



Pro-Family Legislation Passed & Anti-Family Legislation Defeated

LIFE

HB413/SB370—Cord Blood Bank Initiative—creates a cord blood bank in the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of providing adult stem cells for research and treatment of disease. *Passed House 99-0; Passed Senate 40-0. Signed by Governor.*

HB44—Embryonic Stem Cell Research authorization—would have authorized agencies in Virginia to conduct research on human embryonic tissue. *Continued to 2007 in House HWI subcommittee.*

MARRIAGE

HJ41/SJ92—Constitutional Amendment on Marriage—authorizes a ballot question that, if passed by the people, would secure the definition of marriage from counterfeits such as same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partner benefits. *Passed 73-22; Passed Senate 29-11.*

HB389—Civil Union Repeal—would have repealed the ban on civil unions passed by the General Assembly in 2004. *Defeated in House Courts of Justice Committee.*

HB1552—would have added homosexuality to the list of protected classes in the Fair Housing law. *Defeated in the House General Laws Committee.*

SB673—Expand health coverage for domestic partners; localities—would have allowed self-insured localities to offer domestic partner benefits. *Passed Senate 35-5; Defeated in House Cities, Counties and Towns Committee 13-9.*

SB700— Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination—would have added homosexuality to the list of protected classes in the Commonwealth of Virginia's hiring practices. *Defeated in Senate General Laws Committee 6-8-1.*

PARENTAL AUTHORITY

HB1242— Parental Consent for Student Surveys—Bans the surveying of students in 5th grade or below in public schools on sexual activity, and requires parents be notified and allowed to opt-out their child from a survey conducted for students in 6th grade and above. *Passed House 96-0; Passed Senate 39-0. Signed by the Governor.*

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

HB372 —Unlawful Assemblies; solemn ceremonies – adds funeral services to the list of ceremonies protected by the Commonwealth's "disorderly conduct" statutes. *Passed House 100-0; Passed Senate 40-0; Signed by Governor.*

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

HB532—School tax holiday—provides a "sales tax holiday" for school supplies, clothing, etc. for a period of three-days prior to the beginning of the school year. *Passed House 89-7-1; Passed Senate 39-0; Signed by the Governor.*

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HB189—Abortion Clinic Safety Standards—would have required all abortion clinics to be licensed and to comply with the requirements currently in place for ambulatory surgery centers. *189, Passed House 66-33; Defeated in Senate Education and Health Committee 9-6.*

HB1274—Abortion Complication Reporting—would have required medical doctors in Virginia to report complications or deaths due to induced abortions. *Passed House 64-34; Defeated in Senate Education and Health Committee 9-6.*

SB580—Licensure of Abortion Clinic Physicians—would have required that doctors that perform abortions in Virginia be licensed in the Commonwealth in the fields of surgery or obstetrics/gynecology. *Defeated in Senate Education and Health Committee 10-5.*

Budget Amendments 4.5-04#6 /4-5.05#1—Defund Planned Parenthood—tould have removed taxpayer funds given for Planned Parenthood services. *Defeated in House and Senate subcommittees.*

MARRIAGE

HB1308—Prohibit Student Clubs Promoting Sexual Activity—would have assured the authority of school boards to deny access to school facilities to be used by student groups that encouraged or promoted sexual activity. *Passed House 70-29; Defeated in Senate Education and Health 9-6.*

PARENTAL AUTHORITY

HB570/SB334—Internet Filters For Library Computers—would have required any public library that receives state funds to install filtering software on their library computers. *HB570 Passed House 92-8; Passed Senate w/substitute 39-0; House rejected substitute 76-23; Senate insisted on substitute 39-0. SB334 was defeated in Senate Finance 15-0.*

HB164—Promote Abstinence in Family Life Education Curricula—would have required that any family life education course including a discussion of sexual intercourse emphasize that abstinence is the accepted norm and the only guarantee against unwanted pregnancy. *Defeated in Senate Finance 15-0.*

HB173—Parent Notification For Medical Services—would have required that parents be notified if their minor child seeks medical attention for contraceptives, sexually transmitted diseases or suicide prevention at a state funding clinic. *Defeated in House Health Welfare and Institutions.*

SB189—School Choice—would have given a tax credit to parents who send their children to non-government operated schools and to those who donate to organizations that provide scholarships for students who attend private or non-free public schools. *Defeated in Senate Finance 15-0.*

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

HB493—High School Baccalaureate Ceremonies—would have clarified in the Department of Education's religious liberty regulations that schools are allowed to provide a facility for and have students promote baccalaureate services. *Passed House 79-11, Passed Senate 32-7. Governor's veto failed to be rejected 60-36.*