of Medicaid claw-back.</b> Provides that the beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account may appoint a survivor. In the event of the beneficiary's death, if the survivor is eligible under federal law as a beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account, then he/she would become the new beneficiary of the account. If the survivor is not eligible, then any proceeds remaining in the account would be distributed to the survivor and the account would be closed. The bill prohibits the Commonwealth from seeking estate recovery or payment from the proceeds of the deceased beneficiary's account for benefits provided to him. Under current law, if the beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account dies, his state of residence becomes a creditor of the account and may seek payment under federal law for Medicaid benefits provided to the beneficiary while he was alive.	012918 – Passed Hse Ed Sub3 (7-0) 013018 – Passed House Ed (20-2) 020618 – House Appro HHR Sub Left in House Appro HHR Subc <b>(Failed)</b>	SUPPORT
<b>HB 505/Bell, Robert</b>	<b>Traffic signs; people with disabilities.</b> Allows any person who is deaf, blind, or deaf-blind, any person with autism or an intellectual or developmental disability, or the agent of any such person to request that the Department of Transportation (Department) post and maintain signs informing drivers that a person with a disability may be present in or around the roadway and directs the Department to post and maintain such signs in accordance with regulations developed by the Department.	020618 – House Trans (22-0) 020918 - House Floor	Watch
<b>HB 796/Hope</b>	<b>Zoning; disabilities.</b> Requires a locality to give consideration to the need for reasonable modifications to requirements that are necessary to accommodate persons with disabilities when preparing a zoning ordinance. The bill also alters the standard by which a variance shall be granted by adding the phrases "including the safe and easy use thereof" in regard to property and "or would accommodate persons with disabilities as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act."	012618 – Cos,Cities&Towns (22-0) 020118 – House Floor (39-0) 020518 – Referred to House Ed	Watch
<b>HB 806/O'Quinn</b>	<b>Closure of the Southwestern Virginia Training Center and the Southeastern Virginia Training Center prohibited.</b> Provides that the Southwestern Virginia Training Center and the Southeastern Virginia Training Center shall not be closed	020918 – Appro HHR Subc (Laying on Table 7-1) <b>(Failed)</b>	Watch

	and shall instead remain open and continue to accept new admissions of individuals with intellectual disability for whom treatment in a training center is appropriate		
<b>HB 813/Hope</b>	<b>Workgroup Established – DSP Employment History Transparency.</b> The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall, in conjunction with the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Social Services, the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, the Virginia Network of Private Providers, and other relevant provider organizations and stakeholders, convene a work group in support of the Joint Commission on Health Care's efforts to improve the quality of the Commonwealth's direct support professional workforce and, if necessary, develop recommendations for policy changes to increase the transparency of the employment history of direct support professional job candidates. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall report its recommendations to the Joint Commission on Health Care by October 1, 2018.	020618 - Passed HWI Sub2 (10-0) 020618 - Passed HWI (22-0) <b>Substitute to Establish Workgroup</b> 020718 – Passed Courts Sub (6-1) 020918 - Passed Courts (16-0)	Support  Include vaACCSES Rep under "other relevant provider orgs"  (Companion SB 461/Dance – Continued to 2019 by Courts of Justice.)
<b>HB 916/Landes</b>	<b>Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services.</b> Codifies the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to administer Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services to assist individuals with disabilities with maintaining employment according to General Assembly priorities.	013018 – Appro HHR Subc (7-0) 013118 – House Appro (21-0) 020618 – House Floor (98-1 Ab)	SUPPORT
<b>HB 1056/Simon</b>	<b>Medical assistance; determination of income; personal needs allowance.</b> Provides that, when determining the income of a recipient of medical assistance services who is receiving long-term care in a medical institution or intermediate care facility, the Department shall disregard a personal needs allowance in an amount that is at least \$150 and that the amount of the personal needs allowance shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index, all urban consumers (CPI-U)	011818 – House HWI Subc (6-0) 012518 – House HWI (21-0) 020618 – Appro HHR Subc (Laying on Table – <b>Failed</b> )	Watch
<b>HB 1061/Tran</b>	<b>Blind or vision impaired; rehabilitative manufacturing and service industries; sales of goods.</b> Updates terminology regarding manufacturing and service industries operated by the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired for the employment of individuals who are blind or vision impaired. The bill repeals the requirement that public and private entities must register with the Department in order to authorize their identification of goods as being made by the blind and repeals the prohibition on and penalties for falsely identifying goods for sale as having been made by individuals who are blind.	020618 – HWI Sub2 (10-0) 020618 – HWI (22-0)	Watch
<b>HB 1259/Krizek</b>	<b>Minimum wage; exclusions; tips.</b> Excludes any tips received by an employee when determining the amount of wages paid by an employer to its employee under the Virginia Minimum Wage Act (the Act). The measure provides that the Act applies to the following employees who are currently excluded: (i) any person employed as a farm laborer or farm employee; (ii) newsboys, shoe-shine boys, caddies on golf courses, ushers, doormen, concession attendants, and cashiers in theaters; (iii) taxicab drivers and operators; (iv) any person whose employment is covered by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act; and (v) employees of state agencies and local governments. <b>The measure also provides that the Act applies to a person whose earning capacity is impaired by physical deficiency, mental illness, or intellectual disability with respect to services provided on and after July 1, 2020.</b>	020618 – Commerce & Labor Sub2 <b>Failed (2-5)</b>	Offered Amendments Watch
<b>HB 1408/Bourne</b>	<b>Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices.</b> Adds discrimination on the basis of a person's source of income to the list of unlawful	011518 - Referred to House Rules <b>Failed</b>	Watch

	discriminatory housing practices. The bill defines "source of income" as any source that lawfully provides funds to or on behalf of a renter or buyer of housing, including any assistance, benefit, or subsidy program, whether such program is administered by a governmental or nongovernmental entity.		
