

## LOBBYIST REPORT FOR SPRING 2022 CONVENTION

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### Legislative Update from the Keeney Group:

Last week Virginia lawmakers were back to Richmond to conduct a special session to wrap up unfinished work from the regular General Assembly session, including the state's two-year budget and bills that remain in limbo. Additionally, yesterday marked the Governor's last day to take action on bills from the regular 2022 legislative session. The Governor was required to amend, veto or sign legislation that made its way to his desk. For those bills that were amended by the Governor, they will be addressed at the upcoming reconvene session that begins on April 27th.

### VETO ACTIONS

Governor Glenn Youngkin announced that he vetoed 25 bills, including legislation that raised fees on household waste collection, limited the constitutionally vested authority of the State Corporation Commission, and would have made Virginia only the second state in the country to prohibit "name, image, likeness" deals for high school athletes. "My goal as Governor is to make Virginia the best place to live, work, and raise a family and the bills I vetoed today reaffirm that commitment," **said Governor Youngkin.** "I look forward to working together with members of the General Assembly in the future to ensure that we're working for all Virginians. Together we can make the Commonwealth a place where businesses can prosper, students can thrive, and communities are safer." **View Governor Youngkin's full list of vetoes [here](#).**

### AMENDMENT ACTIONS

Governor Glenn Youngkin announced amendments to more than 100 pieces of legislation. Many amendments were technical in nature, others included eliminating a potential tax increase on gaming receipts paid by charitable organizations, clarifying hemp sale statutes and prohibiting sales of products containing Delta-8, changes to a bill allowing law enforcement the limited use of facial recognition technology, and requiring the Loudoun County School Board to stand for election this fall. "The bipartisan accomplishments of this legislative session will be strengthened by the amendments I have added and will increase the positive impacts on Virginians," **said Governor Youngkin.** "We engaged stakeholders on important issues in community safety and provided a commonsense path forward on facial recognition technology for law enforcement without compromising individual freedoms. We provided accountability and transparency in education by ensuring school boards reflect the will of their constituents right now. We eliminated a possible tax increase on charitable organizations and lowered the tax rate on charitable gaming receipts. We protected Virginians from potentially harmful synthetically-modified substances while preserving the market for regulated CBD products currently available. I call on the General Assembly to adopt these changes and quickly enact them into law so that they can benefit all residents of the Commonwealth." **View Governor Youngkin's full list of amendments [here](#).**

**We will provide the final 2022 Legislative Monitoring Report after the 2022 Reconvene Session. In the meantime, if you need anything please let me know**

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