

Recommendations from the 2025 Study Year Considered by the Virginia Commission to End Hunger

#	Source	Description of Recommendation	Vote	Patron
1	Legal Aid Justice Center	<p>Require the Department of Social Services, local departments, the Board of Social Services, and Commissioner to issue a public notice within 5 days of receiving any request for personally identifiable information for 25 or more applicants for (or recipients of) public assistance/social services, even if the impacted group has already provided consent to share their information via their application or other means. This provision should cover requests from any federal agency, other state governments, any law enforcement agency, or other agency whose principal obligations do not include providing public assistance or social services to individuals and families.</p> <p>Proposal: Add language to §§ 63.2-102 and 63.2-104</p>		
2	Dr. Andria D. Timmer	<p>Provide resources to local businesses to assist them in providing affordable food to communities. Resource options include micro-lending or micro-grant program to help entrepreneurs get businesses off the ground or to purchase equipment, access to entrepreneur training programs, or help with marketing.</p>		

Recommendations from the 2025 Study Year Considered by the Virginia Commission to End Hunger

#	Source	Description of Recommendation	Vote	Patron
3	Robin Robbins	<p>Develop an action plan for ending hunger in the Commonwealth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-12: Provide info on social services resources/programs at back-to -school night. Monthly resource handouts sent home to parents, ask parents to keep one and sign and return one. ○ HeadStart: Family meeting and sharing resources available for families, students and elders. ○ Staff presentation for each school, regarding resources available for families. Provide teachers with contact information to help connect families to resources. • Nonprofits: Work collaboratively with nonprofits to facilitate community meetings and share resources for families to help end hunger or meet additional needs of families. • Justice System: Study reentry planning required pursuant to §§ 53.1-32.2 and 53.1-140.1 to ensure appropriate resources are available to inmates prior to and after release. • Study options for ensuring that government documents for the general public should be at an 8th-grade reading level or below, as recommended by laws like the U.S. Plain Writing Act of 2010. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Government document assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work with colleges/universities to help develop apps that can be accessed on phones distributed by service organizations. ▪ Nonprofits/DSS/Assisted Living/Skilled Nursing Facilities: assist individuals with understanding and completing forms. 		

Recommendations from the 2025 Study Year Considered by the Virginia Commission to End Hunger

4	The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis	<p>Make changes to income, sales, and other taxes and credits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Income Tax Changes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establish a fair share tax, a new state income tax bracket of 10% only on annual taxable income that exceeds \$1 million b. Establish a new state income tax bracket, either with a 7% or 9% rate on the top 1% of incomes c. Establish a new state income tax bracket of 7% only on annual taxable incomes over \$600,000 d. Establish two new income tax brackets: a 6% tax rate on taxable income between \$100,000 and \$1 million, and 6.75% on income above \$1 million 2. Sales Tax Changes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Expand state sales tax base to include digital personal property and new economy services, including Business to Business (B2B) transactions for all new economy services b. Eliminate data center sales and use tax exemption, cap, or tie to energy efficiency standards c. Expand state sales tax base to include digital personal property and new economy services, only including B2B transactions for software application services d. Expand retail sales and use tax to select services, incl. delivery, dry cleaning, repair, and storage services (part of HB 1755, Del. Watts) e. Expand state sales tax base to include digital personal property and new economy services, not incl. any B2B transactions f. Increase the watercraft sales tax rate and eliminate \$2,000 cap (sometimes referred to as the 'yacht tax loophole') 3. Other Taxes and Credits <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reestablish the state estate tax b. End single sales factor apportionment for manufacturers for corporate income tax c. End the Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit (EISTC) d. Adopt mandatory combined reporting that treats a parent company and its subsidiary companies as a single entity for state income tax purposes. 		
---	--	---	--	--

Recommendations from the 2025 Study Year Considered by the Virginia Commission to End Hunger

#	Source	Description of Recommendation	Vote	Patron
		e. Switch to market-based sourcing for calculating the sales for the state's corporate income tax		
5	No Kid Hungry	Encourage schools to restart their Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) cycle during the annual CEP enrollment window, which starts a new 4-year cycle and locks in additional years of free meals access. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to do this, schools must abandon their SNAP/Medicaid enrollment percentage from the previous cycle and utilize the new enrollment data, from the current school year. 		
6	Chef Ann Foundation	Develop a school food workforce development program. Healthy School Food Pathway (HSFP) helps aspiring, beginner, and experienced school food professionals gain the skills they need to create and manage successful K–12 scratch-cook meal operations. HSFP is administered by the Chef Ann Foundation in partnership with school districts.		
7	Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore	Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credits: Budget language transferring up to \$5 million in unused Education Improvement Scholarship tax credits to a designated NAP tax credit fund for food banks.		

Recommendations from the 2025 Study Year Considered by the Virginia Commission to End Hunger

#	Source	Description of Recommendation	Vote	Patron
8	Del. Cousins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1 bill directing state agencies and stakeholders to provide an annual report to the General Assembly and Governor's Office on food insecurity and hunger Legislation and budget language to establish Virginia versions of the LFPA and LFS programs, which provided funding for schools and food banks to purchase food from local farmers, under VDACS, with similar goals, eligibility, and distribution criteria. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget: Up to \$7.6 million for LFPA 2025 and potentially \$13 million for LFS Budget language to increase funding for the Hunger Free Campus Grant program to support food pantries on college campuses. Section 1 bill directing DOE to submit a report on the current status of the Farm to School program. The report shall identify procurement and implementation challenges for school divisions and make policy recommendations to overcome such challenges. 		
9	Eddie Oliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1 bill directing relevant agencies to develop a plan for all nutrition based programs administered by the Commonwealth regarding (1) the expansion of the CommonHelp application to include WIC and other nutrition programs across departments; (2) data sharing; and (3) increased automatic enrollment or referrals across said departments and such programs. Establish privacy-protected data-sharing agreements between the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), and established community partners for limited-purpose outreach to eligible households and application assistance 		
10	Jennifer Montgomery	<p>Budget language to support schools in providing additional meals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, during the Covid-19 pandemic, schools played a major role in providing food to whole families, including younger siblings. As we face unprecedented food needs right now, it might be helpful to send some money to the schools for additional meals. 		

Recommendations from the 2025 Study Year Considered by the Virginia Commission to End Hunger