<b>HB 1421/Garrett</b>	<b>Closure of the Central Virginia Training Center prohibited.</b> Provides that the Central Virginia Training Center shall not be closed and shall instead remain open.	020918 – Appro HHR Subc (7-1) (Laying on Table – <b>Failed</b> )	Watch
<b>HJ 24</b>	<b>Encouraging the Governor to request the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics to develop a standard occupational classification for direct support professionals.</b> Encourages the Governor to request the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics to develop a standard occupational classification for direct support professionals to allow for collection of accurate information about direct support professionals and facilitate the setting of appropriate reimbursement rates for direct support professionals providing services through the Commonwealth's Home and Community-Based Services waiver program.	122917 - Referred to House Rules 020918 – Left in Rules ( <b>Failed</b> )	SUPPORT
<b>HJ 99/Gilbert</b>	<b>Study; JLARC; duplication of job training services; report.</b> Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the duplication of job training services among state agencies and propose ways to reduce administrative waste.	011918 - Referred to Rules ( <b>Failed</b> )	Watch
<b>HJ 109/Gooditis</b>	<b>Study; Department of Medical Assistance Services; transportation for individuals with disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse problems; report.</b> Requests DMAS to (i) identify the current transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse problems in the Commonwealth; (ii) determine the extent to which these needs are being met; (iii) identify reoccurring problems associated with such state-funded transportation services, including providers arriving late or failing to show up for a scheduled trip, a lack of consistency in drivers for regularly scheduled trips, inefficient and time-consuming routes, and a general lack of communication between providers and the individuals receiving transportation services; (iv) analyze the cost of expanding state-funded transportation services to cover individuals who have a mental illness or substance abuse problems and are not receiving assistance under the state plan for medical assistance; (v) gather and consider input from all relevant stakeholders regarding such transportation needs and strategies for improving the Commonwealth's transportation services for individuals with disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse problems; and (vi) make recommendations regarding strategies, policies, or programs that the Commonwealth can utilize to better meet the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse problems, including establishing partnerships with ride-sharing companies	011018 – Referred to Rules 020618 – House Rules (Stricken from Docket (17-0))	Watch
<b>SB 229/Hanger</b>	<b>School bus personnel; training program; autism spectrum disorders.</b> Requires the Board of Education to establish a training program for school board employees who assist in the transportation of students on school buses, including individuals employed to operate school buses and school bus aides, on autism spectrum disorders, including the characteristics of autism spectrum disorders, strategies for interacting with students with autism spectrum disorders, and collaboration with other employees who assist in the transportation of students on school buses. The bill requires each school board employee who assists in the transportation of students with autism spectrum disorders on school buses to participate in such training program.	012518 – Sen Ed & Hlth (15-0) 013018 – Senate Floor (39-0) 020518 – Referred to House Ed	Watch
<b>SB 234/Hanger &amp; Stuart</b>	<b>Autism Advisory Council; sunset.</b> Extends the sunset provision of the Autism Advisory Council from July 1, 2018, to July 1, 2020.	020918 – Senate Rules (14-0) <b>Incorporated Senator Stuart</b>	Support

<b>SB310/DeSteph</b>	<b>DMAS</b> - make recommendations to the 10 General Assembly for legislative, regulatory, or policy changes that provide flexibility to an individual 11 enrolled in a home and community-based waiver to choose his place of residence in the Commonwealth 12 and that ensure such individual's informed choice of place of residence does not reduce, terminate, 13 suspend, or deny services for which he is otherwise eligible. The Department shall report such 14 recommendations to the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and 15 the Senate Committees on Finance and Education and Health by November 1, 2018.	012518 Ed & Health (9-6) 020618 – Sen Finance (16-0) <b>Substitute – DMAS Recs</b> 020918 – Senate Floor (39-0)	Support with Amendments Support Substitute
