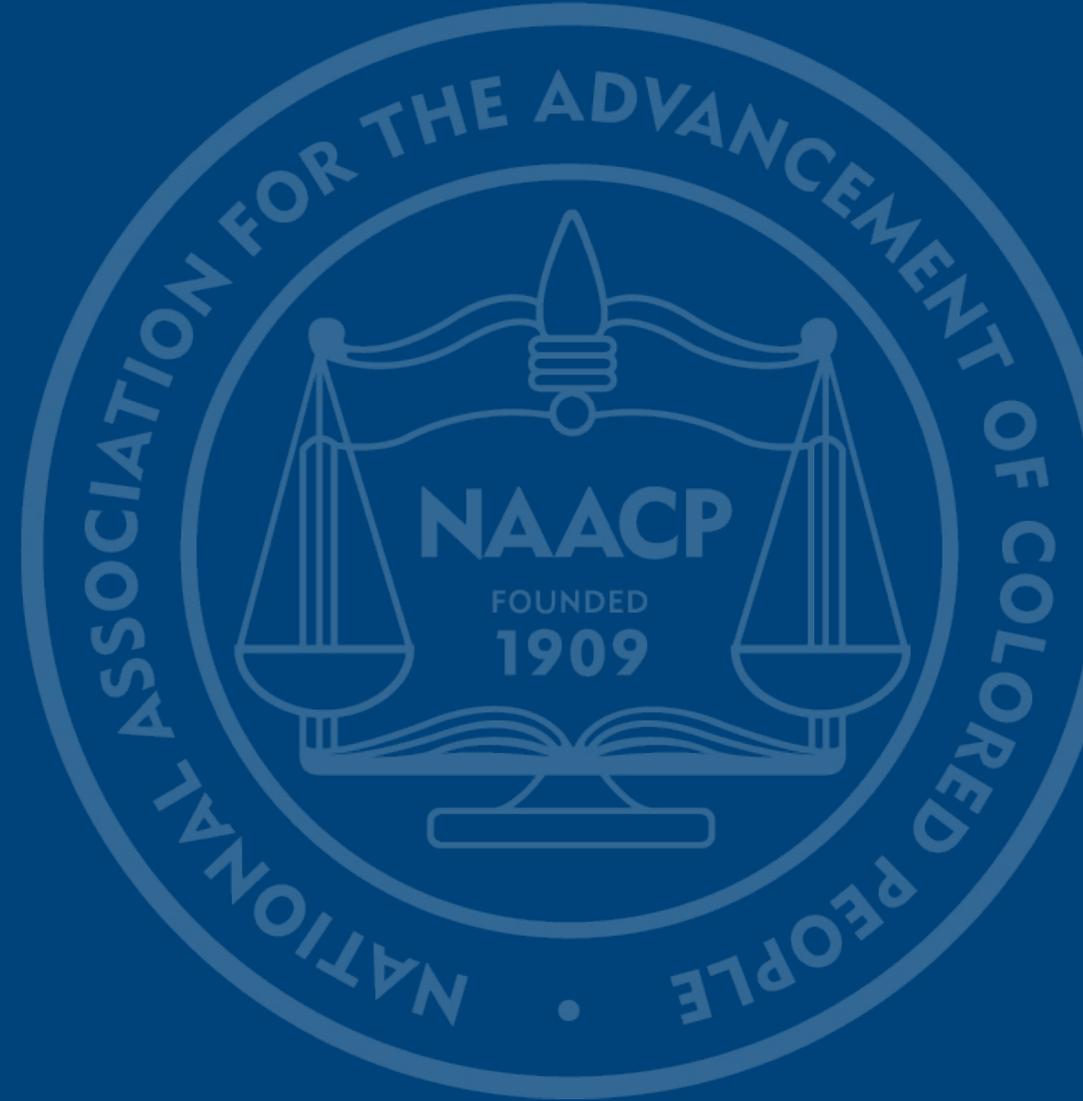


# Advocacy & Policy 2021 Legislative Sessions Report

**NAACP**

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# **Review of 2021 Legislative Sessions**

2021 Regular Session - January

2021 Special Session - February

# Review of 2021 Regular Session

- **Convened (started)**
  - January 13, 2021
- **Adjourned Sine Die (ended)**
  - February 11, 2021

