



Status Report on *The Virginia Strategy for Growth & Manufacturing Renewal*

Legislative Focus	Priority Bills	Status
Blue Ribbon Mfg. Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joint Subcommittee on Manufacturing• Manufacturing Development Commission	PASSED PASSED
Tax Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Idle Machinery & Tools (M&T) Tax Exemption and Independent Appraisals• Rolling Stock Sales Tax Exemption• Manufactured Signs Sales Tax Exemption• M&T Tax Exemption• Pollution Control Equipment Tax Exemption• Public Notice Requirement to Change M&T Taxation Methodology• Landfill Gas Tax Exemption• Repeal Royalty Payments for Commercial/Industrial Property Adjoining State Waters (Peers)• Expand Income Tax Credit for Machinery to Process Recyclable Materials• M&T Valuation Method Change, Public Notice Required by Commissioners of Revenue	PASSED PASSED PASSED FAILED FAILED PASSED PASSED PASSED PASSED PASSED PASSED
Fiscal Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IRS Conformity	PASSED
Fees for Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Permit Fees—No Increase• Statutory Restriction on Introduction of Legislation Increasing Fees• Auditor of Public Accounts; Business Fee Website Report Requirement	PASSED FAILED PASSED
Health Care and Retirement System Reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Health Option for Insurance Coverage for Everyone (CHOICE) -Limited State Benefit Mandates Insurance• Moratorium on State Benefit Mandates	FAILED FAILED
Worker and Skills Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical Diploma• Workforce System Reorganization• Workforce System Reorganization Joint Subcommittee Study	PASSED PASSED PASSED
Transportation Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Truck-only Tolling on I-81—Eliminate• Short-line Railroad Enhancement• Truck Length Expanded• I-81 Safety Corridor Pilot• Lane Use Restrictions—Safety Regulation• 90K lb. Truck• Prohibit Tolls on Existing Interstates• Intelligent Transportation System Pilot	PASSED PASSED PASSED FAILED PASSED FAILED FAILED FAILED

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Environmental Policy	• Nutrient Credit Exchange	PASSED
	• Chesapeake Bay Clean-up	PASSED
	• Mercury Emissions Regulation	PASSED
	• Renewable Portfolio Standard—No Mandate	PASSED
	• Environmental Excellence Program—Codify Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award	PASSED
	• Manufacturing Regulatory Burden Cost Study	PASSED
	• Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act	PASSED
Litigation Efficiency	• Summary Judgment from Deposition	FAILED
	• \$25 million Cap on Appeal Bonds	PASSED
	• Workers’ Compensation; Subrogation Interest Right for Employer	PASSED
	• Workers’ Compensation; Limitation for Positive Drug Tested Claimants	PASSED
	• Workers’ Compensation; Limitations for Illegal Aliens	FAILED
Trade Policy	• CAFTA	PASSED
	• Public Procurement Reciprocal Preference for VA Firms	PASSED
Energy Policy	• Virginia Energy Plan	PASSED
	• Offshore Natural Gas Development Study	PASSED
	• Electric Utility Re-regulation	PASSED
	• Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium	PASSED
	• Memorialize Congress to Lift Federal Offshore Drilling Moratorium	FAILED
	• Resolution to Petition Congress to Lift Federal Offshore Drilling Moratorium Through Virginia Liaison Office	PASSED
	• MMS 5-Year Plan—Virginia Offshore Development	PASSED
Asbestos Litigation	Damage Caps	FAILED
Technology Policy	• Industry-Sponsored Research Intellectual Property Reform at Universities	FAILED
	• Industry-Sponsored Research Intellectual Property Report Requirement at Universities	PASSED
	• Virginia Higher Education Bond Referendum	PASSED