

2015 LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD & Legislative Update

I am pleased to present the Virginia Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Legislative Report Card, the Virginia General Assembly's voting record on key business issues. In the following pages, we report on legislators' support for initiatives that will help move Virginia forward and provide analysis of a legislator's support for the business community's priorities as outlined in Blueprint Virginia: A Business Plan for the Commonwealth.

Over the course of 2013, the Virginia Chamber worked with over 7,000 business and community leaders from across the Commonwealth to develop Blueprint Virginia, a comprehensive initiative to provide business leadership, direction and long-range economic development planning for Virginia. The Virginia Chamber of Commerce annually develops a proactive Legislative Agenda to advance the priorities outlined in Blueprint Virginia.

During the 2015 General Assembly session, more than 2,700 bills were introduced. The Virginia Chamber of Commerce provided legislators with a weekly "Bills We're Watching" report delineating the Chamber's position on bills of interest to the business community. At the conclusion of the session, legislators' voting records on these bills were recorded and calculated.

The Legislative Report Card recognizes legislators for their support of initiatives that will help move Virginia forward and provides analysis of legislators' support for the business community's priorities. With the help of Virginia's pro-business legislators, the Virginia Chamber of Commerce was successful on 94% of its legislative priorities during the 2015 session. With the strong support of pro-business legislators, we can continue to strengthen Virginia's business climate and help maintain Virginia's status as one of the best states for business.

Barry DuVal, President & CEO

Virginia Chamber of Commerce

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

The Virginia Chamber's Legislator of the Year Award is the business community's premier legislative award honoring the lawmaker who demonstrates outstanding leadership on pro-business issues. The award recognizes a leader for distinguished advocacy of the free enterprise system.



Following the 2015 legislative session, the Legislator of the Year Award was presented to **Senator Ryan McDougle**. Serving as Senate Republican Caucus Chairman and on the Senate Finance, Rules, Transportation, Courts of Justice and Rehabilitation and Social Services Committees, Senator McDougle fought for a stronger economy for Virginia and helped reject regulations that would undermine our business climate.

During the 2015 General Assembly session, Senator McDougle championed policies that position Virginia

for prosperity and long-term economic growth. He fought for more transparency and accountability in regulations that could harm businesses, stood against legislation that would increase the cost of doing business, and encouraged businesses to invest in Virginia.

With his help, the General Assembly advanced a pro-business legislative agenda that embraces free market principles. The Virginia Chamber applauds Senator McDougle for his leadership in standing for Virginia businesses and their employees.

SENATE GRADES

| Member Name | % | Grade |
|--------------------------|----|-------|
| ALEXANDER, KENNETH C. | 69 | D+ |
| BARKER, GEORGE L. | 71 | C- |
| BLACK, RICHARD H. | 98 | Α+ |
| CARRICO, SR., CHARLES W. | 98 | Α+ |
| CHAFIN, JR., A. BENTON | 98 | Α+ |
| COLGAN, CHARLES J. | 70 | C- |
| COSGROVE, JR., JOHN A. | 97 | Α+ |
| DANCE, ROSALYN R. | 69 | D+ |
| DEEDS, R. CREIGH | 68 | D+ |
| EBBIN, ADAM P. | 67 | D+ |
| EDWARDS, JOHN S. | 70 | C- |
| FAVOLA, BARBARA A. | 73 | С |
| GARRETT, JR., THOMAS A. | 98 | A+ |
| HANGER, JR., EMMETT W. | 98 | A+ |
| HOWELL, JANET D. | 74 | С |
| LEWIS, JR., LYNWOOD W. | 80 | B- |
| LOCKE, MAMIE E. | 72 | C- |
| LUCAS, L. LOUISE | - | - |
| MARSDEN, DAVID W. | 73 | С |
| MARTIN, STEPHEN H. | 98 | A+ |
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| Member Name | % | Grade |
|--------------------------|----|-------|
| McDOUGLE, RYAN T. | 98 | A+ |
| McEACHIN, A. DONALD | 70 | C- |
| McWATERS, JEFFREY L. | 98 | A+ |
| MILLER, JOHN C. | 74 | С |
| NEWMAN, STEPHEN D. | 93 | А |
| NORMENT, JR., THOMAS K. | 98 | A+ |
| OBENSHAIN, MARK D. | 98 | A+ |
| PETERSEN, J. CHAPMAN | 65 | D |
| PULLER, LINDA T. | - | - |
| REEVES, BRYCE E. | 95 | А |
| RUFF, JR., FRANK M. | 95 | А |
| SASLAW, RICHARD L. | 70 | C- |
| SMITH, RALPH K. | 98 | A+ |
| STANLEY, JR., WILLIAM M. | 96 | А |
| STOSCH, WALTER A. | 97 | A+ |
| STUART, RICHARD H. 9 | | A+ |
| VOGEL, JILL HOLTZMAN | 98 | A+ |
| WAGNER, FRANK W. | 98 | A+ |
| WATKINS, JOHN C. | 94 | А |
| WEXTON, JENNIFER T. | 76 | С |

