

2010 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summary of Tourism Issues

PASSED

Virginia Tourism Corporation

* **Budget language** - increases tourism marketing funds by \$3.6 million per year. Affects FY2011 and FY2012.

Early School Openings

HB 557/Tata; SB 253/ Reynolds

Re-worded the language used in the process to grant local school boards a waiver to open prior to Labor Day, but does not relax the requirements to receive a waiver.

(Eleven other bills making it easier to receive a waiver failed)

Safety Rest Areas

HJ126/Nutter; SJ99/Herring

Authorizes the Virginia Transportation Research Council to study alternatives to the public funding and operation of all or portions of the Commonwealth's interstate safety rest areas. Report due January 2011.

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