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## About Delegate Joseph Lindsey

Delegate Lindsey represents the 90th House District of the General Assembly, an area covering part of Norfolk and Virginia Beach. Delegate Lindsey is an attorney who has practiced before the Hampton Roads courts for 30 years. Prior to being elected to the House of Delegates, he spent the last 15 years serving as a substitute judge in various general district and juvenile and domestic relations district courts throughout Hampton Roads.

## Committee Assignments

Appointed to the Committee of Courts of Justice and Civil Courts subcommittee

Appointed to the Committee of Education and Higher Education subcommittee

Appointed to the Committee of Privileges and Elections and Constitutional Amendments subcommittee.

## 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 have maintained regular office hours at the General Assembly and my district office. In addition we have sent out constituent surveys 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 Zeta Phi Beta sorority, students from Tidewater Community College, Norfolk State and Old Dominion Universities, members of the Girl Scouts, The Jewish Federation, National Rifle Association (HRA), the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia, Children's Health Investment Program of South Hampton Roads (CHIP) and American Association of Retired People (AARP).

## Legislation Introduced

In my many communications with the people of the 90th House District you have let me know the issues important to you. This session, I was the chief patron or chief co-patron of fourteen pieces of legislation designed to address issues of voting and civil rights, health and public safety, education and veteran educational and entrepreneurial opportunities. I worked with my republican and democratic

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*Delegate Lindsey introduced 14 pieces of legislation. Some of the legislation included:*

*HB1369 Raises the grand larceny threshold from \$250 to \$500.*

*HB1521 Any municipality that employs one hundred deputies or more shall wear body cameras.*

*HB1783 Allows the Department of Social Services to establish and operate an arrears compromise program pursuant to which it may compromise child support arrears and interest accrued thereon owed to the Commonwealth for reimbursement of public assistance paid.*

*HB2260/HB1639 Provides that a person convicted in a federal court of an offense substantially similar to Virginia's DUI law may petition the general district court that he be assigned to a certified alcohol safety program and issued a restricted driver's license.*

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colleagues to try to accomplish objectives for the benefit of my constituents. With many of the pieces of legislation I introduced, that battle continues.

**Education:** Campus assaults have been a topic of much discussion in recent months. I have supported legislation to ensure that victims of assault have access to much needed services. Additionally, I supported a measure that requires a mutual aid agreement between universities and police for the reporting of campus assaults.

**Budget:** One of my most important tasks here in Richmond is to help craft a fair and structurally sound budget. We need to appreciate the service to this commonwealth offered by our first responders, teachers and military and craft a budget to appropriately compensate them. At the same time we need to fund social programs for our most at need while maintaining a public safety initiative for our most vulnerable.

Both chambers have proposed increases to the Governor's Opportunity fund which is key for job creation and economic development. Additionally, there is increased K-12 per pupil spending, and additional funds put into our revenue stabilization fund, also known as the rainy day fund.

I've only written about a few of the initiatives that I have patroned 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 [Lindseyfordelegate@gmail.com](mailto:Lindseyfordelegate@gmail.com) or [Deljlindsey@house.virginia.gov](mailto:Deljlindsey@house.virginia.gov).

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