issued grades this year.

^{*} Senators Lucas and Puller missed a majority of the 2015 Session due to illness, and therefore were not



Received an A grade

Champion of Free Enterprise

HOUSE GRADES

| Member Name | % | Grade |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| ADAMS, LESLIE R. | 98 | A+ |
| ALBO, DAVID B. | 95 | А |
| ANDERSON, RICHARD L. | 98 | A+ |
| AUSTIN, TERRY L. | 95 | А |
| BACOTE, MAMYE E. | 76 | С |
| BELL, RICHARD P. | 98 | A+ |
| BELL, ROBERT B. | 100 | A+ |
| BERG, MARK J. | 93 | А |
| BLOXOM, JR., ROBERT S. | 97 | A+ |
| BULOVA, DAVID L. | 76 | С |
| BYRON, KATHY J. | 93 | А |
| CAMPBELL, JEFFREY L. | 95 | А |
| CARR, BETSY B. | 73 | С |
| CLINE, BENJAMIN L. | 100 | A+ |
| COLE, MARK L. | 100 | A+ |
| COX, M. KIRKLAND | 98 | A+ |
| DAVIS, JR., GLENN R. | 98 | A+ |
| DESTEPH, JR., WILLIAM R. | 98 | A+ |
| EDMUNDS II, JAMES E. | 95 | А |
| FARISS, C. MATTHEW | 86 | В |

| Member Name | % | Grade |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------|
| FARRELL, PETER F. | 95 | А |
| FILLER-CORN, EILEEN | 74 | С |
| FOWLER, JR., HYLAND F. (BUDDY) | 97 | A+ |
| FUTRELL, MICHAEL T. | 72 | C- |
| GARRETT, T. SCOTT | 97 | Α+ |
| GILBERT, C. TODD | 100 | Α+ |
| GREASON, THOMAS A. (TAG) | 98 | Α+ |
| HABEEB, GREGORY D. | 100 | Α+ |
| HEAD, CHRISTOPHER T. | 100 | Α+ |
| HELSEL, JR., GORDON C. | 93 | А |
| HERRING, CHARNIELE L. | 73 | С |
| HESTER, DAUN SESSOMS | 79 | C+ |
| HODGES, M. KEITH | 98 | A+ |
| HOPE, PATRICK A. | 73 | С |
| HOWELL, WILLIAM J. | 98 | A+ |
| HUGO, TIMOTHY D. | 93 | А |
| INGRAM, RILEY E. | 98 | A+ |
| JAMES, MATTHEW | 77 | C+ |
| JOANNOU, JOHNNY S. | 91 | A- |
| JONES, S. CHRIS | 93 | А |

| Member Name | % | Grade |
|---------------------------------|-----|-------|
| KEAM, MARK L. | 70 | C- |
| KILGORE, TERRY G. | 95 | А |
| KNIGHT, BARRY D. | 100 | Α+ |
| KORY, KAYE | 66 | D |
| KRUPICKA, JR., K. ROBERT | 71 | C- |
| LANDES, R. STEVEN | 98 | Α+ |
| LAROCK, DAVID A. | 97 | A+ |
| LEFTWICH, JR., JAMES A. (JAY) | 98 | A+ |
| LEMUNYON, JAMES M. | 90 | A- |
| LINDSEY, JOSEPH C. | 76 | С |
| LINGAMFELTER, L. SCOTT | 95 | А |
| LOPEZ, ALFONSO H. | 68 | D+ |
| LOUPASSI, G. M. (MANOLI) | 97 | Α+ |
| MARSHALL III, DANIEL W. | 95 | А |
| MARSHALL, ROBERT G. | 88 | B+ |
| MASON, T. MONTGOMERY (MONTY) | 78 | C+ |
| MASSIE III, JAMES P. (JIMMIE) | 98 | A+ |
| McCLELLAN, JENNIFER L. | 70 | C- |
| McQUINN, DELORES L. | 76 | С |
| MILLER, JACKSON H. | 95 | А |
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HOUSE GRADES