<b>SB 337/Stuart</b>	<b>Commission on Autism.</b> Establishes the Commission on Autism as an advisory commission in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission is to review and make recommendations for the improvement of services and programs for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.	020918 – Senate Rules (14-0) <b>Incorporated into SB234/Hanger</b>	Watch
<b>SB 560/Hanger</b>	<b>Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services.</b> Codifies and requires the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to administer Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services to assist individuals with disabilities with maintaining employment according to General Assembly priorities.	012918 – Fin HHR Subc (7-0) 013118 – Sen Finance (15-0) 020518 – Sen Floor (40-0) 020818 – Referred to House Appro	SUPPORT
<b>SB 584/DeSteph</b>	<b>Virginia Public Procurement Act; service disabled veteran businesses procurement enhancement program.</b> Establishes a statewide service disabled veteran business procurement enhancement program. The bill establishes a statewide goal of five percent service disabled veteran business utilization in all discretionary spending by state agencies in procurement orders, prime contracts, and subcontracts.	012918 – Sen GL (15-0) 020218 – Sen Floor Substitute 020518 – Sen Floor (40-0) 020818 – Referred to House GL	Watch
<b>SB 593/Vogel</b>	<b>Health insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder.</b> Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals from age two through age 18. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age 10. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2019.	012218 – Sen C&L (15-0) 013018 – Finance (15-0) 020518 – Senate Floor (40-0) 020818 - Referred to Appro	Support  All House bills died in C&L – HB1113/HB1311/HB1369
<b>SB 652/McPike</b>	<b>Secretary of Administration – Establishes Workgroup of stakeholders</b> to review (a) review current procurement policies and practices that impact the employment of people with disabilities in the Commonwealth; (b) procurement policies of other states that impact the employment of people with disabilities; (c) the potential establishment and responsibilities of a board with the responsibility for advising the DSBSD related to the impact of procurement policies and procedures on the employment of people with significant disabilities. Findings & recs to Governor & General Assembly by July 1, 2019.	012918 – Sen General Laws & Tech <b>Substitute 1</b> 020518 – Passed SGL 15-0 <b>Substitute 2</b> 020718 – Passed S Finance (15-0) <b>w/ Sen Finance amendments</b> 020918 – Sen Floor <b>Substitute – Sen Finance</b>	SUPPORT Substitute 2
<b>SB 812/Barker</b>	<b>Definition of qualified mental health professional - Corrections.</b> Broadens the definition of "qualified mental health professional" to include employees and independent contractors of the Department of Corrections who by education and experience are professionally qualified and registered by the Board of Counseling to provide collaborative mental health services.	020818 –Passed Ed & Health (15-0)	Watch

<b>SB 835/Peake</b>	<b>Closure of the Central Virginia Training Center prohibited.</b> Provides that the Central Virginia Training Center shall not be closed and shall instead remain open.	012518 – Sen Ed & Health (15-0) 020618 – Sen Finance (Continued to 2019)	Watch
<b>SB 893/Wexton</b>	<b>Medical assistance; determination of income; personal needs allowance.</b> Provides that, when determining the income of a recipient of medical assistance services who is receiving long-term care in a medical institution or intermediate care facility, the Department shall disregard a personal needs allowance in an amount that is at least \$100 and that the amount of the personal needs allowance shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index, all urban consumers (CPI-U).	020118 – Sen Ed & Health (15-0) 020618 – Sen Finance (16-0) 020918 – Sen Floor (39-0)	Watch
<b>SB 909/ McClellan</b>	<b>Virginia Fair Housing Law; Source of Income - unlawful discriminatory housing practices.</b> Adds discrimination on the basis of a person's source of income to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices. The bill defines "source of income" as any source that lawfully provides funds to or on behalf of a renter or buyer of housing, including any assistance, benefit, or subsidy program, whether such program is administered by a governmental or nongovernmental entity.	020518 – Sen Gen Laws (13-0) <b>Continued to 2019 in Gen Laws</b>	Support