# Review of 2021 Special Session

- **Convened (started)**
  - February 10, 2021
- **Adjourned Sine Die (ended)**
  - March 1, 2021



## Supported Bills

# Supported Bills Success Rate

**64% of our supported bills passed through both chambers successfully!**



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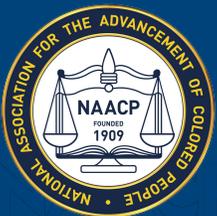


## Education

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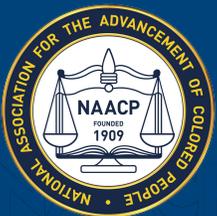
# Education Bills Success Rate

**56% of our supported bills passed through  
both chambers!**



# HB1904 & SB1196

School faculty and staff are now required to complete training and be evaluated on cultural competency.



**HB1904** - Teachers and other licensed school board employees; cultural competency.

Delegate Clint Jenkins

**SB1196** - Teachers and other licensed school board employees; cultural competency.

Senator Mamie E. Locke

Passed

# HB1736 & SB1191

Each local school board must employ at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position in each elementary school, middle school, and high school in the local school division.



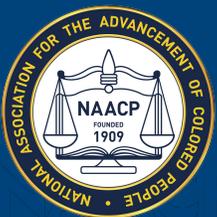
**HB1736**- School nurses; excludes positions from certain requirements, school board to employ in each school.  
Delegate Delores L. McQuinn

**SB1191**- School nurses; excludes positions from certain requirements, school board to employ in each school.  
Senator Jennifer A. Kiggans

**Failed**

# HB1929

**Several changes were made to the Standards of Quality, including the establishment of teacher leader and teacher mentor programs, and requiring each school board to provide at least four specialized student licensed health and behavioral officials.**

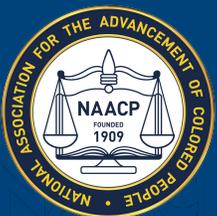


**HB1929** - Standards of Quality; work-based learning and principal mentorship, teacher leaders and mentors.  
Delegate Lashrecse D. Aird

**Failed**

# HJ549

**A study to research the impact of COVID-19 on Virginia's public schools, students, and school employees, including examining the effects of virtual schooling on previously existing student achievement gaps, including any disproportionate impact on at-risk populations.**



**HJ549** - COVID-19; JLARC to study the impact on Virginia's public schools, students, and school employees.  
Delegate Nancy D. Guy

**Failed**

# SB1225

**Authorizes school boards to appropriate funds and partner with private broadband service providers for the purposes of expanding broadband services for educational purposes, especially for students who reside in low income or rural communities.**

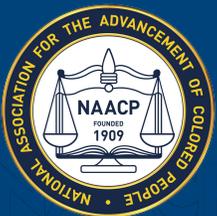


**SB1225-** Broadband services; school boards to appropriate funds for expansion of services for education.  
Senator Jennifer B. Boysko

**Passed**

# SB1257

**Several changes were made to the Standards of Quality, including the establishment of teacher leader and teacher mentor programs, and requiring each school board to provide at least four specialized student licensed health and behavioral officials.**



**SB1257**- Standards of Quality; work-based learning and principal mentorship, teacher leaders and mentors.  
Senator Jennifer L. McClellan

**Passed**

# SB1334

**Expanded the existing broadband pilot program to allow for the participation of municipalities and government-owned broadband authorities in order to provide broadband service to unserved areas of the Commonwealth.**



**SB1334** - Broadband capacity; expands existing pilot program, municipal broadband authorities.  
Senator John S. Edwards

**Passed** 17

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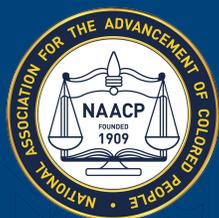


## Healthcare

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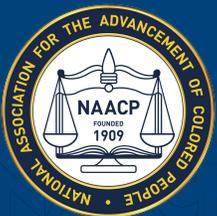
# Healthcare Bills Success Rate

**83% of our supported bills passed through  
both chambers!**



# HB1953 & SB1320

The definition of “practice of licensed certified midwifery” was clarified and directed the Board of Medicine and Nursing to establish criteria for the licensure and renewal process for certified midwifery.



