



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.

2018 Legislative Agenda

Family Life Education

HB 159 (Rasoul) Local school boards; family life education curricula. Requires each local school board to implement a comprehensive, sequential family life education curriculum in grades kindergarten through 12 that is consistent with the family life education Standards of Learning or curriculum guidelines developed by the Board of Education and removes from such standards and guidelines the requirement for instruction in the benefits, challenges, responsibilities, and value of marriage for men, women, children, and communities; abstinence education; the value of postponing sexual activity; and the benefits of adoption as a positive choice in the event of an unwanted pregnancy.

Criminal Justice Reform

SB 105 (Suetterlein) Grand larceny; threshold. Increases from \$200 to \$500 the threshold amount of money taken or value of goods or chattel taken at which the crime rises from petit larceny to grand larceny. The bill increases the threshold by the same amount for the classification of certain property crimes. (This bill incorporated Democratic bills as part of a compromise)

Immigration

HB 343 (Boysko) Eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency. Declares eligible for in-state tuition any individual who successfully receive temporary citizenship under the DREAM Act.

Broadband Access

SB 297 (Edwards) Incentives for communications companies; provision of wireless broadband services. Directs the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission to award at least \$10 million per year in grants to cover a portion of expenditures for the purchase and installation of wireless and broadband equipment to rural areas in the Southwest and Southside regions of the Commonwealth. The bill also establishes a sales tax exemption, which would be phased in over four years, for property sold or leased to a telecommunications company and used directly in the rendition of its public service.

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.