VIRGINIA RECYCLING ASSOCIATION:
2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY WRAP-UP

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Governor Terry McAullife (D)

Senate of Virginia:
- Democrats: 19
- Republicans: 21

Lt. Governor Ralph Northam (D)

House of Delegates:
- Democrats: 34
- Republicans: 66
BACKGROUND: THE ROAD TO JANUARY

• November, 2015 Election – All 140 seats of the General Assembly (Control of the Senate at stake)
• Results
  • Republicans retain Senate Leadership, 21-19
  • No incumbents lose in the General Election
• 6 new Senate members (H.R.: DeSteph); 11 new House members (H.R.: Heretick, Miyares and Price)
• Hampton Roads Committee Chairs:
  • House: Jones and Villanueva
  • Senate: Norment and Wagner
2015 SESSION OVERVIEW

• “Long Session;” Budget Year
• Supreme Court Justice
  • Roush, Alston, Cuccinelli, McCullough, Sturtevant, Coal Tax
• Medicaid Expansion, again
• Finished a day early, again - two years in a row.
• Budget completed early and available to members and the public for review 48-hours before the vote.

• $2.1B Bond Bill contingent on Governor signing off on Capitol Square redevelopment
## 2016 Session Overview

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BUDGET AGREEMENT: SHOW ME THE MONEY

• Public Education
  • $892m increase for K-12 over the last biennium
  • 2% teacher raise in December

• Higher Education
  • $300m for access, affordability, quality, and increased degrees
  • 3% faculty raise in December

• Health and Human Services
  • $105m for I/DD services including 1170 new waiver slots
  • $47m over the biennium for mental health and substance abuse treatment

• VRS: $189.5m to repay loan from the great recession

• ABC: Language allows stores to open at 12PM on Sundays and New Years Day

• Rainy Day Fund: $605m in deposits for a balance of $845m by June, 2017
- Accelerated Sales Tax: $63.7m to eliminate the AST on over 90% of retail businesses by June 2018
- Research Commercialization Initiative
  - $22m to promote research commercialization and recruitment of eminent scholars
  - $29m from bond proceeds for research equipment
- Global Genomics and Bioinformatics Research Institute: $8m in cash and $20m in bonds to support a P3 with six Virginia research institutes and INOVA Hospitals.
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING LEGISLATION
PLASTIC BAGS

• Several bills introduced to allow localities to ban plastic bags
  • HB288, SB55
  • All bills failed

• Several bills introduced to allow a local tax on plastic bags
  • SB114, SB720
  • All bills failed
SOLID WASTE/LANDFILL

• Pittsylvania County Disposal Fee
  • Would have removed Pittsylvania County’s ability to levy a solid waste disposal fee
  • Continued to 2017 Session

• Landfill Gas Emission Control Systems
  • Targeted toward a specific landfill
  • Would have required landfills within half mile of residentially zoned property to install a gas collection and control system by July 2018
  • Continued to 2017 Session

• Increase Fines for Special Orders
  • Increase fines up to $50,000 per violation and up to $1 million per order
  • Failed in committee
SJ287 - Would have required the Virginia Housing Commission to study recycling for multi family residential dwellings
THE OTHER STUFF: STUFF THAT MATTERS

- FOIA
- Police Name Secrecy
- Redactions
- Marriage Age - 16
- Smoking with Kids in your Car
- Structured Settlements Reform

- Deregulation of Certificate of Public Need
- Proffer Reforms (Land Use Zoning)
- JLARC oversight of VEDP
THE OTHER STUFF:
STUFF THAT DOESN’T MATTER SO MUCH

• AirBnB - Study
• Fantasy Sports
• State Snake
• State Rock
THE OTHER STUFF: VETOES FOR EVERYONE

- **HB 2** Clean Power Plan; state implementation plan, General Assembly approval.
- **HB 8** Virginia Virtual School; Board established.
- **HB 9** Voter registration; required information on application form.
- **HB 10** Franchisees; status thereof and its employees as employees of the franchisor.
- **HB 71** Warrants; issuance of arrest warrants for law-enforcement officers.
- **HB 131** Students who receive home instruction; participation in interscholastic programs.
- **HB 143** Alcoholic beverage control; neutral grain spirits or alcohol sold at government stores; proof.
- **HB 145** Virginia Public Procurement Act; public works contracts, prevailing wage provisions.
- **HB 254** House of Delegates districts; technical adjustment.
- **HB 259** SOL; Bd. of Education prohibited from adopting revisions that implement Common Core State Standards.
- **HB 264** Local government; prohibiting certain practices requiring contractors to provide compensation, etc.
- **HB 362** Firearms; control by state agencies, rights of employees.
- **HB 368** Virginia Parental Choice Education Savings Accounts; established, report, effective clause.
- **HB 481** Compliance with detainers; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- **HB 516** Education, Board of; policy on sexually explicit instructional material.
- **HB 518** School boards, local; to provide students with option to transfer to another school division.
- **HB 560** Brandishing a firearm; intent to induce fear, etc., penalty.
- **HB 766** Concealed handguns; carrying with a valid protective order.
- **HB 1096** Health, Department of; expenditure of funds related to abortions and family planning services.
- **HB 1124** Firearms; regulation by state entities prohibited.
- **HB 1132** Senate districts; changes assignments of two census precincts in Louisa County.
- **HB 1234** School security officers; carrying a firearm.
- **HB 1271** Local government; prohibition on certain mandates upon employers.
- **SB 2** Clean Power Plan; state implementation plan; General Assembly approval.
- **SB 41** Religious freedom; marriage solemnization, participation, and beliefs.
- **SB 44** Coal tax; limits aggregate amount of credits that may be allocated or claimed for employment, etc.
- **SB 270** Sanctuary policies; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainers.
- **SB 615** Students who receive home instruction; participation in interscholastic programs.
- **SB 678** Carrying concealed handguns; protective orders.
- **SB 767** Form of ballot; party identification of candidates.
KEY DATES

- June 14 – 2nd & 4th Congressional District Primaries
- New Districts: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 7th
- July 18 – Pre-filing legislation for the 2017 Session begins
- November 2 – Election Day
- December 1 – Continued 2016 legislation must be acted on
- December 5 – Pre-filed legislation submitted by 5PM
- January 11 – 2017 General Assembly Session Convenes
EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY
LOBBYIST

What my friends think I do.

What my parents think I do.

What the other side says I do.

What society thinks I do.

What I think I do.

What I actually do.
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Greetings from VIRGINIA
MOST EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY

• Focused
• Informed
• Large and Statewide

• Organized
• Long-Term
ABSOLUTES

• Never Lie
• They’re in charge
• Say “Thank you”
• Expect to compromise
• Know when you’ve “won”
SPECIFIC STEPS

• Be Proactive, Not Reactive
• Develop Champions
• Educate Members/Constituents
• Develop Key Partnerships
• Grass Roots Efforts
DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS