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VICPP 2027 Legislative Preview

Leading Bills

Child Labor – VICPP is leading a bill that updates the Virginia Child Labor Law to include vape shops and other unsafe jobs for children in the list of prohibited occupations. Current law bars hazardous jobs for children but lacks explicit language, creating loopholes that are exploited.

Housing Without Barriers – VICPP is leading a bill that ensures people have access to housing, even with a criminal record, in partnership with Legal Aid Justice Center, NoLef Turns, and HOME of Virginia.

First Steps to Healthier Families – VICPP will continue its legislative work to update the Virginia code addressing substance use in the perinatal period. We support a bill shaped by current addiction science and treatment that focuses on improving outcomes for the mother-baby dyad.

Access to Maternity Care – VICPP, with support from March of Dimes, is leading a bill to remove barriers that prevent adequate prenatal care for people in rural areas or who struggle to physically get to appointments.

Supporting Bills

Free School Meals – Supporting the Healthy School Meals for All Coalition's bill to improve kids' health and ensure hunger is never a barrier to learning.

Protecting Immigrants in Sensitive Locations – With the Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights, supporting a bill limiting immigration enforcement in sensitive locations like public schools and hospitals.

Universal Childcare – As part of the Virginia Promise Partnership, supporting a bill that ensures every family has access to quality, affordable childcare.

Faithful Stewardship Tax Reform – Supporting the Tax Fairness for Virginia bill establishing a new individual income tax bracket on income above $1 million to fund strong public schools, accessible childcare, and affordable housing.

Fixes to Faith in Housing – With the Commonwealth Housing Coalition, supporting clarifications to the 2026 law (Yes in God's Backyard) to make building affordable housing on faith-owned land easier.

Right to Rest – With the Virginia Housing Alliance, supporting a bill to decriminalize homelessness, protecting people resting in safe public spaces from criminal charges.

Overtime Pay for Domestic Workers – Supporting a bill to remove overtime exemptions for domestic workers. Lead organization: Care in Action.

Anti-Rent Gouging – With Allies for Housing Action (AHA), supporting a bill limiting annual rent increases to protect tenants, particularly those with lower incomes.

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