

# VCCJA QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORT

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**Committee Name:**

VCCJA Legislative Committee

**Report date and preparer:**

**Date of meetings this quarter:**

Web-Ex

**Budget expenditures this quarter**

none

**Summary of Activities this quarter**

The 2019 legislative session is now closed. As usual, we followed many relevant bills and prioritized them based on the impact to our agencies. There are three bills and one budget item that may be of significant interest to VCCJA that passed and were signed by the Governor. They are: HB2213 (Heretick), HB 2343 (Bell), SB 1655 (Cosgrove) and Budget Item 3-6.03 in HB 1700 (Jones). They are all scheduled to become law effective July 01, 2019. HB 2213 adds the local Probation & Pretrial Officers to the list of persons who can receive mental health records in certain circumstances; HB 2343 addresses the Crime Commission's recommendations regarding criminal history record information; SB 1655 outlines the new evaluation process for specialty dockets; and Budget Item 3-6.03 in the budget bill (HB 1700), specifically the Governor's amendments 29 & 33, codify for at least one year that the Virginia DMV will no longer suspend driver's licenses for failing to pay restitution or court costs/fines. The impact of these bills may vary widely, but will be felt by every jurisdiction.

The Legislative Committee will continue to monitor all things pertaining to the Virginia Legislature and update VCCJA as needed. The focus for the remainder of the calendar year 2019 will be on our summer meetings with stakeholders and transitioning the committee's co-chair responsibilities to Nicole Loving and Jodi Jackson. Additionally, the committee may seek to find a third co-chair to replace Colin McDonald for calendar year 2020.

**Roster of Membership (please note any membership changes)**

Cynthia Plummer, Rachel Turner, Ann Marie Freeman, Hope Brooks

**Requests for Executive Committee**

None.

**Next Meeting: TBD**