



**Dear {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},**

**Happy Crossover!**



***Senator Pekarsky with students from the NOVA Electric CoOp for Students!***

**It has been a busy week as we have now reached the halfway point of the 2026 session. I have spent this week in meetings with various advocacy groups, constituents and residents, as well as voting during long floor sessions. I am excited to share that I have 19 bills that have passed the Senate and are now up in the House!**

**Follow along to see what all I have been up to this week.**

**As always, it is a pleasure to serve you in the 36th District,**

**Cheers,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stella Pekarsky', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Stella Pekarsky**

**Senator, District 36**

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## **[Legislative Updates](#)**

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# Crossover Report

**I have the following bills crossing over to the House this year:**

<b><u>SB107</u></b> Jury Exemption	<b><u>SB169</u></b> Candidate Qualifications	<b><u>SB394</u></b> AI Pilot Program
<b><u>SB108</u></b> Phones in Schools	<b><u>SB172</u></b> Insurance Claims	<b><u>SB491</u></b> Immigrant Student Protections
<b><u>SB109</u></b> Safe Storage	<b><u>SB207</u></b> SUDEP	<b><u>SB492</u></b> Geologists
<b><u>SB115</u></b> Handgun Reciprocity	<b><u>SB258</u></b> Menopause Protections	<b><u>SB493</u></b> Click-to-Cancel
<b><u>SB117</u></b> Teacher Contracts	<b><u>SB305</u></b> Barrier Crimes	<b><u>SB685</u></b> Language Access
<b><u>SB126</u></b> Deadline Extension	<b><u>SB308</u></b> VDH; Opioid	
<b><u>SB137</u></b> Healthcare Facilities	<b><u>SB309</u></b> Blue Envelope	

Each of these bills delivers on our promise to address issues that are important to our community: affordability, accessibility, and protecting our fellow Virginians - especially those most vulnerable among us.

**Click the button below for each bill summary, full bill text, vote breakdown, and to track my legislation as it moves through the House.**

## Stella's Bills

### Centreville Gas Leak Updates

My office is in constant contact with the affected families and we are working diligently to make sure that residents

feel safe enough to re-enter their homes, that the investigation is carried out promptly, and that there is *accountability* for the situation.

As of this moment, the leak has been isolated, but crews are continuing to work towards locating and repairing the leak. The National Transportation Safety Board is conducting an investigation into the leak.

[Residents can find information and a contact form for the NTSB investigation here.](#)

[Fairfax County has created an information form to receive updates on re-entry plans.](#)

[Fairfax County has also created a central response page here.](#)

Any affected or concerned residents are encouraged to reach out to my office at [senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov)

## [Richmond Updates](#)

On Monday, my last bill ([SB305](#)) passed out of the Senate and is now headed to the house.

**THE SENATE OF VIRGINIA**

**BLOC**  
The bills on pages 10 through 20, that is bills SB620 through SB824

**YEAS: 39**                      **NAYS: 0**                      **R36: 0**

<b>YEA</b> Aird	<b>YEA</b> Ebbin	<b>YEA</b> McDougle	<b>YEA</b> Rouse
<b>YEA</b> Bagby	<b>YEA</b> Favola	<b>YEA</b> McPike	<b>YEA</b> Salim
Boysko	<b>YEA</b> French	<b>YEA</b> Mulchi	<b>YEA</b> Srinivasan
<b>YEA</b> Carroll Foy	<b>YEA</b> Hackworth	<b>YEA</b> Obenshain	<b>YEA</b> Stanley
<b>YEA</b> Cifers	<b>YEA</b> Head	<b>YEA</b> Peake	<b>YEA</b> Stuart
<b>YEA</b> Craig	<b>YEA</b> Jones	<b>YEA</b> Pekarsky	<b>YEA</b> Sturtevant
<b>YEA</b> Deeds	<b>YEA</b> Jordan	<b>YEA</b> Perry	<b>YEA</b> Suetterlein
<b>YEA</b> DeSteph	<b>YEA</b> Locke	<b>YEA</b> Pillion	<b>YEA</b> Surovell
<b>YEA</b> Diggs	<b>YEA</b> Lucas	<b>YEA</b> Reeves	<b>YEA</b> VanValkenburg
<b>YEA</b> Durant	<b>YEA</b> Marsden	<b>YEA</b> Roem	<b>YEA</b> Williams Graves

**SB305** would establish a waiver program for relatives or fictive kin that would allow the appropriate state and local social services departments to consider an approval for rehabilitated individuals. Each waiver would review a number of factors, including but not limited to: type of crime, time since conviction, evidence of rehabilitation, and community input.