| Member Name | % | Grade |
|----------------------------|-----|-------|
| MINCHEW, J. RANDALL | 89 | B+ |
| MOREFIELD, JAMES W. (WILL) | 89 | B+ |
| MORRIS, RICHARD L. | 98 | A+ |
| MORRISSEY, JOSEPH D. | 73 | С |
| MURPHY, KATHLEEN J. | 76 | С |
| O'BANNON III, JOHN M. | 98 | A+ |
| O'QUINN, ISRAEL D. | 95 | А |
| ORROCK, SR., ROBERT D. | 95 | А |
| PEACE, CHRISTOPHER K. | 90 | A- |
| PILLION, TODD E. | 95 | А |
| PLUM, KENNETH R. | 76 | С |
| POGGE, BRENDA L. | 90 | A- |
| POINDEXTER, CHARLES D. | 100 | A+ |
| PRESTON, JOSEPH E. | 72 | C- |
| RAMADAN, DAVID I. | 96 | А |
| RANSONE, MARGARET B. | 94 | А |
| RASOUL, SAM | 73 | С |
| ROBINSON, ROXANN L. | 98 | A+ |
| RUSH, L. NICK | 95 | А |
| RUST, THOMAS DAVIS | 93 | А |

| Member Name | % | Grade |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| SCOTT, EDWARD T. | 100 | A+ |
| SICKLES, MARK D. | 76 | С |
| SIMON, MARCUS B. | 76 | С |
| SPRUILL, LIONELL, SR. | 70 | C- |
| STOLLE, CHRISTOPHER P. | 98 | A+ |
| SULLIVAN, JR., RICHARD C. (RIP) | 73 | С |
| SUROVELL, SCOTT A. | 72 | C- |
| TAYLOR, SCOTT W. | 98 | A+ |
| TORIAN, LUKE E. | 83 | В |
| TOSCANO, DAVID J. | 76 | С |
| TYLER, ROSLYN C. | 74 | С |
| VILLANUEVA, RONALD A. | 98 | A+ |
| WARD, JEION A. | 67 | D+ |
| WARE, R. LEE | 95 | А |
| WATTS, VIVIAN E. | 73 | С |
| WEBERT, MICHAEL J. | 95 | А |
| WILT, TONY O. | 97 | A+ |
| WRIGHT, JR., THOMAS C. 86 | | В |
| YANCEY, DAVID E. | , DAVID E. 95 | |
| YOST, JOSEPH R. | 88 | B+ |

CHAMPIONS OF FREE ENTERPRISE

The Virginia Chamber recognizes the following legislators as Champions of Free Enterprise, having voted for 100% of the Chamber's legislative priorities in support of Blueprint Virginia. These legislators are key in advancing the free enterprise system and supporting the interests of the business community. Their continued leadership ensures that Virginia remains one of the top states for business.



















Champion of Free Enterprise Received an A grade

LEGISLATIVE AWARDS

Business Advocate of the Year

DELEGATE ISRAEL O'QUINN



The Business Advocate of the Year Award recognizes a legislator who is vocal in his or her advocacy for Virginia's business climate and private sector economic growth. This year, the Virginia Chamber recognizes **Delegate Israel O'Quinn** for his commitment and outstanding advocacy for Virginia's business community. Whether it was fighting against EPA regulations that place new

burdens on businesses or rejecting new tax burdens on small businesses and families, Delegate Israel O'Quinn was a firm voice in defending Virginia's businesses and their employees. The Virginia Chamber applauds Delegate O'Quinn for his distinguished advocacy for policies that position Virginia for long-term economic growth.

Leadership in Energy Award

SENATOR FRANK WAGNER



Affordable energy plays a tremendous role in the decisions companies make to expand or relocate their operations. Virginia's overall competitiveness depends on long-term, comprehensive energy policies that provide for reliable, cost-effective energy sources to support economic growth. The Leadership in Energy Award recognizes legislators who advance policies that increase

energy independence, promote the use of domestic energy sources and embrace the adoption and deployment of advanced, efficient technologies that further fuel source diversification through all energy sources. In the 2015 General Assembly session, Senator Frank Wagner championed legislation with bipartisan support to reduce and cap the base electric rate that energy consumers and businesses pay in Virginia. As businesses around the nation feel uncertainty from looming, costly federal mandates, this legislation provides assurance of low, stable electric rates for Virginia consumers. For his successful work to provide Virginians and Virginia businesses with lower-cost, affordable energy, the Virginia Chamber recognizes Senator Frank Wagner with the Leadership in Energy Award.

