**SHAV February 23, 2024 Bill Tracking Report**

As we are now 3/4 of the way through session, this time is defined by discussion concerning the budget. In both chambers this week, most of the time in floor session was spent discussing the budget bills. While this is taking place, committees continue to work through bills that crossed over from the other chamber. In recent, the focus has been towards bills identical, or similar, to those previously passed in the originating body.

As we approach the end of February, you will notice an increase in pace as committees race to meet the March 4 deadline for committee action on all bills. I’ve included a reminder of important key dates below:

* Other Chamber Budget Bill Action Deadline – 2/28
* Deadline for Committee Action on Bills – 3/4
* Deadline for Action on Remaining Bills – 3/7
* Session Adjourns – 3/9
* Deadline for Governor’s Action – 4/9
* Consideration for Governor’s Amendments/Vetos – 4/17

On Tuesday February 20, our group of Longwood University graduate students were able to spend the day providing hearing screenings for legislators, executive leadership, and staff. I’m pleased to report the day was a great success and served as a wonderful opportunity to advocate for SLP and audiology issues. I hope we can continue to provide resources like this in Richmond for future sessions.

As always, I appreciate your guidance and education around these issues. As we near action deadlines, please expect increased communication. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best,

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| **Bills** | **Committee** | **Last action** | [**Date**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp608.exe?241+upe+000114) |
| [**HB 120**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB120) - [Sullivan](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H269) - DPOR and DHP; certain suspensions not considered disciplinary action. | [(H) Committee on Health and Human Services](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H24)  [(S) Committee on General Laws and Technology](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S12) | PASSED THE SENATE | 02/21/24 |
| [**HB 123**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB123) - [Sullivan](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H269) - Health insurance; ethics and fairness in carrier business practices. | [(H) Committee on Labor and Commerce](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H14)  [(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S02) | PASSED THE SENATE | 02/22/24 |
| [**HB 1089**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+HB1089) - [Coyner](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+H315) - Special education and related services; definitions, utilization of Virginia IEP. | [(H) Committee on Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H02)  [(S) Committee on Education and Health](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S04) | (S) Assigned Education and Health Sub: Public Education | 02/21/24 |
| [**SB 21**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB21) - [Salim](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S127) - Students w/disabilities; SCHEV to study process used to determine eligibility for accommodations. | [(H) Committee on Education](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H09)  [(S) Committee on Education and Health](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S04) | SET TO PASS THE HOUSE | 02/23/24 |
| [**SB 43**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB43) - [Favola](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S86) - Persons with disabilities; creates a helpline program within disAbility Law Center of Virginia. | [(H) Committee on Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H02)  [(S) Committee on Finance and Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S05) | (H) Assigned App. sub: Health & Human Resources | 02/20/24 |
| [**SB 60**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB60) - [Favola](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S86) - Individualized education program; guidelines for teams relating to age-appropriate instruction. | [(H) Committee on Education](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H09)  [(S) Committee on Education and Health](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S04) | (H) Assigned Education sub: K-12 Subcommittee | 02/23/24 |
| [**SB 105**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB105) - [Lucas](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S19) - Elementary and secondary education achievement; At-Risk Program established. | [(H) Committee on Education](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H09)  [(S) Committee on Finance and Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S05) | (H) Read second time | 02/23/24 |
| [**SB 220**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB220) - [Favola](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S86) - Special education and related services; changes relating to services for children with disabilities. | [(H) Committee on Education](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H09)  [(S) Committee on Finance and Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S05) | SET TO PASS THE HOUSE | 02/23/24 |
| [**SB 231**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+sum+SB231) - [Hashmi](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+mbr+S108) - Children; comprehensive health care coverage program for certain individuals. | [(H) Committee on Health and Human Services](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+H24)  [(S) Committee on Finance and Appropriations](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+com+S05) | (H) Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations | 02/22/24 |