This waiver program will lighten the burden of Virginia's extremely restrictive system, and allow those who have paid their dues to the Commonwealth to create happier and healthier homes for foster children.

Tuesday was officially crossover day! This means that bills that originated in the Senate, passed out of committee/subcommittee and have passed on the Senate floor, now head over to the House to undergo the same process.

Bill patrons will then present their bills to the appropriate House committee members for a vote, and if the bill passes the House committee, it then goes to the House floor for a full vote. This is a majority of what the next couple of weeks will look like!

On Wednesday, I welcomed my previous fall intern, Blythe Jones, to the Capitol to witness the legislative process and to see the bills she helped research pass through the General Assembly.



**It's always great to see such bright students getting engaged with the legislative process!**

**On Thursday, we welcomed our newest member, Senator-elect Elizabeth Bennet-Parker to the Senate!**





***Senator Pekarsky with advocates from CRI: (Choice, Respect, Independence)***



*Chief of Staff, Alex Kellum, with members from the Fairfax Education Association*

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## **[District Events & Public Meetings](#)**

**Saturday, February 21**

**[Black History Month Celebration - Sully Community Center](#)**

**Friday, February 27**

**[FCCPTA Reflections Awards Ceremony](#)**

**Saturday, February 28**

## [Community Survey on Potential Changes to Accessory Living Units](#)

To see the full February calendar for Fairfax County's public meetings and events, check out their website [HERE](#).

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## [Other News](#)

### [Fairfax County Paid Summer Internship Program for Students with Disabilities](#)

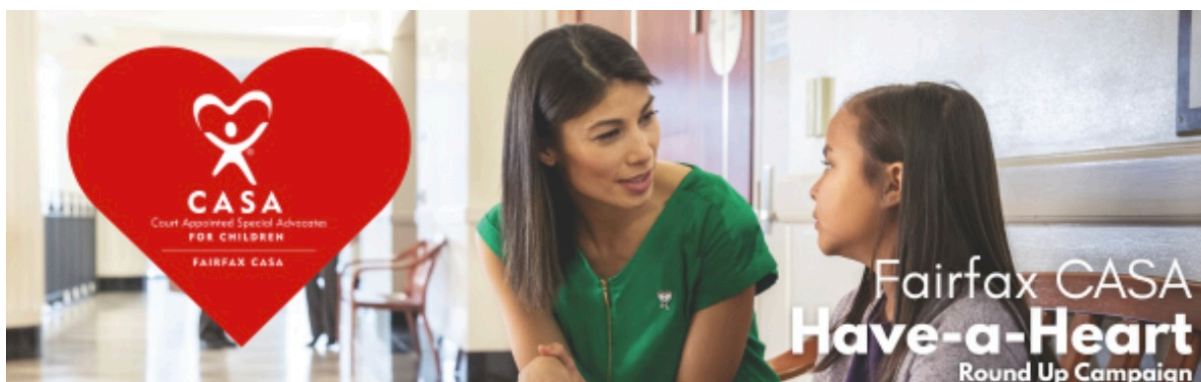
I am thrilled to share the Fairfax County Disability Rights and Resources is accepting applications for the [2026 John Hudson Internship Program](#) (JHIP).

This summer's paid internships are hosted within [Information Technology Services](#) in the Department of Land Development Services and the [Alcohol Safety Action Program](#) in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

**Application packets are due by Tuesday, March 31st at 11:59 PM**

**APPLY HERE**

### [Fairfax CASA Have-A-Heart Campaign](#)



**Have-a-Heart** is happening **all month long!** Simply round up your next purchase when you shop at [Fairfax Ace Hardware](#) or dine at [High Side](#).

## **Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to hold Public Meeting on March 17 to Consider Land-sale for Data Center Use**



The community will have the opportunity to provide public comments during the March 17 public hearing before the Board decides whether to enter the Purchase and Sales Agreement.

For more information, check out the Fairfax County Government Website by clicking the button below!

## **FFX GOVT WEBSITE**

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### **[Submit Issues to VDOT](#)**

VDOT has an online form that you can complete for a list of issues, including needing a road repaired, something removed from the road, a stop sign installation, and other requests. You can find that form [HERE](#).

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## **Contact my Office**

If you would like to schedule a meeting during the 2026 Legislative Session, contact our office directly at: [senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov)

I would love to hear directly from you!

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## **Commending & Memorial Resolutions**

Continue to submit your Commending & Memorial Resolution nominations by reaching out to my office directly at: [senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov)

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