Economic Competitiveness Award

DELEGATE GLENN DAVIS AND DELEGATE DAVID RAMADAN





Virginia's status as one of the northernmost right-to-work states has helped us attract and retain some of the largest, most successful companies in the world. This year's Economic Competitiveness Award recognizes the legislators who were instrumental in safeguarding Virginia's competitive advantage, passing legislation that would prevent policies that increase labor costs or put Virginia companies

at a disadvantage when bidding for projects. The Virginia Chamber recognizes

Delegate Glenn Davis and Delegate David Ramadan for their efforts in the 2015

General Assembly session to protect against these policies that would disproportionately impact small businesses who have less flexibility to be able to absorb costly mandates, whether from local or state government.

Small Business Advocate Award

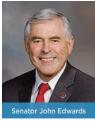
DELEGATES SCOTT TAYLOR, GLENN DAVIS, CHRIS HEAD AND JOSEPH YOST AND SENATORS JOHN EDWARDS AND FRANK WAGNER













Small Businesses are the cornerstone of our economy. One of the largest challenges facing small businesses is access to capital. This year's Small Business Advocate Award is presented to legislators who championed legislation making it easier for small businesses and entrepreneurs to attract equity investments in their ideas through crowdfunding. Delegates Scott Taylor, Glenn Davis, Chris Head and Joseph Yost and Senators John Edwards and Frank Wagner advocated for policies that make Virginia a better place to start and grow a business.

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LEGISLATIVE AWARDS

Excellence in Education and Workforce Training Award

SENATORS MARK OBENSHAIN AND FRANK RUFF AND DELEGATES ROB BELL, KATHY BYRON AND TAG GREASON











Virginia's economic well-being is inextricably linked to the education and skills of its citizens. Many Virginia employers are faced with an insufficient supply of skilled and educated workers because of gaps in skills and training. It is imperative that the educational system, beginning with early childhood education programs and workforce training initiatives, is aligned with the skill requirements and workforce needs of businesses. The Excellence in Education and Workforce Training Award recognizes legislators who worked to improve education in Virginia.

This year, Delegate Kathy Byron and Senator Frank Ruff sponsored key legislation to improve the implementation of Virginia's workforce development programs. Delegate Tag Greason championed education investment as a priority in the budget and multiple pieces of legislation to reform our K-12 education system. Senator Mark Obenshain and Delegate Rob Bell demonstrated leadership in passing for the first time in both chambers a Constitutional Amendment resolution that would allow innovative charter schools to take root in Virginia.

For their efforts in improving education in Virginia and better aligning education and workforce training programs with the needs of businesses, the Virginia Chamber recognizes Senators Mark Obenshain and Frank Ruff and Delegates Rob Bell, Kathy Byron and Tag Greason with the Excellence in Education and Workforce Training Award.

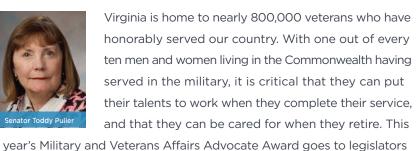
Military and Veterans Affairs Advocate Award

SENATORS JOHN COSGROVE, LOUISE LUCAS AND TODDY PULLER AND DELEGATES DAVID YANCEY, RICH ANDERSON, KIRK COX AND CHRIS STOLLE

















To help translate military training to credentialing required for private sector employment, Senator John Cosgrove and Delegate David Yancey passed legislation to give academic credit for men and women who have received comparable training in the military. To ensure that veterans receive higher-quality long-term care, Senators Louise Lucas and Toddy Puller and Delegates Rich Anderson, Kirk Cox and Chris Stolle were instrumental in passing legislation to fund veterans care centers in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads, our two most populous regions.

who sought to close the gap between military training and academic

credit, and who made caring for Virginia's retired veterans a top priority.

Champions of Regulatory Reform SENATOR TOM GARRETT AND DELEGATES CHRIS HEAD AND MARGARET RANSONE.







