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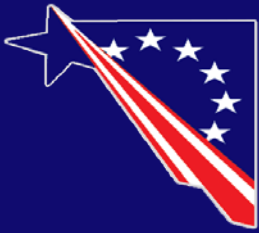


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# 2018 Legislative Priorities

- Meals Tax Parity with Cities and Towns
- Support for Public Schools
  - *Full funding of all components*
- Alternative Revenue Sources
- Interstate 64 Widening
  - *Widening - Williamsburg to Richmond*
- Colonial Behavioral Health Services Initiatives



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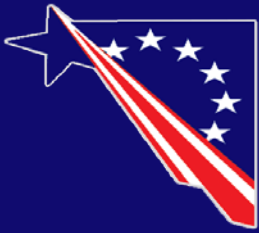
# 2018 Legislative Positions

- No Unfunded Local Mandates or Local “Aid to the Commonwealth”
- Support for Virginia’s Tourism Industry
- Transient Occupancy Tax Calculation
- Equivalent Revenue Options
- Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act Funding
- Transportation Safety Initiatives
- Inclement Weather Procedures



# Meals Tax Parity for Counties

- Section 58.1-3833 of COV currently authorizes Counties to levy a tax on the purchase of prepared and ready to eat food and beverages:
  - *At a rate not to exceed 4%*
  - *If approved by a referendum initiated by the governing body or by petition of at least 10% of registered voters*
  - *Arlington, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Frederick and Montgomery Counties are exempt from referendum requirement*
- Cities and Towns are not capped at 4% and are not subject to a referendum requirement



# Meals Tax Parity for Counties

## Legislative Proposal

*Enable counties, on the initiative and action by their governing bodies (and without referendum), to establish a meals tax at a rate determined appropriate by the governing body, but not to exceed 8%.*



# Meals Tax Parity for Counties

- 47 of Virginia's 95 counties assessed a Meals Tax in 2014
  - Rates ranged from 3.1% to 4% (*only one County had a 2% rate*)
- All Cities (38) assessed a Meals Tax
  - Lowest - 4%
  - Highest - 7.5%
  - Median - 6%
- Cities bordering York County
  - Hampton / Newport News – 7.5%
  - Poquoson – 6%
  - Williamsburg – 5% (increases to 7% July 1, 2018)



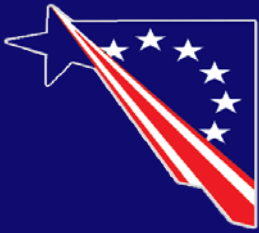
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# Support for Public Schools

Enhanced state funding support could assist the School Division in a variety areas, including:

- Standards of Quality (SOQ) Achievement
- Teacher salary increases
- Support Staff and operations
- Capital projects and maintenance



# Alternative Revenue Options

- Subcommittee on Local Government Fiscal Stress examining the disparity between cities and counties as well as potential incentives to encourage regional cooperation
- Greater Williamsburg Area is compelling example of different authority coupled with a common goal of stabilizing and supporting the tourism-driven economy
- At the same time, each locality must address its own priorities
- In the case of the two counties, alternative revenue-producing options and authorities would enhance the ability to do both



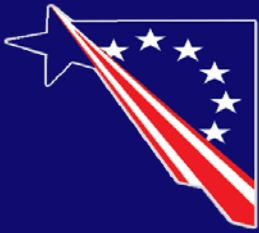


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# Interstate 64 Widening

- Hampton Roads segment extends to Route 199 at Lightfoot
- Richmond segment extends to Bottoms Bridge
- Not included in any plans for widening is the 28-mile segment in between

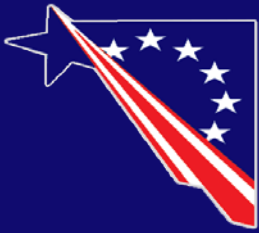


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# Colonial Behavioral Health

- 2017 State Code amendments added several additional service / program mandates that must start in 2019
- Only one of those was a “funded” mandate
- The “unfunded” new mandates amount to \$200 Million statewide
- Should either include funding, remove mandates, or add “subject to availability of funds” language
- Recognize and provide funding to support the significant role that CBH can play in combating opioid addiction
- Support CBH acquisition of 25 acres of Eastern State Hospital property



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