



# Delegate Roslyn Tyler

## Virginia House of Delegates

### 75<sup>th</sup> District

### 2020 Spring Newsletter

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#### Tyler's 2020 Legislation

**HB 1348 - Overweight permits; forest products** -benefit the forestry industry across the Commonwealth and wood pellets industry such as Enviva in Southampton County.

**HB 168 -Charter change Town of Brodnax;** amending charter, reduces number of town councilmen

**HB 169 -Workers' compensation; occupational disease presumption** – correctional officers entitled to presumption that certain infectious diseases are compensable occupational diseases

**HJ 29-VDOC;** various joint subcommittee to study staffing level, employment conditions and compensation for correctional officers

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#### ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE 75<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

The 2020 Session of the Virginia General Assembly was one of the most historical sessions since the beginning of Virginia legislative history in 401 years. The first woman to serve as Speaker of the House, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, gaveled in the opening day of our 60-day session.

**Delegate Tyler** was honored to be appointed by Speaker of House Eileen Filler-Corn, **as the first Afro-American female, to serve as the chairperson of the State Committee on Education.** Additionally, Delegate Tyler was also appointed to the **House Appropriation Committee; Chesapeake, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee** and appointed as a **budget conferee** to finalize the state's budget.

After a successful record turn-out of voters during the 2019 November Election, Delegate Tyler immediately began to focus on her constituents' priorities and legislation to address:

1. Job creation
2. protection sportsmen/hunting/ 2<sup>nd</sup> amendments rights,
3. Broadband expansion,
4. Increasing salaries for teachers, correctional officers and deputy sheriffs
5. funding for Fire and emergency services,
6. agriculture and forestry,
7. funding K-12 and affordable college education,

Additionally, addressing the teacher's shortage, voting rights, and affordable health care continues to be some of her core priorities.



Shown: Delegate Tyler and Speaker of the House, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn

Updates Cont...

**HB 1349 Agriculture and Consumer Services**, remove language of department references to Division of marketing

**HB 1680 – Board of Education; Career and Technical Education Work-Based Learning Guide** – to expand the opportunities available for students to earn credit for graduation through high quality, work-based learning experiences, or in case of agriculture education, supervised agriculture experiences, in addition to job shadowing, mentorships, internships and externships.

**HB 395/SB7**

**APPROVED LEGISLATION TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE FROM \$7.25 /HR**

**TO \$9.50/HR EFFECTIVE**

**JANUARY 1, 2021**

**\$15.00 /HR**

**BY 2026**

**APPROVED BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

During this year’s session, Delegate Tyler worked hard for funding for Southside VA. She successfully passed budget amendment funding totaling over \$117M to improve Southside VA. Those budget amendments include:

- Language amendment for Scope of drainage problems originating from the Department of Transportation
- Paul D. Camp Community College Renovations for HVAC Repair
- James Solomon Russell/St. Paul College Museums and Archives
- Greensville County – Citizen United to Preserve Greensville County Training School
- Richard Bland College – Hiring New FTE
- District Court clerk position- funding for 60 positions throughout Commonwealth
- Joint Commission Study for Department of Corrections on salary and work conditions
- General Fund for the Enterprise Zone
- Expansion of Early Childhood Program for 3-4 year olds
- Holiday Lake 4-H Center

**HEALTHCARE**

Delegate Tyler believes that expanding access to affordable and quality healthcare, encouraging healthy communities and supporting better health outcomes for all Virginians, especially in rural areas should remain a high priority. Therefore, she supports further reforming our healthcare system, such as banning surprise billing, additionally expanding mental health services and lowering the cost of prescription drugs, such as capping the cost of prescription insulin at \$50 per month.

The state budget improves the healthcare system in Virginia, by raising Medicaid provider reimbursement rates to preserve access to critical services such as the Developmental Disability Waiver program and residential supported living. It will also provide funding to improve maternal health outcomes by extending Medicaid coverage 12 months postpartum.