A fair and predictable regulatory framework is critical to the ability of Virginia's businesses to succeed and grow. When new regulations are proposed that affect the business community, it is imperative to have transparency and accountability in the regulatory process, with an opportunity for the private sector

to express concerns before new regulations are promulgated. The Champions of Regulatory Reform Award recognizes legislators who seek to inject more transparency into the regulatory process. Senator Tom Garrett, Delegate Chris Head and Delegate Margaret Ransone sponsored legislation which requires that General Assembly members are given notice and an opportunity to comment on executive agency regulations that could have a significant impact on businesses in Virginia. We applaud their continued work to protect and improve Virginia's business climate through regulatory reform.

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Education & Workforce Development

The number one priority outlined in Blueprint Virginia is to develop and maintain strong education and workforce development systems. For decades, the business community has talked about the need for a demand-driven education and workforce development system that is more responsive to the needs of employers. To be competitive, Virginia needs a world-class educational system that produces a globally competitive workforce. *Virginia Wins* when all education and workforce development programs align to meet the needs of Virginia employers.



To achieve that goal, the Virginia Chamber supported bills that promote an employer-driven talent pipeline:

Early Childhood Education

(BUDGET ITEM) Blueprint Virginia calls for improved access to high quality, early childhood education and recognizes the importance of increased funding and a comprehensive public policy approach to early learning. The General Assembly introduced budget amendments to provide additional monies for early childhood education initiatives and put forward measures to improve the accountability and flexibility of existing state funding for at-risk preschoolers and facilitate public-private partnerships within the program.

Educational Alignment (HB 1616)

Aligns career and technical education courses with national certification requirements.

Dual Enrollment (HB 1676)

Allows local school boards and community

colleges or other institutions of higher learning to form agreements for obtaining industry credentials leading to credit.

Workforce System Reforms

(HB 1986/SB 1372) Improves how we spend our workforce dollars by requiring the implementation of specific strategies and performance reports to measure effectiveness and increase accountability. Focuses resources on a business-driven workforce development system.

Academic Credit for Military Training (HB 2354/SB 1335)

Awards academic credit for military training.

Charter Schools (HJ577/SJ 256)

Allows the Virginia Department of Education to authorize charter schools.



To achieve that goal, the Virginia Chamber opposed bills that lowered our educational standards:

Financial Literacy (HB 1619, 1627, 2088)

Weakens Virginia's economic education and financial literacy requirements.

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Business Climate

A world-class business climate encourages private sector job creation and business investment. Before making expansion or relocation decisions, businesses evaluate the business climate of each state. Virginia's business climate is important to the Commonwealth's economic competitiveness. *Virginia Wins* when we maintain and strengthen Virginia's pro-business climate.



To ensure Virginia's status as the best state for business, the Virginia Chamber supported bills that enhance Virginia's economic competitiveness:

Funding for Judges (BUDGET ITEM)

An important part of a state's economic health is a fair and efficient judicial system. When disputes arise, businesses often rely on courts to resolve these disputes within a reasonable period of time. To that end, it's critical Virginia's legal system has sufficient funding for judiciary staffing. The General Assembly took a positive step in this year's amended budget to provide additional funding to fill a total of 34 vacant positions to achieve the total of 405 filled judgeships.

Predictable Labor Costs (HB 1608)

Ensures a predictable cost of labor for contractors by prohibiting local governments from requiring wages or benefits that go beyond state or federal law.

Predictable Labor Costs (HB 2395)

Promotes free enterprise by prohibiting state agencies from requiring contractors to provide compensation or benefits according to prevailing wage laws.

Right to Work Constitutional Amendment (HJ 490)

While the Code of Virginia provides that a citizen cannot be denied employment for failing to join a labor union, this bill makes Virginia's Right to Work law constitutionally guaranteed.

Workers' Compensation Reform (HB 1820)

Medical cost containment is critical to maintaining a viable workers' compensation system and ensuring that Virginia has a competitive business climate. This bill promotes a balanced system that provides fair benefits and good access to care for injured workers at affordable costs to employers.



To ensure Virginia's status as the best state for business, the Virginia Chamber opposed bills that are detrimental to Virginia's business climate:

Health Care Mandate (HB 1940/SB 1457)

The Virginia Chamber does not question the science or effectiveness of the treatment of autism. We sympathize with families dealing with these hardships. However, we have concerns with the rising costs of premiums that this and other mandated benefits have on business owners. Approximately 60% of healthcare premiums are paid by employers. Due to the fact that health care mandates drive up costs for employers, the Virginia Chamber opposed these bills.