**HB1953** - Licensed certified midwives; definition of practice, licensure, report.

Delegate Wendy W. Gooditis

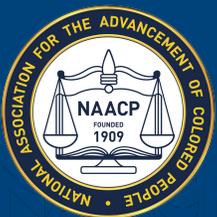
**SB1320** - Licensed certified midwives; definition of practice, licensure, report.

Senator L. Louise Lucas

**Passed** 20

# HB2016

**The Virginia Employment Commission is required to establish and administer a paid family and medical leave program with benefits that are distributed to eligible employees for family and medical leave.**



**HB2016** - Paid family and medical leave program; Virginia Employment Commission required to establish.  
Delegate Hala S. Ayala

**Failed**

# HB2137

**Employers are now required to provide certain employees paid sick leave, particularly essential workers. Additionally, the bill grants employees the ability to take off work for mental and physical health or to care for a family member.**



**HB2137-** Paid sick leave; employers to provide to certain employees.  
Delegate Elizabeth R. Guzman

**Passed** 22

# HB2333

**Programs can be established to enable eligible health care providers to volunteer to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to residents of the Commonwealth.**



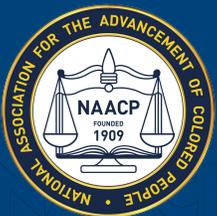
**HB2333** - Facilitate the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine; emergency.

Delegate Lamont Bagby

**Passed**

# SB1300

Ensures that women inmates in Virginia's prison system will have full access to healthcare during pregnancy.



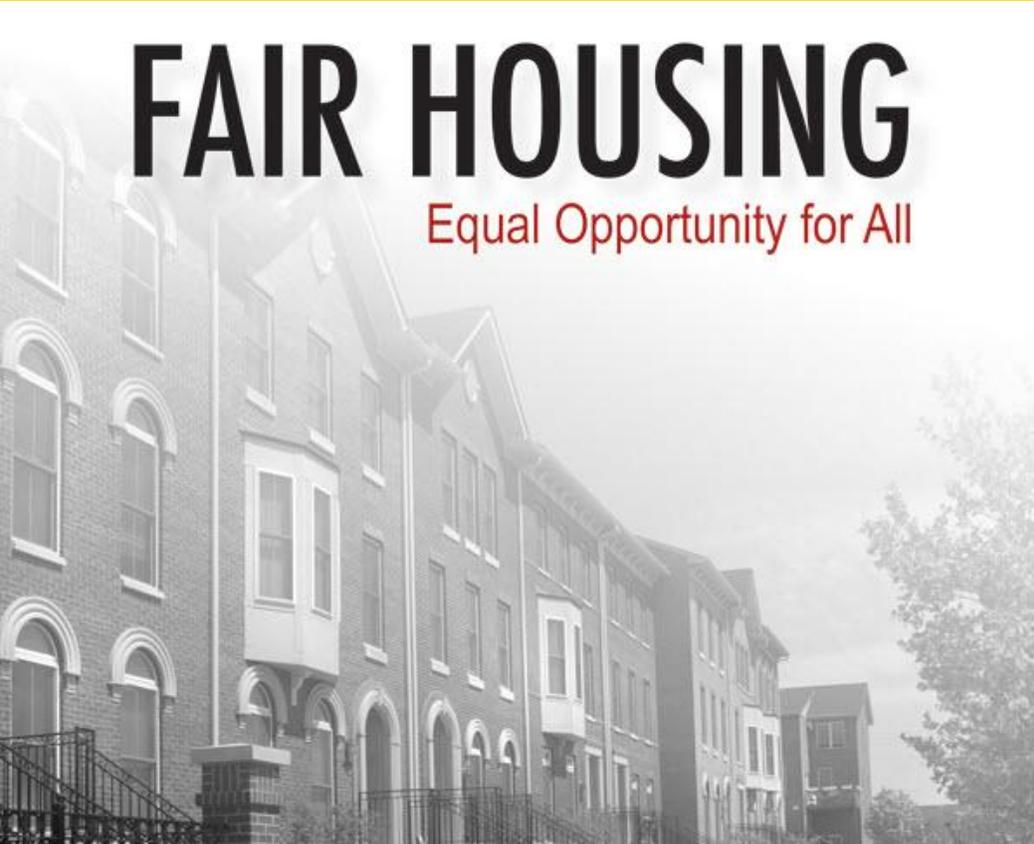
**SB1300** - Inmates; Board of Local and Regional Jails to review services provided during pregnancy, etc.  
Senator Barbara A. Favola

