

The Arc of Northern Virginia **strongly supports the following legislation and budget amendments** introduced in the 2023 Virginia General Assembly session, and we hope to have your support.

Bill/BA	Patron(s)	Current Status	Description
304 #33H, 304 #5S	Del. Ferris/Sen. Hanger	Budget Amendment	Match current Supported Living Rate to Group Home Rate to allow people with disabilities to access smaller, more customized residential settings and greater quality of care
313 #8H, 311 #11S	Del. Ferris/Sen. Hanger	Budget Amendment	Provide start up funds to encourage providers to develop new services, grow the direct caregiver workforce, and educate Waiver users about service options
308 #5H, 308 #14S	Del. Ferris/Sen. Hanger	Budget Amendment	Fund Core Services (e.g., case management, respite) so people no longer wait for the DD Waiver with no assistance until they reach a state of ongoing crisis
304 #17S	Del. Brewer/Sen. McClellan	Budget Amendment	Fund a rate increase for peer mentoring to ensure Waiver users can access qualified peer partners
304 #15H, 304 #29S	Del. Coyner/Sen. McClellan	Budget Amendment	Ensure people with DD Waiver can work without losing access to services
HB1924	Del. Hope	Referred to Committee on Commerce and Energy	Removes the provision of the Code stating that any person who is paid pursuant to Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act is not considered an employee for the purposes of the Virginia Minimum Wage Act.
HB1963 /SB945 (304 #32S)	De. Runion/Sen. Sutterlein	Referred to Appropriations/ Referred to Finance	Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to take steps to amend the Family and Individual Supports, Community Living, and Building Independence waivers to provide greater financial flexibility to individuals with developmental disabilities who are receiving Assistive Technology and/or Electronic Home-Based Services.
HB1450 /SB798	Del. Orrock/Sen. Hasmi	Referred to HWI/ Passed Senate	Replaces various instances of the terms "handicap," "handicapped," and similar variations throughout the Code of Virginia with alternative terms, as appropriate in the statutory context, such as "disability" and "impairment." The bill contains technical amendments. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.
HB1981	Del. Kory	Referred to Education Sub Cmt K-12	Requires the Board of Education's Regulations Governing the Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools in Virginia to apply to school security officers and school resource officers and requires the Board to make such amendments to such regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the bill.
HB1983	Del. Kory	Laid on table	Requires the Department of Education to establish a work group composed of certain enumerated and other stakeholders to consider best practices for positive behavioral supports for students and trauma-informed school security practices, including examining the feasibility and appropriateness of hiring of school safety coaches who can monitor the school environment for safety and build positive relationships with students and implementing policies and strategies for increasing the number of other appropriately trained school personnel.
HB2049	Del. Bennett-Parker	Referred to Privileges and Elections	Allows people with disabilities who cannot enter the polling place to vote curbside
SB830	Sen. Favola	Referred to Rules	Students with disabilities; DBHDS to develop best practice standard related to transition of record.
SB1303	Sen. Boysko	Referred to Judiciary	Expungement and sealing of offenses resulting in a deferred and dismissed disposition or conviction

SB1351	Sen. Marsden	Referred to General Laws and Technology	Allows, with certain exceptions, local and regional public bodies to convene as many all-virtual public meetings as each such public body deems acceptable in its individual remote participation meeting policy, to be adopted at least once annually by recorded vote at a public meeting.
HB2027	Del. Roem	Referred to Courts of Justice SubCmte #2	Provides that a guardian shall not restrict an incapacitated person's ability to communicate with, visit, or interact with other persons with whom the incapacitated person has an established relationship, unless such restriction is reasonable to prevent harm to or financial exploitation of such incapacitated person.
HB2028	Del. Roem	Referred to Courts of Justice SubCmte #2	Requires a guardian to visit an incapacitated person at least four times per year and at least once every 90 days.
HB2050	Del. Bennett-Parker	Referred to General Laws SubCmte #4	Allows, with certain exceptions, local and regional public bodies to convene as many all-virtual public meetings as each such public body deems acceptable in its individual remote participation meeting policy, to be adopted at least once annually by recorded vote at a public meeting.
HB2315	Del. Kory	Referred to HWI SubCmte #3	Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to convene a work group, including representatives of community services boards, local departments of social services, the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, the Arc of Virginia, the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, the Department of Education, the Board of Education, and other relevant stakeholders, to study methods for and develop recommendations for disseminating information about Intellectual/Developmental Disability services.
HB2038	Del. Shin	Appropriations Compensation & Retirement SubCmte	This legislation removes residency requirements for health insurance coverage for disabled adult children as long as a state employee pays for the majority of an adult child's financial support.
HB1980	Del. Kory	Referred to Education SubCmte K-12	Requires the Board of Education to include in its guidelines and model policies for codes of student conduct criteria for the use of non-exclusionary student discipline measures. The bill also requires each such code of student conduct to include a requirement to utilize as alternatives to suspension, expulsion, and exclusion other interventions such as positive behavior incentives, mediation, peer-to-peer counseling, and community service.