Minimum Wage

(HB 1512, 1654, 2198 & SB 681, 704, 706)

For many businesses, payroll costs are the single biggest line item. Any increase in the minimum wage would send ripple effects throughout their operations. To pay for added costs, companies must ease hiring, cut work hours, reduce benefits and pass on higher prices to the consumer. A better alternative is to focus on filling employers' skills-gaps.

Mandated Leave (HB 1945, 2150 & SB 990)

Unnecessarily entangles employers in the personal matters of their employees by mandating companies provide leave for workers who experience domestic problems outside of work. Also, these bills create categories of leave, disrupting an employer's ability to provide paid time off without regard to the employee's discretionary use of that time.

Small Business Mandate

(HB 2008/SB 1407)

Most businesses already offer paid sick leave for their employees. For small businesses, requiring certain benefits like paid sick leave would stifle growth.

Frivolous Workplace Litigation (HB 2089)

Encourages an excessively litigious work environment. This bill would make every single workplace action suspect. There are already laws in place to protect employees from abusive work environments.

Administrative Uncertainty (SB 772)

The Virginia Chamber of Commerce supports equal pay for equal work, irrespective of sex.

However, this bill repeals federal law requirements and imposes mandates on businesses that would be difficult to administer.

Punitive Damages (HB 2360)

Increases the punitive damages cap from \$350,000 to \$750,000.

Front Door Processing (SB 884)

Allows processing on a Virginia corporation to be served by posting a copy of the process on the front door or main entrance of the corporation's registered office.

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Regulatory Reform

Regulations cost Americans \$1.7 trillion per year. Virginia employers are constantly being inundated with new, costly regulations. Many regulations are necessary to ensure there are clear rules for operating in a complex society. But excessive, burdensome regulations harm the economy and inhibit job creation. *Virginia Wins* when the barriers to entry and growth are removed for businesses and entrepreneurs.



To achieve that goal, the Virginia Chamber supported:

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Regulatory Checks & Balances

(HB 1751, HJ515, SB1136) Creates a regulatory checks and balances system when any agency rule imposes an adverse impact on economic growth, private sector job creation, or significantly increases compliance or other regulatory costs.

MANUFACTURING

Virginia Manufacturing Impact Study (SJ 274) Directs the Joint Legislative

Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to update its 2006 study on the impact of regulations on Virginia's manufacturing sector.

SMALL BUSINESS CROWDFUNDING

Crowdfunding (HB 1360/SB 763)

Removes the barriers for Virginia startups to take advantage of crowdfunding.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Innovation

(HB 1662/SB 1102) Removes the barriers for Transportation Network Companies (TNC's) to operate in Virginia.

HEALTH

Telemedicine (HB 2063/SB 1227)

Removes the barriers to innovation in health care by allowing the use of electronic technology for the purpose of diagnosing or treating a patient or consulting with other health care providers regarding a patient's diagnosis or treatment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bullion Investment Exemption

(HB 1648/SB1336) Treats gold, silver, and platinum bullion as an investment instead of a commodity.

Virginia's Reinvestment Act

(SB 1447) Allows Virginia to stand out and compete in a global economy by providing a \$5 million exemption for companies that bring business back to the Commonwealth.

ENERGY

Virginia's Implementation of the EPA's Clean Power Plan

(HB 2291/SB740) Requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to receive approval from the General Assembly for a state implementation plan to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants prior to submitting the plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval.

Affordable & Reliable Energy

(SB 1349) Protects customers from rate shocks and risks to the reliability of electrical service brought on by the stringent goals proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan, and promotes renewable energy.

Grading Criteria

The weight of each vote was determined by dividing 100 by the total number of bills.

Legislators were docked 1 point for not voting on a bill. However, since legislators refrain from voting in cases of an ethical conflict, if a legislator ABSTAINED from a vote, this was not counted against them.

GRADING SCALE

| A+ = 100-97 | B+ = 89-87 | C+ = 79-77 | D+ = 69-67 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| A = 96-93 | B = 86-83 | c = 76-73 | D = 66-63 |
| A- = 92-90 | B- = 82-80 | C- = 72-70 | D- = 62-60 |
| | | | F = 59 & below |
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