

# THE VIRGINIA CHAMBER'S 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



## EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

- Improve literacy rates among Virginia students
- Invest in educational system improvements that create a well-trained, skilled workforce
- Build talent pathways for in-demand jobs that include work-based learning and credentialing opportunities
- Ensure educational opportunities are accessible and affordable for all Virginians, including low-income, minority, and underrepresented students and individuals with disabilities



## CHILD CARE

- Address the cost and availability of child care for Virginia's workforce



## BUSINESS CLIMATE

- Streamline the current infrastructure permitting process to support greater efficiency, while maintaining the existing strong, uniform standards
- Support economic development initiatives that improve site readiness, create jobs, and strengthen trade
- Target tax reform to better position the Commonwealth for economic growth and investment
- Improve access to funding and remove barriers that impede small business growth and entrepreneurship
- Support investments that improve our supply chains and international trade



## MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

- Expand programs that connect veterans and military spouses to civilian careers
- Improve off-base housing and child care solutions for military families



## HOUSING

- Improve housing options for our workforce
- Remove barriers to increase the housing supply
- Address the rising cost of homeownership
- Develop targeted strategies to lessen disparities in homeownership

The Virginia Chamber supports bills that implement the recommendations of Blueprint Virginia 2030 and promote economic prosperity for all Virginians. Visit the Chamber's *Bills We Are Watching* page for our positions on specific bills: <https://www.vachamber.com/advocacy/bills-we-are-watching/>

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