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## About Delegate Joseph Lindsey

I represent the 90<sup>th</sup> House District, an area covering part of Norfolk and Virginia Beach. I serve on the Commerce and Labor, Privileges and Elections and Finance committees.

**The Commerce and Labor Committee** establishes legislation and/or policy as it relates to the State Corporation Commission, public utilities (electricity, natural gas, water, sewage, telephone, internet and transportation) companies, and the insurance industry.

**The Privileges and Elections Committee** considers matters concerning voting; apportionment; conflict of interests; constitutional amendments; elections; reprimand and censure of office holders; and nominations and appointments to various offices or positions in the Commonwealth.

**The Finance Committee** considers matters concerning general and special revenues of the Commonwealth; and taxation matters, including, tax exemptions such as property tax, sales and use tax, food and beverage tax and car tax exemptions.

As a member of the Virginia House Democratic Caucus I pledge to continue the fight to improve life for all citizens of the Commonwealth. I have made efforts to pass Medicaid expansion, raise the minimum wage, and to address criminal justice reform.

## Legislation Introduced

You informed me of the issues important to you. This session I was the chief patron or chief co-patron of more than one-hundred pieces of legislation designed to address issues of women's rights, military and veteran benefits, criminal justice reform, civil liberties, voting and education. Please visit [lis.virginia.gov](http://lis.virginia.gov) to view legislation.

Some of the legislation included:

[HB 17 Grand larceny; increases threshold amount](#)

[HJ 32 \(Resolution\) Coal dust blown from moving trains, etc.](#)

[HB 66 Health insurance; credits for retired school employees](#)

[HB 146 National Guard; employment protections](#)

[HB 183 Income tax return; notification of data breach, etc.](#)

[HB 227 Adoption by stepparent; background check](#)

[HB 229 Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction and Bond Rating Protection Act of 2018; report.](#)

[HB 260 Virginia Critically Missing Adult Alert Program; created.](#)

[HB 523 Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, etc., Board for; Landscape Architects](#)

[HB 685 Cybersecurity Student Loan Repayment Grant Program; established, report](#)

[HB 688 Student discipline; alternative education programs](#)

[HB 1034 Biased policing; training standards](#)

[HB 1069 Vehicle registration; extension for satisfaction of certain requirements](#)

[HB 1267 State employee health plan; coverage for gender transition services](#)

[HB 1570 Grand larceny and certain property crimes; penalties](#)

[SB 256 Norfolk, City of; amending charter, appointment of officers, record of ordinances, etc.](#)

[SB 513 Enhanced Public Safety Telephone Services Act; 9-1-1](#)

## Legislative Updates



### Criminal Justice Reform

#### Larceny Threshold / Retention of Records

##### [HB 1550 Grand larceny: increases threshold amount](#)

Increases from \$200 to \$500 the threshold amount of money taken or value of goods or chattel taken at which the crime rises from petit larceny to grand larceny. The bill increases the threshold by the same amount for the classification of certain property crimes.

##### [HB 1310 Retention of case records: electronic format](#)

Allows the clerk of a district court to destroy the papers, records, and documents in civil and criminal cases after the case has ended if such papers, records, and documents have been digitized or converted to an electronic format. Under current law, such records can be destroyed after three years. Current law exceptions for records with administrative, fiscal, historical, or legal value and records for certain specified misdemeanors are retained.

##### [HB 1570 Grand larceny and certain property crimes: penalties.](#)

Increases from \$200 to \$500 the threshold amount of money taken or value of goods or chattel taken at which the crime rises from petit larceny to grand larceny. The bill increases the threshold by the same amount for the classification of certain property crimes. The bill provides that any conviction for a misdemeanor larceny or property crimes offense when the value involved is \$200 or more but less than \$500 carries a 5-day mandatory minimum sentence. In addition, a second petit larceny within a

### Proposed Budget Amendments

[Medicaid Expansion](#) passed in the House budget. I am optimistic that we will be able to get it through the Senate.

This House budget included a responsible path to increasing healthcare funding for low-income Virginians while ensuring long-sought and conservative reforms to Medicaid.

##### [HB 29 & SB 29](#)

The proposed amendments to the 2016-18 budget (HB/SB 29) included \$294.4 million in general fund resources. These resources include: (1) a \$134.9 million upward revision to the general fund revenue forecast; (2) transfer reductions totaling \$18.1 million; and, (3) a net balance adjustment of \$177.7 million. When combined with the \$8.4 million unappropriated balance contained in Chapter 836, the net adjustments provide \$302.8 million in available unappropriated resources. With these adjustments, general fund resources and transfers in FY 2018 total \$20.7 billion. Proposed spending utilizes only about one-third of the increases in available resources, leaving a balance of \$201.6 million to be carried forward into the next biennium in HB/SB 30.

##### [HB 30 & SB 30](#)

To provide a portion of revenues for the two years ending respectively on the thirtieth day of June, 2019, and the thirtieth day of June, 2020.

I've only written about a few of the initiatives that I have patronized this session. It is an honor to serve you in the House of Delegates and I am proud of the work that we have accomplished together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at [lindseyfordeldelegate@gmail.com](mailto:lindseyfordeldelegate@gmail.com) or [DelJLindsey@house.virginia.gov](mailto:DelJLindsey@house.virginia.gov). Visit me on our website [delegatejoelindsey.com](http://delegatejoelindsey.com) or keep up with us on [Facebook.com/Joseph.Lindsey](https://www.facebook.com/Joseph.Lindsey) or [Facebook.com/delegatejoelindsey](https://www.facebook.com/delegatejoelindsey).

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Discussing political issues on Cox Channel 11

## Communication To Constituents

The only way that I can be an effective legislator is to make myself aware of the issues and concerns of the people that I serve. In this regard I maintain regular office hours at the General Assembly and my district office. In addition I have sent out constituent surveys ([delegatejoelindsey.com](http://delegatejoelindsey.com)) to gain an appreciation from the people of the district as to which issues are most important to them. Among visitors received at the legislative offices have been members of the Education Association of Norfolk (EAN), Zeta Phi Beta sorority, students from Norfolk State and Old Dominion Universities, representatives of Tidewater Community Board and members of the Virginia Young Democrats of America, the Children of the Sun and Ballentine Civic League, The Jewish Federation, Children's Health Investment Program of South Hampton Roads (CHIP) and American Association of Retired People (AARP).



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The Education Association of Norfolk (EAN)



Members of the Old Dominion University Student Government Association



The Children of the Sun and Ballentine Civic League



Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated of Virginia