

Legislative Committee 2023 General Assembly Session Briefing

With the conclusion of the 2023 session, we have provided a summary below of bills that we tracked. This was a relatively quiet session with little perceived impact for VCCJA. As we have done in the past, we met on a weekly basis to monitor bills that may have had an impact on us.

In addition to bill tracking, several members of this committee spent February 2, 2023 at the General Assembly where they met with Senators Deeds, Marsden, Ruff, Ebbin and Edwards in support of Senator Deeds budget amendment to provide funding to expand Pretrial Services in the Roanoke area.

The budget is still pending and negotiations continue. Legislators have adopted a quick “skinny budget” and there is an agreement to continue talks and negotiating. The Governor is prepared to call a special session if it comes to that. Here is a summary of the “skinny budget” - [Key Features HB 1400 2023 Session Conference Report.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](#).

There were also several retirements announced in both the House and Senate.

BILLS	LAST ACTION
HB1365- Admission to bail; rebuttable presumptions against bail.	Passed by indefinitely-Senate
HB1435- Revocation of suspension of sentence and probation; hearing, sentencing.	Tabled/left in Courts of Justice-House
HB1455- Fentanyl; selling, giving, or distributing a substance that contains 2 mgms. or more, penalties.	Passed by indefinitely-Senate
HB 1718- Community corrections alternative program; defendants required to enter into and complete program.	Tabled/left in Courts of Justice-House
HB 1899- Family or household member; definition, penalty.	Tabled/left in Courts of Justice-House
HB1931- Sexually violent predators; civil commitment, penalty.	Passed both-Adopted
HB1960- Felony offenses; elimination of mandatory minimum sentences.	Tabled/left in Courts of Justice-House
HB 2013- Probation, revocation, and suspension of sentence; penalty.	Left in Judiciary-Senate
HB 2019- Discretionary sentencing guidelines; review, deferred disposition.	Passed both-Governor’s action
HB 2230- Parolee or felon; arrest & return when serving a period of post release supervision.	Passed both-Adopted
HB 2339- Court-ordered treatment; expedited diversion in lieu of criminal adjudication.	Tabled/left in Courts of Justice-House
HB 2466- Probation; possession of controlled substance by confidential informant.	Passed by indefinitely-House
SB 877- Admission to bail; act of violence.	Passed by indefinitely-Senate
SB 1229- Admission to bail; creates rebuttable presumptions against bail.	Failed in Judiciary-Senate