

1. From the following list of issues, which issue do you believe should be the top priority of the Virginia House of Delegates?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Creating jobs and improving the economy	1 (12.50%)	2 (25.00%)	4 (50.00%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Making higher education more affordable and accessible	1 (14.29%)	3 (42.86%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (14.29%)	1 (14.29%)	1 (14.29%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Improving transportation	0 (0.00%)	4 (50.00%)	1 (12.50%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (25.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Improving health care	2 (25.00%)	3 (37.50%)	3 (37.50%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Improving K-12 education	5 (62.50%)	3 (37.50%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Cutting wasteful government spending	3 (37.50%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	1 (12.50%)	1 (12.50%)	2 (25.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Holding the line against higher taxes	2 (25.00%)	1 (12.50%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (25.00%)	1 (12.50%)
Fighting ObamaCare and federal government overreach	2 (25.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)	5 (62.50%)

2. What core services provided by state government are most important to you?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fostering Jobs and Economic Development	1 (12.50%)	2 (25.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (25.00%)	1 (12.50%)	2 (25.00%)
Supporting K-12 Schools and Higher Education	4 (50.00%)	3 (37.50%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Keeping Virginians Safe from Crime	1 (12.50%)	1 (12.50%)	3 (37.50%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (25.00%)
Providing Health Care and Other Services for Those in Need	2 (25.00%)	4 (50.00%)	1 (12.50%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Strengthening Virginia's Transportation System	1 (12.50%)	3 (37.50%)	1 (12.50%)	2 (25.00%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)
Protecting the Environment	2 (25.00%)	4 (50.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	1 (12.50%)

3. Virginia continues to face budget constraints due to sequestration and federal tax increases. How do you believe the General Assembly should address such budgetary constraints?

	1	2	3	4
Raise general or statewide taxes (sales, income, business and/or gas)	2 (25.00%)	3 (37.50%)	1 (12.50%)	2 (25.00%)
Increase specific fees to cover the actual cost of providing certain government services	1 (12.50%)	3 (37.50%)	1 (12.50%)	3 (37.50%)
Cut government spending	2 (25.00%)	2 (25.00%)	3 (37.50%)	1 (12.50%)
Streamline government programs and services	5 (62.50%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	2 (25.00%)

4. Would you support efforts to reform Virginia's tax system by eliminating tax credits, deductions, incentives and preferences in order to lower the overall tax rate?

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	3	42.86%
No	4	57.14%

5. Do you believe state government has a role to play in incentivizing job creation through the use of tax credits and economic development incentives?

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	6	75.00%
No	2	25.00%

6. Do you think students are required to take too many, too few, or about the right number of SOL tests over the course of their educational career?

Answer	Count	Percent
Too many	5	62.50%
About the right number	3	37.50%

7. Virginia spends about \$16 billion per year on K-12 education, or about \$11,000 per student per year. The state graduation rate is over 90%, school accreditation was up 10% from last year, and Virginia ranks in the top 10 in four out of five major national rankings. Do you think Virginia invests too much, not enough, or about the right amount in its public school system?

Answer	Count	Percent
Not enough	5	62.50%
About the right amount	3	37.50%

8. School choice refers to the idea that parents and children should have a variety of traditional and non-traditional educational options available to ensure that each student’s learning experience helps them meet their full potential.

Answer	Count	Percent
Full-time virtual schools (virtual schools are online public “schools” that offer a comprehensive curriculum like traditional brick and mortar schools).	3	20.00%
Virtual classrooms, integrated into traditional school setting	5	33.33%
Homeschooling	6	40.00%
Charter schools	1	6.67%

9. Other states have adopted legislation creating “Parental Education Savings Accounts.” These optional accounts allow parents to use a portion of their child’s share of state funding for educational purposes, including tuition at a private or charter school, hire a tutor, enroll their child in online classes, or save for college. Would you support or oppose the creation of Parental Education Savings Accounts in Virginia?

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	2	28.57%
Oppose	5	71.43%

10. Virginia does not allow local school boards to start school before Labor Day, with limited exceptions in certain localities. Some contend this helps accommodate businesses that hire students as summer employees and increases late-summer tourism. Do you support giving school boards the ability to begin classes before Labor Day and set their own academic calendars?

