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2015 General Assembly Legislative Review

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Agenda

Session Recap

Overview of 2015 Legislation

Budget

Questions

Guns & School Safety

- HB1309 (Cole) – Arming local school security officers – Failed to report in Education
- SB 1191(Norment) – Firearm, stun weapon, other weapon; possession on school property – Passed Senate 28-11; Passed House 93-5
- HB1773 (Berg)/SB1132(Garrett) – Possession of a concealed handgun on school property – Left in Education/Failed to Report in Education and Health

Student Discipline

- HB1443(D. Bell)/ SB782 (Favola) – Seclusion and Restraint regulations – Passed House and Senate with large majorities
- HB1894 (O’Quinn) – Amends corporal punishment law to allow a coach to impose conditioning exercises as punishment if parents consent in writing – Left in Education
- SB852 (Carrico) – Clarifies definition of corporal punishment relating to athletics – Passed the Senate 40-0, Left on Education

Grievance Procedures

- HB1744 (Hugo) – Allows for three-member fact-finding panel – Left in Education
- SB980 (Favola) – Teacher option of three-member fact-finding panel – Stricken at the request of the patron

Student Privacy and Data

- HB1307 (Landes)/ SB1293 (Martin) – Prohibits school boards from requiring social security numbers for student – Passed both House and Senate with large majorities
- HB1334 (Landes) – Students’ personally identifiable information – Passed both House and Senate with large majorities
- HB1612 (Greason) – Protection of student personal information – Passes both House and Senate with large majorities
- HB1669 (Berg) – Use of student data in grant applications – Left in Education

School Choice

- HB324/HB1361 (D. Bell) – Establishes the Virginia Virtual School – Passed the Senate 22-16, Passed the House 61-38
- HB2238 (LaRock) – Creates the Parental Choice Education Savings Account – Passed the House 57-42, Failed in the Senate 18-18
- SB1369 (Norment) - Establishment of the Virginia Science Technology Engineering and Applied Mathematics Academy – Passed in the Senate 38-0, Failed to report House Science and Technology Committee

Charter Schools

- HB2220 (Davis) – Charter school funding – Left in Education
- HJ526 (Lingamfelter), HJ577 (R. Bell), SJ256 (Obenshain) – Constitutional amendment to allow Board of Education to establish charter schools – SJ256 was the on bill to make it through both sides of the General Assembly – Senate 21-17 and House 58-42
- SB1063 (Obenshain) – Charter school personnel – Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health

Home School Sports

- HB1626 (R. Bell) – Home school sports participation in interscholastic activities – Passed House 62-37 and Senate 22-13

Challenged Schools

- HB1299 (D. Bell) – Strengthens MOU process for schools denied accreditation
 - Left in House Education
- HB1557 (Kory) – Board of Education guidance for “persistently non-accredited” schools
 - Left in House Education
- HB1585 (Stolle) – School scheduling flexibility
 - Passed House 84-13. Failed in Senate Education & Health 8-6
- HJ633 (Landes) – Constitutional amendment to allow for Board of Education to takeover schools
 - Left in House Privileges and Elections
- SB821 (Miller) – Repeals OEI legislation
 - Passed Senate 40-0. Passed House 94-2. Signed by the governor on March 19th

Training Programs

- HB1872 (Bulova) – Establishes Principal and Assistant Principal training program
 - Left in Appropriations
- HB1962 (Landes) – Professional development for local school board members
 - Passed House 98-2. Failed in Senate Education and Health 9-5.

Appointed School Boards

- HB1383 (Morris) – Removal of local government appointees
 - Defeated in Counties, Cities and Towns

Standards of Learning

- HB1490 (Habeeb)/ SB874 (Cosgrove) – Expedited retakes for all grade levels and courses except writing
 - Unanimously passed. Signed by the governor on March 16th
- HB1491 (Habeeb), HB1592 (Krupicka), HB1684 (Surovell) – Use of alternative assessment for verified credits
 - Tabled in House Education
- HB1615 (Greason) – Use of integrated assessments
 - Unanimously passed. Signed by the governor on March 16th

Standards of Learning

- HB1675 (Greason)/SB982 (Garrett) – Waivers for seat time requirement
 - Passed unanimously
- HB1714 (LeMunyon) – Flexibility for administration of science assessment in middle school
 - Passed unanimously. Signed by the governor on March 17th
- HB1752 (Berg)/ SB724 (Black) – Implementation of Common Core State Standards without General Assembly approval
 - Passed House 87-6. Passed Senate 22-15.

A-F School Grading

- HB1672 (Greason)/SB727 (Black) – Repeals A-F school grading system; redesigns School Performance Report Card
 - Passed House 91-7. Passed Senate 35-5. Signed by the governor on March 19th
- HB1566 (Orrock) – Creates Grading system with star scale
 - Left in House Education
- HB2180 (Webert) – Delays implementation to October 1, 2017
 - Left in House Education

School Accreditation

- HB1873 (Krupicka)/ SB1320 (Locke) – Establishes additional accreditation rankings
 - Passed House 84-12. Passed Senate 38-0. Signed by the governor on March 17th
- HB1674 (Greason) – Makes changes to the accreditation review cycle
 - Passed House 99-0. Passed Senate 36-1

Budget

- \$193 million for the teacher retirement fund
- \$52.8 million for the state share of a 1.5% salary increase for funded SOQ instructional and support positions
- \$200,000 for expedited retakes
- \$366,000 for professional development for principals and teachers that work with high-needs students
- \$1 million for the expansion of the Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program
- \$250,000 to support the expansion of Virtual Virginia.

Budget Language

- VPI program eligibility and participation
- Creation of Joint Subcommittee on the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)
- VPSA survey
- Actuarial study on impact of local school divisions joining state employee health program.

Questions