**Passed** 24

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## FAIR HOUSING

Equal Opportunity for All

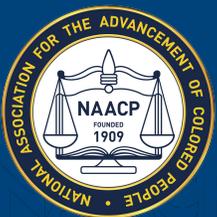


# Housing

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# Housing Bills Success Rate

**100% of our supported bills passed  
through both chambers!**



# HB1971

**Requests for accessible parking to accommodate a disability must now be treated as a request for reasonable accommodation.**

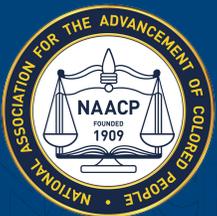


**HB1971-** Virginia Fair Housing Law; reasonable accommodations, disability-related requests for parking.  
Delegate Betsy B. Carr

**Passed** 27

# HB2046

**Now prohibits any locality in the Commonwealth from discriminating local land use ordinances or housing developments, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, elderliness, familial status, source of funds, sexual orientation, gender identity, status as a veteran, or disability.**

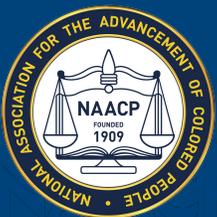


**HB2046**- Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices.  
Delegate Jeffrey M. Bourne

**Passed** 28

# HB2161

**Now prohibits discrimination in all areas if based upon a person's military status, or their spouse as well.**

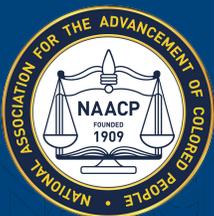


**HB2161**- Active military or a military spouse; prohibits discrimination in public accommodations, etc.  
Delegate Kathy K.L. Tran

**Passed** 29

# SB1197

Virginia housing opportunity tax credit established that matches the amount of federal low-income housing tax credit.



**SB1197-** Virginia housing opportunity; tax credit established.  
Senator Mamie E. Locke

**Passed** 30

# SB1327

**New protections established for manufactured home parks residents such as requiring localities to begin promoting manufactured housing as a source of affordable housing, requiring the Director of Housing and Community Development to develop a statement of tenant rights and responsibilities in plain language under the Virginia Manufactured Home Lot Rental Act.**



**SB1327-** Homeowners and tenants of manufactured home parks; housing protections, foreclosures, etc.  
Senator Jennifer L. McClellan

**Passed** 31

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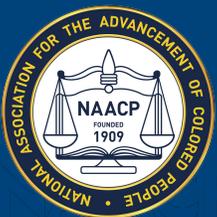


## Environmental & Climate Justice

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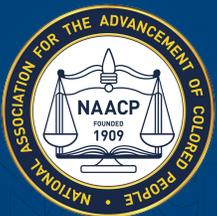
# Environmental & Climate Justice Bills Success Rate

20% of our supported bills passed both  
chambers.



# HB2054

**Adds reducing, modifying, or waiving local parking requirements or ratios to the strategies that may be included when trying to reduce density in areas.**

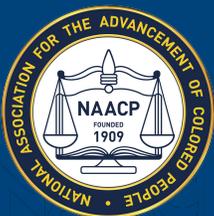


**HB2054-** Comprehensive plan; provision for transit-oriented development.  
Delegate Ibraheem S. Samirah

**Passed**

# HJ542

**The Department of Rail and Public Transportation to conduct a two-year study of transit equity and modernization in the Commonwealth, with emphasis on transit services and engagement opportunities for underserved and underrepresented communities.**

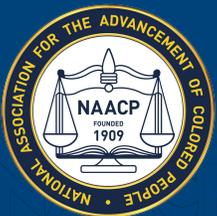


**HJ542-** Transit equity and modernization; Department of Rail and Public Transportation to study.  
Delegate Delores L. McQuinn

**Passed** 35

# HB2074 & SB1318

Concerned with establishing the Interagency  
Environmental Justice Working Group as an advisory  
council to further environmental justice in the  
Commonwealth



