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## HB 293 Education Savings Account Program; established.

VPEP Opposes this bill. This bill would create a “voucher” program that would allow public funds to be used in private schools. <https://legiscan.com/VA/bill/HB293/2022>

## HB4/HB59/SB2/SB36/SB287 School principals; incident reports.

VPEP Opposes These Bills. These Bills would remove discretion from school administration and harm students by criminalizing student discipline issues. This could potentially feed the school to prison pipeline.

<https://legiscan.com/VA/bill/HB4/2022>

## SB 20 Transgender students; treatment, model policies.

VPEP Opposes SB20. SB20 would roll back critical protections set in place to protect the safety and dignity of Virginia’s Transgender students. <https://legiscan.com/VA/bill/SB20/2022>

## HB37/SB415 School boards; employment of at least one school resource officer in public middle and high school.

VPEP Opposes HB37. HB 37 would increase student to Law Enforcement contact and therefore increase the risk of school discipline issues being escalated into criminal charges. This could potentially feed the school to prison pipeline.

<https://legiscan.com/VA/bill/HB37/2022>

## HB113 Public school buses; displaying decals with "In God We Trust" and "One Nation Under God" on buses.

VPEP Opposes. By displaying these logos, the State is violating the 1st Amendment by showing a preference for the Abrahamic religions and therefore excluding Atheist of those of a Polytheist faith. <https://legiscan.com/VA/bill/HB113/2022>

## SB 125 Public schools; regional charter school divisions.

VPEP Opposes this bill. The expansion of Charter schools dilutes the resources available to Virginia's public education system. This bill would remove oversight of local charters from local school boards and thus distance these schools from the needs of their community. <https://legiscan.com/VA/bill/SB125/2022>

## SB 275 Public school libraries; printed and audiovisual materials; selection, evaluation, checkout.

VPEP Opposes this Bill. This legislation would remove oversight of libraries from the librarians and open the floor for partisan censorship of School Library material. This bill reintroduces elements from the already defeated "Beloved Bill" <https://legiscan.com/VA/bill/SB275/2022>

## SB 484 Children; comprehensive health care coverage program

VPEP Supports this Bill. All children in Virginia should be entitled to good health without financial hardship that could adversely impact their opportunities at a quality education. Students should be able to receive that healthcare without the risk of legal action against their family. <https://legiscan.com/VA/bill/SB484/2022>

## SB 490 Standards of Quality; work-based learning; teacher leaders and mentors; principal mentors.

VPEP Supports this Bill. The establishment of these standards will benefit all students in the commonwealth. The lagging ratio of support personnel such as counselors to students has long been an issue that needed to be addressed. <https://legiscan.com/VA/bill/SB490/2022>

## SB 601 COVID-19 immunization; prohibition on requirement; discrimination prohibited.

VPEP STRONGLY Opposes this Bill. The COVID-19 inoculations used over the past year have proven to be safe and effective in preventing and mitigating the impacts of COVID-19. Those inoculated against COVID-19 are safer to be around and are themselves safer from this virus. It is VPEP's desire that the COVID-19 inoculation become part of the standard list of inoculations that are required for attendance in Virginia Public schools. <https://legiscan.com/VA/bill/SB601/2022>

HB1032

VPEP Opposes this bill.