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HB 2069 - <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=051&typ=bil&val=hb2069>

Hogan and Byron

Summary as introduced:

Coordinating administration of workforce training resources. Provides for the coordination of workforce training resources in the Commonwealth by making the newly-named Department of Business Assistance and Workforce Services the fiscal agent and coordinator for policy development, planning and program evaluation for four key workforce development programs. The affected programs include programs authorized under Titles I and II of the Workforce Investment Act, workforce assistance for persons dislocated as a result of trade, and the unemployment compensation program. The local program delivery structure remains intact while planning, funding, and reporting activities are coordinated at the state level. Staggered effective dates provide for creating the department and transferring to it responsibility both for administering the Workforce Investment Act programs and for assisting the Virginia Workforce Council by December 1, 2005. The balance of the provisions will go into effect July 1, 2006.

HB 2626 - <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=051&typ=bil&val=hb2626>

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HB 1908 - <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=051&typ=bil&val=hb1908>

Baskerville

Summary as introduced:

Employment training and unemployment compensation benefits; military personnel, spouses and dependents. Modifies Virginia's job training and unemployment compensation programs and resources to make them more accessible to military personnel and their families. The Virginia Workforce Council shall establish an employment advocacy and assistance program to assist spouses and dependents of active duty military personnel, Virginia National Guard members, and military reservists. Assistance shall be delivered through military family employment advocates located at selected one-stop centers. Local workforce investment boards (WIBs) shall include one representative from any military base having more than 100 military personnel that is located within the WIB's service area. For purposes of unemployment compensation, good cause for leaving

employment exists if an employee voluntarily leaves a job to accompany a spouse who is (i) on active duty in the military services of the United States, (ii) in the Virginia National Guard, or (iii) a military reservist to a new military assignment resulting from a permanent change of station orders, activation orders, or unit deployment orders, if the employee's place of employment is not reasonably accessible from the new residence. Benefits paid to qualifying claimants shall be charged against the pool rather than against the claimant's employer.

HJR 713 - <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=051&typ=bil&val=hj713>

Byron

Summary as introduced:

Study; workforce development and training; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee for the purposes of examining Virginia's workforce development and training resources to determine the need for resource consolidation or coordination.