**HB2074**- Environmental Justice; interagency Working Group

Delegate Shelly A. Simonds

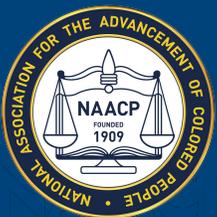
**SB1318**- Environmental Justice; interagency Working Group

Senator Ghazala F. Hashmi

**Failed**

# HJ559

Recognizing that global warming caused by human activity has resulted in a climate and ecological emergency



HJ559- Global warming; caused by human activity has resulted in a climate and ecological emergency.  
Delegate Elizabeth R. Guzman

**Failed**

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## Criminal & Juvenile Justice

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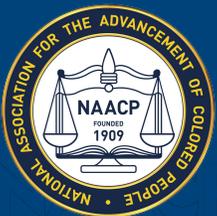
# Criminal & Juvenile Justice Bills Success Rate

**71% of our supported bills passed through  
both chambers!**



# HB1912

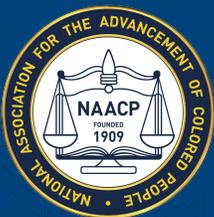
Parents are no longer required to pay child support to the department of social services for children who are in temporary juvenile custody.



**HB1912** - Child support payments; juvenile in custody of or committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice.  
Delegate Patrick Hope

# HB1990

**The chair of the House Committee for Courts of Justice or the Chair of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary can request that the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee prepare racial impact statements for potential criminal justice bills.**

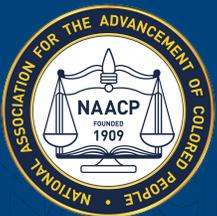


**HB1990** - Criminal justice legislation; racial and ethnic impact statements.  
Delegate Lashrecse Aird

**Passed**

# HB1991

**Secures early release and review hearings for  
juvenile offenders with reasonable cause.**

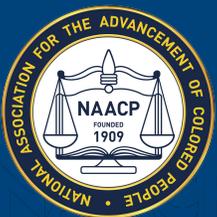


**HB1991** - Juveniles; release and review hearing for serious offender; plea agreement.  
Delegate Jerrauld Jones

**Passed** 42

# HB2017

Authorizes any jurisdiction to establish a youth justice diversion program.

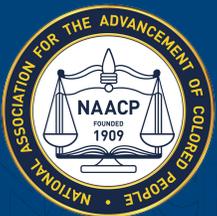


HB2017 - Juvenile offenders; youth justice diversion programs.  
Delegate Michael Mullin

Passed

# HB2113

Establishes a process for automatic expungement  
of certain criminal records.

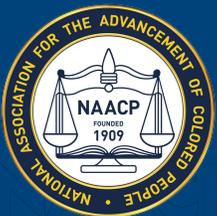


**HB2113** - Automatic expungement of criminal records; penalties.  
Delegate Charniele Herring

Passed

# HB2263 & SB1165

Abolishes the death penalty in the  
Commonwealth of Virginia.



**HB2263** - Abolition of the death penalty.

Delegate Michael Mullin

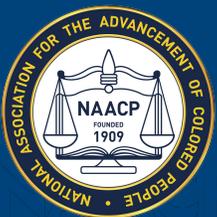
**SB1165** - Abolition of the death penalty.

Senator Scott Surovell

Passed

# HB2312 & SB1406

Eliminates penalties for simple possession of marijuana, while providing a process for automatic expungement of certain marijuana related crimes.



**HB2312** - Marijuana; legalization; retail sales; penalties.

Delegate Charniele Herring

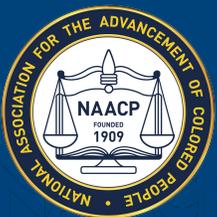
**SB1406** - Marijuana; legalization; retail sales; penalties.

Senator Adam Ebbin

Passed

# SB1266

Eliminates provisions regarding the rebuttable presumptions against being permitted to bail.

