

RESUME

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**REPORT: 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION
AFFECTING PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY**

After each General Assembly session, staff identifies changes in State law which: (1) authorize new ordinances at the discretion of the Board; or (2) mandate changes in how the County operates. The attached summary or “scorecard” contains the staff recommendations on which items should be not adopted, studied further or scheduled for a public hearing.

**2019 Virginia General Assembly
Legislation Affecting the County**

I. Optional or Discretionary Powers Granted to Counties

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Bill Description</u>	<u>Staff Recommendation</u>	<u>Board Decision</u>	
				<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
(1)	SB 1367	Requires that §6-146 of <u>County Code</u> regarding dogs "Running at Large" include a civil penalty of \$100 per dog.	Schedule Public Hearing	1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(2)	HB 1698	Allows written orders by Planning Manager to be sent by certified mail in addition to registered mail.	Send to Planning Commission for recommendation	1. <input type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(3)	SB 1025	Allows localities to adopt ordinances requiring stricter standards for adequate shelter, space, care and tethering of companion animals.		1. <input type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(4)	HB 2752	Allows localities to regulate companies renting motorized skateboards or scooters.	No action	1. <input type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(5)	HB 1614	Allows Board to adopt ordinance to make stormwater management grants to owners of private property or HOA's.	Not recommended; continue current stormwater improvement program	1. <input type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(6)	SB 1171	County itself can obtain a special events permit from ABC to serve alcoholic beverages at County events.		1. <input type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(7)	SB 1358	Allows localities to operate a primary care health care, vision and dental facility for employees and dependents.		1. <input type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(8)	HB 1913	Allows localities to require construction of sidewalks during development process even when not fronting on a street.		1. <input type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>

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| (9) | HB 2141 | Allows localities to contract with broadband/telecommunication service providers to provide services to unserved areas. | Grant Agreement with Prince George Electric | 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| (10) | HB 2229 | Allows localities to waive building permit and connection fees for entities providing affordable housing. | | 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| (11) | HB 1937 | County may amend <u>County Code</u> to exclude disability income from calculation of eligibility for real property tax exemption for elderly and disabled. | Lost revenue approximately \$2,000 | 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| (12) | HB 2365 | Allows County to adopt ordinance providing that annual increase in land use valuation may not exceed a specified dollar amount per acre. | Not recommended by Assessor; continue multi-year averaging approach | 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| (13) | SB 1588 | Allows County to partially exempt from real property taxes property subject to recurrent flooding. | Assessment process already accounts for impact of flood risk | 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| (14) | HB 2634 | Allows County to hold referendum to prohibit sale of mixed beverages in restaurants. (enforceable July, 2020) | | 1. _____ | 2. _____ |

II. Mandatory Board Action

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Bill Description</u>
(15)	HB 1820	Prohibits an employer from requiring employees or prospective employees from signing a nondisclosure or confidentiality agreement relating to sexual harassment.
(16)	HB 1652	Allows School Boards to open school no earlier than 14 days before Labor Day.
(17)	HB 1722	Requires internet sales companies with more than \$100,000 annual gross receipts in Virginia to collect sales tax.
(18)	SB 1768	Prohibits all use of handheld phones when driving in a highway work zone.
(19)	HB 2691	Requires Dominion Power to make available broadband in underserved areas with subsidies available from \$60,000,000 State fund.
(20)	HB 2790	Requires "No Excuse" absentee voting beginning second Saturday preceding an election beginning November 3, 2020.
(21)	HB 2148	Requires all names on ballots to be same font, size and style.
(22)	HB 1733, HB 1737	Requires MOU between Police Department and School Board relating to SRO's and development of emergency response plan for schools that utilizes Fire/EMS.
(23)	HB 2609	Requires minimum training standards for SRO's.
(24)	SB 1431, SB 1554	Requires FOIA training once every two years for elected officials. Allows up to \$1,000 fine for improperly certifying a closed session.
(25)	HB 1918	Increases minimum health care services at regional jails. (Could impact per diem costs)
(26)	HB 2342	Allows localities to negotiate cash proffers during zoning process
(27)	HB 1804	Adds colon, brain and testicular cancer to occupational disease definition under workers' compensation for public safety employees. Must be readopted in 2020. (Could affect County's workers comp insurance rates)

- (28) HB 2664 All wage statements to include name and address of employer, hours worked and rate of pay.
- (29) HB 2150 Land and improvements shall be considered part of the dwelling and exempt from determining eligibility for tax exemption for elderly and disabled.
- (30) HB 2578 Only requires a public hearing to approve "six year road plans" when new funding exceeds \$100,000.
- (31) 2019/2020 budget approval of three additional judges for Prince George County: District Court, Juvenile Court, and Circuit Court. (Could affect costs of related services)