



2020 GA Session Report

VA West Conference Call

April 1, 2020

OUTCOME

Negative

A. Minimum Wage (SB 7 and HB 395): Minimum wage proposal being sent to the Governor is tiered with a delayed re-enactment on the final two raises (years 2025 & 2026). If re-enactment fails prior to July 1, 2024, future increases beginning in year 2025 will be tied to the Consumer Price Index. Regional minimum wage study is included in this legislation.

- **Jan 1, 2021:** \$9.50 per hour
- **Jan 1, 2022:** \$11.00 per hour
- **Jan 1, 2023:** \$12.00 per hour
- **Jan 1, 2024:** \$12.00 per hour
- **Jan 1, 2025:** \$13.50 per hour (if re-enacted before July 1, 2024)
- **Jan 1, 2026:** \$15.00 per hour (if re-enacted before July 1, 2024)

Positive

B. Right to Work: All bills relating to repeal of Virginia's status as a Right to Work state were defeated this session.

Positive

C. Paid Family and Medical Leave: All bills relating to paid family medical leave were defeated this session.

Positive

D. I-81: I-81 bonding authorization measure was rolled into the Speaker's omnibus transportation bill and passed the General Assembly. Authorizes issuance of \$900 million in bonds in support of I-81 Improvement Project. Effort to separate localities that don't directly "touch" I-81 from the funding plan was defeated.

Positive

E. Regional Airports (SB 990): The Governor's Airline Service Incentive Fund was approved and \$425,000 is budgeted for FY 2021 and \$825,000 for FY 2022.

Indeterminate

F. Virginia Values Act (SB 868): Heading to the Governor for his signature. This bill has been said to be amended to rectify concerns from the business community regarding frivolous wrongful termination lawsuits.

Negative

G. Public Employee Collective Bargaining (SB 939): As it currently stands, public employee collective bargaining has passed and will be local option if signed by the

Governor. This encompasses the governments of cities, counties, towns, and school boards.

Positive

H. Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (HB 1017 and SB 576): Legislation combining the Center for Innovative Technology and the Virginia Research Investment Committee is on its way to the Governor.

Negative

I. Project Labor Agreements (SB 182): Allows any public body to require PLA's in public works contracts. Currently, the law only applies to state agencies.

Positive

J. Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements (SB 861): Passed the Senate overwhelmingly but passed the House on a tighter majority that is not veto-proof. Efforts to engage the Governor are ongoing.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- **April 22:** Reconvened (Veto) Session
- **July 20:** Prefiling for 2021 Session Begins