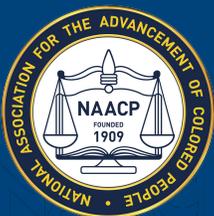


**SB1266** - Admission to bail; rebuttable presumptions against bail.  
Senator R. Creigh Deeds

Passed

# SB1315

**Permits the admission of evidence in trials that speaks to a defendant's mental condition at the time of an alleged offense.**



**SB1315 - Criminal proceedings; consideration of mental condition and intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

Senator Jennifer McClellan

**Passed**

# SB1339\*

Establishes a process for automatic sealing of criminal and police records for certain convictions, allows petitioning to have records related to marijuana possession, underage alcohol and tobacco possession, and fake ID use expunged, and creates expungement fee fund.



**SB1339** - Expungement and sealing of police and court records; Expungement Fee Fund created; protection of public record information; penalties.

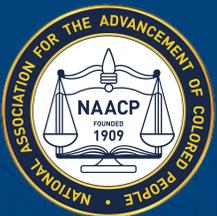
Senator Scott Surovell

**Passed**

\*The VA NAACP is recommending that this bill be amended to remove the eight-year waiting period that would require the hiring of an attorney.

# HB1941

**Requires audio and video footage to be released whenever a law-enforcement officer discharges a firearm, uses a taser, or uses a chemical irritant that results in death or serious bodily injury.**



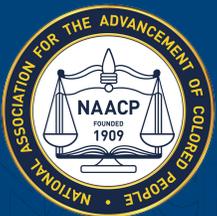
**HB1941** - Required release of video or audio recording; discharge of firearm or use of stun weapon or chemical irritant by law-enforcement officer.

Delegate Sam Rasoul

**Failed**

# HB2045

**Creates civil action for deprivation of rights by a law-enforcement officer, which may lead to the awarding of compensatory or punitive damages.**



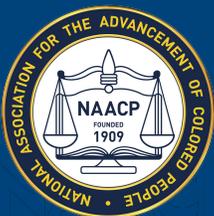
**HB2045** - Civil action for deprivation of rights; duties and liabilities of certain employers in employing or contracting for the services of law-enforcement officers.

Delegate Jeffrey Bourne

**Failed**

# HB2226

**Requires that any agency that determines that an individual is a member of a criminal street gang must report this in a written notice to the individual, or to a guardian if the individual is under the age of 18.**

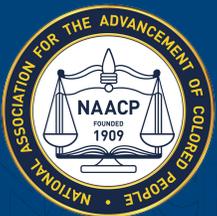


**HB2226** - Criminal street gang reporting; notice and process for contesting entry of information into databases.  
Delegate Kaye Kory

**Failed**

# HB2291

**Adds a sheriff's office to law-enforcement agencies that are overseen by law-enforcement civilian oversight bodies.**

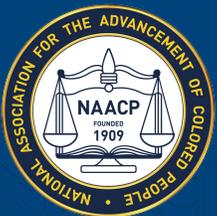


**HB2291** - Law-enforcement civilian oversight bodies; deputy sheriffs.  
Delegate Angelia Williams Graves

**Failed**

# SB1372

Establishes a process for automatic expungement  
for certain criminal records.



SB1372 - Automatic expungement of criminal records.

Senator Louise Lucas

**Failed**

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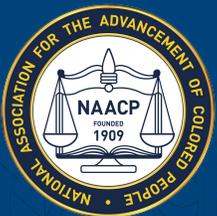


## Workforce, Labor, & Economic Development

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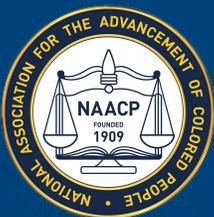
# Workforce, Labor, & Economic Development Bills Success Rate

**50% of our supported bills passed through  
both chambers!**



# HB2137

Requires employers to provide essential workers  
with paid sick leave.

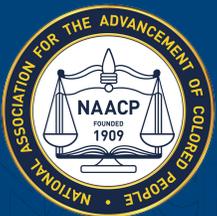


**HB2137** - Paid sick leave. Requires employers to provide certain employees paid sick leave.  
Delegate Elizabeth Guzman

Passed

# HB1784

**Establishes the Small Business Procurement Enhancement Program, which would require state agencies to utilize small businesses in at least 42% of procurement orders and contracts.**

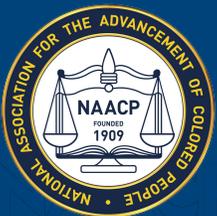


**HB1784** - Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; Small Business Procurement Enhancement Program established; report.  
Delegate Jeion Ward