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	6	75.00%
No	2	25.00%

11. Do you support or oppose efforts to allow homeschool children to participate in public school sports programs?

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	6	75.00%
Oppose	2	25.00%

12. How do you feel about the cost of college tuition in Virginia?

Answer	Count	Percent
College tuition is too high and increasing too fast	5	62.50%
College tuition is okay right now, but increasing too fast	1	12.50%
College tuition is okay right now, and increasing at an acceptable rate	1	12.50%
Other	1	12.50%

13. Of the following options, how do you think the General Assembly should address the rising cost of higher education?

Answer	Count	Percent
Increase state funding for colleges and universities	3	14.29%
Limit or restrict student fees	4	19.05%
Prioritize building construction projects	3	14.29%
Reform and prioritize financial aid distribution to serve more middle- and low-income students	5	23.81%
Encourage colleges and universities to offer “bare bones” college degrees and charge just tuition, but not room, board or other fees	2	9.52%
Encourage colleges and universities to offer “three year” degree programs in certain fields	3	14.29%
Other	1	4.76%

14. Do you support or oppose Medicaid Expansion in Virginia? While expansion would enroll up to 400,000 currently uninsured Virginians in Medicaid, it could cost the Commonwealth of Virginia over \$1 billion per year, forcing cuts to other key services like education, mental health and public safety.

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes, Medicaid should be expanded in Virginia	4	57.14%
No, Medicaid should not be expanded in Virginia	3	42.86%

15. Virginia’s Medicaid program is the fastest growing part of the state budget, having grown by 1600% in the last 30 years, and now accounts for over 20% of all state General Fund spending. To combat these rising costs, some lawmakers have proposed hiring an independent auditor to conduct a comprehensive financial and operational audit of Virginia’s Medicaid program. Would you support or oppose this audit?

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	6	85.71%
Oppose	1	14.29%

16. Public-private partnerships, often referred to as P3s, are a way for the Commonwealth to leverage private investment in building public assets. P3s are often utilized to build new roads, bridges, and tunnels to ease traffic congestion and gridlock in densely populated areas without having to borrow money at the expense of taxpayers. P3s recoup their investment by charging tolls on the individuals that use the roads. Do you think that the Commonwealth should consider using more P3s to enhance and improve our transportation system, about right, or fewer?

Answer	Count	Percent
The Commonwealth should consider using more P3s	1	14.29%
The Commonwealth uses about the right amount of P3s	3	42.86%
We should consider using fewer P3s	3	42.86%

17. Over the last two years, the General Assembly adopted a number of reforms to Virginia’s transparency, disclosure and ethics laws. Those reforms included (a) creating a \$100 gift cap, (b) creating a statewide ethics advisory commission, (c) requiring more frequent disclosures, (d) requiring all disclosure forms be posted online, (e) requiring mandatory ethics training for elected officials. Which of the following do you believe?

Answer	Count	Percent
These reforms did not go far enough	5	62.50%
These reforms are almost enough, but more work is necessary	3	37.50%

18. Virginia faces significant unfunded liabilities with the Virginia Retirement System. Steps have been taken to protect the long-term solvency of the pension system while protecting the interests of state employees, however significant liabilities still exist. One option to reduce those liabilities would be to change the retirement system for new hires from the traditional defined-benefit (DB) retirement to a defined-contribution (DC) retirement, similar to those offered in the private sector. This would allow new state employees greater flexibility in determining their retirement portfolio while reducing the Commonwealth’s unfunded liability. Would you support or oppose additional reforms to the state retirement plan?

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	4	57.14%
Oppose	3	42.86%

19. Do you believe that all state agencies and programs should be periodically reviewed to determine their efficiency, effectiveness and usefulness?

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	7	87.50%
No	1	12.50%

20. Article V of the U.S. Constitution allows two-thirds of state legislatures to call a “Convention of the States” to amend the federal constitution. Some lawmakers have pushed a convention of the states to enact limits on federal authority and spending. Do you support or oppose a “Convention of the States?”

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	2	28.57%
Oppose	5	71.43%

21. Regarding Virginia’s traffic laws related to driving under the influence, would you say they are not tough enough, about right, or too tough?

Answer	Count	Percent
Not tough enough	4	50.00%
About right	3	37.50%
Too tough	1	12.50%

22. Would you support legislation making it easier for felons who claim they were wrongly convicted to present new evidence on appeal?

