



Virginia Young Democrats

Composed of dozens of high school, college, and city/county Young Democrat chapters from across the Commonwealth ages 13-35, the Virginia Young Democrats are the largest partisan youth organization in Virginia. We train leaders and fight for progressive values and equal opportunity for all.

2017 Legislative Agenda

Family Life Education

SB 1235 (Ebbin) Family life education; required. Requires each local school board to implement the Standards of Learning for the family life education program developed by the Board of Education or a family life education program consistent with the guidelines developed by the Board.

HB 2257 (Filler-Corn) High school family life education curricula; elements of effective and evidence-based programs. Requires any high school family life education curriculum offered by a local school division to incorporate age-appropriate elements of effective and evidence-based programs on consent.

Opioid Crisis

HB1449 (Boysko) / SB848 (Wexton) Dispensing of naloxone. Allows a person who is authorized by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to train individuals on the administration of naloxone for use in opioid overdose reversal and who is acting on behalf of an organization that provides substance abuse treatment services to individuals at risk of experiencing opioid overdose or training in the administration of naloxone for overdose reversal and that has obtained a controlled substances registration from the Board of Pharmacy to dispense naloxone to a person who has completed a training program on the administration of naloxone for opioid overdose reversal.

Voting Rights

SJ222 (Locke) / HJ650 (Carr) Constitutional amendment (first resolution); qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of felonies who have completed service of their sentences, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law.

Fair Housing

SB822 (Wexton) Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices; sexual orientation and gender identity. Adds discrimination on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as an unlawful housing practice. The bill defines sexual orientation and gender identity.

The Virginia Young Democrats would like to reiterate our strong and unwavering support for: equal rights; common sense gun violence prevention; Medicaid expansion; women's reproductive rights; environmental protection; funding for education; a strong social safety net; and voter protection. For more information, contact VAYD's Political Director at political_director@vayd.org.