**Failed**

# HB2155

**Makes workplace harassment an unlawful discriminatory practice for an employer, labor organization, or employment agency.**



**HB2155** - Virginia Human Rights Act; nondiscrimination in employment; sexual harassment and workplace harassment.

Delegate Vivian Watts

**Failed**

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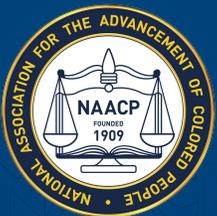


## Voting Rights & Political Education

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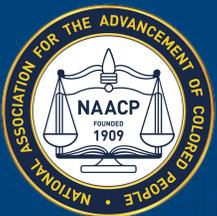
# Voting Rights & Political Education Bills Success Rate

**100% of our supported bills passed  
through both chambers!**



# HB1968

Permits the electoral board or general registrar to allow absentee voting in person on Sundays.



**HB1968** - Absentee voting; early in person; availability on Sundays.  
Delegate Lamont Bagby

**Passed**

# HJ555 & SJ272

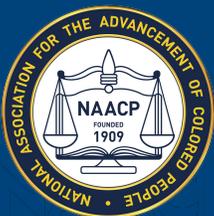
**Constitutional amendment that gives all citizens of age the right the vote, and automatically restores all voting and political rights to formerly incarcerated people.**

**HJ555** - Constitutional amendment (first reference); franchise and officers; felon disenfranchisement; automatic restoration of political rights.

Delegate Charniele Herring

**SJ272**- Constitutional amendment (first reference); franchise and officers; felon disenfranchisement; automatic restoration of political rights.

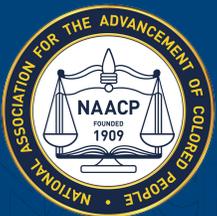
Senator Mamie E. Locke



**Passed**

# SB1395

**Prohibits discrimination in voting and elections administration by preventing changes from being made that could negatively impact a minority group.**



**SB1395** - Elections; prohibited discrimination in voting and elections administration; required process for enacting certain covered practices; civil causes of action.

Senator Jennifer McClellan

**Passed**

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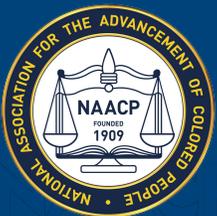


## Civil Rights

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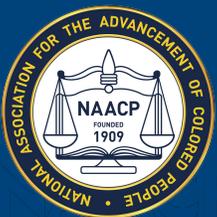
# Civil Rights Bills Success Rate

**100% of our supported bills passed  
through both chambers!**



# HJ537

**Declared Racism as a Public Health Crisis  
in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This will  
allow for greater steps to be taken to  
combat the systemic issue of racism.**

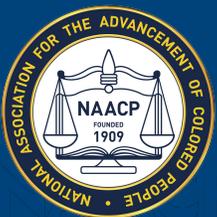


HJ537 - Racism; public health crisis.  
Delegate Lashrecse Aird

**Passed**

# HJ538

Recognizes that access to clean, potable, and affordable water is a necessary human right.



HJ538 - Access to water; human right.  
Delegate Lashrecse Aird

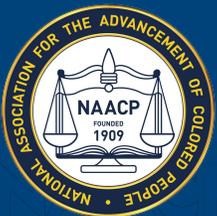
Passed



## Opposed Bills

# Opposed Bills Success Rate

**100% of our opposed bills either failed in a chamber or died in committee!**



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## Civil Rights

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# HB2235

Allowing voters to opt into being required to show a valid photo identification when voting in person.



HB2235- Voter identification; optional restrictive identification requirement.  
Delegate Amanda E. Batten

**Failed**

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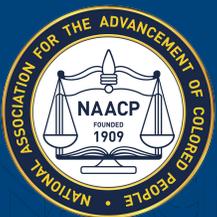


## Criminal & Juvenile Justice

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# SB1332

**Eliminates the requirements that a law-enforcement officer shall not use deadly force against a person unless he has provided a warning of deadly force he will use, if all other options have been exhausted.**



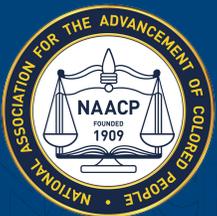
**SB1332**- Law-enforcement officer; use of deadly force during an arrest or detention.