**EDUCATION**

As chairman of the State Committee on Education, Delegate Tyler supported major investments in education includes funding for higher education institutions (to freeze FY2021 tuition for in-state undergraduates at the FY2020 level), increasing per pupil K-12 funding above FY2008 levels — even adjusted for inflation — and spending \$35 million for student aid and IT upgrades at Virginia’s historically black colleges and universities. Teachers at the K-12 level will also receive two percent pay raises in both FY2021 and FY2022. Additionally, the budget includes \$98 Million for early childhood program for 3 to 4 year-olds.

**SPORTSMANS RIGHTS**

**Protecting Sportsmen/Hunting Rights/2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment**

Delegate Tyler voted to protect our rights. Hunting has been part of Virginia’s Heritage for generations and promoted each year during the hunting seasons. Hunting and shooting ranges are recreational activities in her district that bring families and friends together for a day of fun. Therefore, she voted to support all Board of Supervisors and City Councilmen’s resolutions and constituent’s request to protect our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights to continue protect hunting/ sportsman rights.

**SUPPORT FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

For years, the Correction Officers have been our unsung heroes and on the front-line daily providing public safety to protect our communities. Delegate Tyler has five Correctional facilities in her district that currently have a shortage of correctional officers. She fought tirelessly to ensure the budget included a 10% salary increase for officers this year and a 3% increase in salary in 2021. Additionally, Delegate Tyler’s legislation (HJR 29) was passed to perform a study of the salaries and working conditions in correctional facilities. Delegate Tyler was also successful in passing HB169 which included correctional officers among the list of public safety officers which entitled them to worker’s compensation for certain infectious diseases and hepatitis.

**SHOWN: Delegate Tyler meets with Correctional Officers in support of increasing salaries.**



**CENSUS 2020**

**HELP YOUR COMMUNITY  
INCREASE FUNDING**

It is very important that you complete and encourage others to return their 2020 Census Survey. The purpose of the Census is to collect families’ data to ensure the federal government will equitable allocate money to educate our children, highway repairs/ construction, expand healthcare coverage, improve recreation/parks, emergency services and local government. For more information, visit:

<http://www.2020census.gov>

\*Extended til August 14, 2020

**Tax Deadlines**

Virginia Tax filing deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> with deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> to pay without penalty.

Federal tax filing deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup> with deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup> for extension.

**CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC- TOGETHER, WE WILL GET THROUGH IT**

There is an increased death rate among Virginians each day due to the deadly coronavirus. The Governor of Virginia, federal and state leaders and public health officials are responding daily to ensure our public safety. Governor Ralph Northam has extended Executive Order 53 until May 8, 2020.

The Executive Order 53 signed on March 24, 2020 banned crowds of 10 or more people, closed recreation/entertainment facilities, personal care businesses and limited restaurants to take out and delivery. Governor Northam’s Executive Order 55 directs individuals to stay at home unless they leave for essential services until June 10, 2020. Please abide by the regulations and Wash Hands constantly, wear your mask and maintain social distancing of 6 ft. to curtail the spread of the virus.

As a medical professional, I have loss friends during this pandemic, therefore, be mindful and responsible because this disease does not discriminate. I would like to thank our doctors, nurses, therapists, healthcare workers and essential staff for providing services and care on the frontline during this pandemic. Additionally, I would like to thank our community leaders, businesses and volunteers who has been providing food and supplies to our most vulnerable Virginian has been tremendous.

**For assistance, resources from across state government and up to date information on COVID-19 in Virginia, please visit [virginia.gov/coronavirus](http://virginia.gov/coronavirus).**



**SHOWN:** Delegate Tyler actively participated in community activities to help families during COVID-19 pandemic. ( FROM L to R ) Volunteering with Food Bank in Franklin, VA; Delegate Tyler at work screening patients at ER; Delegate Tyler delivers lunches to children during crisis.

**FROM THE DESK OF DELEGATE TYLER**

As the 2020 legislative session concludes, I would like to take the opportunity to let you know what I have fought for this year and what was accomplished for the people of Virginia. This newsletter is intended to keep you informed of highlighted legislation and budget allocations of the General Assembly.

It is an honor to serve our community in the General Assembly and a responsibility that I take very seriously. I need your help to provide the best representation that I can in Richmond. Please feel free to contact me and let me know which issues are important to you and how I can better serve our community.

Thank You,

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