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	7	100.00%

23. Political rights include the right to vote, serve on a jury, run for public office, and serve as a notary public. When an individual is convicted of a felony, they automatically lose their political rights. Historically, Governors have granted rights restoration on an individualized basis after review. However, the Governor can restore political rights at his discretion, as did Governor McAuliffe with a sweeping executive order. Do you support amending the Virginia Constitution to establish permanent framework on restoring political rights?

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	3	37.50%
Oppose	5	62.50%

24. Currently, Virginia does not allow early voting but does have absentee voting, both in-person and by mail. Early voting does not require a reason, but absentee voting does. Some have proposed early voting as a way to ease lines at the polls on Election Day and increase voter participation. Opponents argue that there is no indication early voting increases participation and that the costs of early voting, plus the challenges of keeping the votes secure for a long period of time, do not make it worthwhile. Do you support or oppose early voting in Virginia?

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	8	100.00%

25. Currently, Virginia requires all individuals who vote in person to show photo identification when voting. Do you support or oppose legislation to require a copy of a photo ID be submitted when voting absentee?

Answer	Count	Percent
Support	4	50.00%
Oppose	4	50.00%

26. Do you support the exploration of natural gas and oil off the coastal water areas of Virginia?

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	1	12.50%
No	7	87.50%

27. Do you support mining for and using coal to provide affordable and reliable electricity?

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	2	25.00%
No	6	75.00%

28. Do you support providing state funding for research on alternative energy sources such as wind, solar and biomass?

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	7	87.50%
No	1	12.50%

29. Virginia is home to more than 780,000 veterans who have served our country. It is important that we support these veterans and their families. Listed below are some of the most important veteran initiatives that the General Assembly will consider this year. Please prioritize the following veteran issues in the order that you think they should be addressed by the General Assembly.

	1	2	3	4	5
Veterans' Entrepreneur Grant Program (assist veterans to establish small businesses)	0 (0.00%)	2 (25.00%)	2 (25.00%)	2 (25.00%)	2 (25.00%)
Veterans' healthcare services through Virginia Veteran and Family Support Services (formally called the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program)	6 (75.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)
Update Virginia National Guard state income tax subtraction from \$3,000 to \$5,000	0 (0.00%)	1 (12.50%)	3 (37.50%)	1 (12.50%)	3 (37.50%)
Promote development of secure procedures for submission of electronic ballots by overseas military votes	2 (25.00%)	1 (12.50%)	5 (62.50%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Grant in-state tuition to members of the Virginia National Guard/Reserve Components with duty station in Virginia	2 (25.00%)	2 (25.00%)	3 (37.50%)	1 (12.50%)	0 (0.00%)

Are there any other issues or areas that are of particular concern to you? Please share your opinions using the space provided below.

Thank you for supporting anti-discrimination legislation.

Please support redistricting legislation that takes the line drawing out of the hands of sitting legislators and puts into independent hands to prevent gerrymandering.

Delegate Villanueva
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Please stop supporting legislation that restricts access to abortion services through death by a thousand regulatory cuts.

Strengthen Virginia's campaign finance laws to keep outside money out of our elections.

Please stop disrespecting the citizens of VA Beach by bringing light rail back to the table. You know, as well as I do, the system would be of no benefit to the citizens. It would only increase traffic congestion. If VA Beach has to pay back 20million, so be it. That is what Sessions and his cronies deserve for their premature, manipulative plan to urbanize Va Beach. If you all would stop giving away all of VA Beach's money to Bruce Thompson, that 20million would not be such a hit. The sad part of all this is the taxpayers are the ones that are going to pay the money back.

I would like to see that economic incentive plan that Bruce Thompson is milking shut down.

Most important issue today is Redistricting Reform. This is a Bi-Partisan Problem and DEMANDS a Bi-Partisan solution. I will be Judging all my future votes on whether a candidate opposes Gerrymandering or not. We will be watching and will remember!!!!

We need to protect one's right to have a same sex marriage.

I noticed there were no questions about Planned Parenthood and abortion. Most americans (70%) support PP and abortion up to 20 weeks. Virginia is in a battle to support women's rights with a lot of bills coming up to break down those rights. Women and their doctors should be trusted.

I also noticed no questions on gerrymandering were addressed. We need an independent group to establish districts.

Furthermore, this survey had some issues and I think there should be a bit more details and perhaps some more surveys that get to the details of issues. For instance, Medicaid is a complex issue and can't be written off as just "uses a lot of our budget" without addressing how much it saves otherwise and how we can help it be more efficient.