Senator Bryce E. Reeves

**Failed**

# SB1361

**Require those serving on law-enforcement civilian oversight bodies to be a United States citizen and have a clean criminal record.**



**SB1361**- Law-enforcement civilian oversight bodies; person appointed shall be U.S. citizen, etc.

Senator Bryce E. Reeves

**Failed**

# NAACP

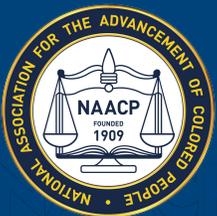


## Workforce, Labor, & Economic Development

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# SB1369

**Redefine the definition of small businesses, allowing for “cooperative associations,” to receive funds and other resources that Small, Women, and Minority (SWaM) owned businesses desperately need.**



**SB1369**- Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; definitions; small business.  
Senator Mark D. Obenshain

**Failed** 77



## Action Alert Data

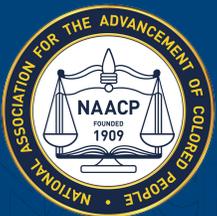
# Action Alert Data

**Total Messages Sent To Legislators**

11,501

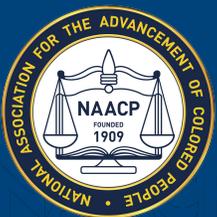
**Total Action Alerts Submitted**

1,142



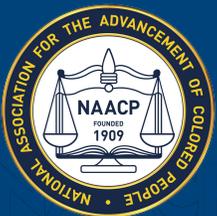
# Supporter City Data

Arlington sent the most messages  
coming in at 3,414!



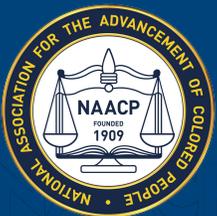
# Supporter City Data

West Springfield sent the least with a total of 1 message.



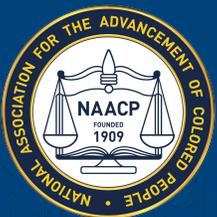
# Target Name Data

Delegate Marcus Simon received the most messages coming in at 451!



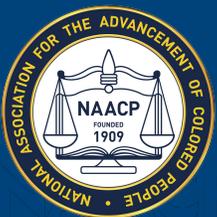
# Target Name Data

Senator Emmett Hanger received the least with a total of 1 message.



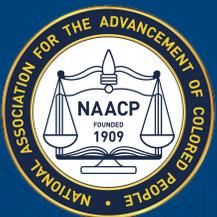
# Online Form Name Data

Our advocacy form for SB1369 received  
the most submissions 2,860!



# Online Form Name Data

Our advocacy form for HB1991 received the least submissions with a total of 1 message.



# Our Mandate

## **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

### *b. Objectives of State/State-Area Conferences.*

“...to coordinate the activities and secure the cooperation of Units within the State/State-Area Conference; to eliminate discrimination and injustice against minority people in the area; to seek the enactment of laws in the state legislature which will advance the programs and policies of the Association.”

*Excerpt from NAACP Bylaws for Units - March 2019*



# Our Charge

The NAACP must be so strong in numbers and so effective in method that no one—no Mayor of any city, no Governor of any state, no Congressman of any party, no president of the United States, no Foreign Ambassador will dare to commit any indignity against people of color without realizing the NAACP will challenge them on the platform, in the press, in the courts, in the streets and at the ballot box. *-Author Unknown*



# Roles of the Political Action Committees

## State Conference PAC

- Coordinate activities as requested by the National Office
- Set the statewide legislative agenda
- Determine NAACP policy on pending legislation and executive actions

## Branch PACs

- Coordinate activities as requested by the State Conference Political Action Committee
- Communicate the statewide legislative agenda with branch members
- Foster regular communication with legislators whose districts are within the branch's jurisdiction
- Provide local impact analysis to the state PAC

### REMEMBER

Any issue or policy matter that has either: statewide impact, or deals with state government **MUST** be presented by the state political action committee, **NOT** a local branch. Local branches should share information with the state political action committee as needed.

# Links & Resources

- **Virginia General Assembly website**
  - <https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/>
- **Legislative Information System (Bill-lookup)**
  - <https://lis.virginia.gov/>

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