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### **Body**

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#### **Prince William Sued Over Immigrant Plan Residency Check Called Violation of Federal Law**

Civil rights groups filed a lawsuit targeting Prince William County's crackdown on illegal immigrants, arguing that a measure ordering police to check the residency status of people in custody violates federal law.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, asks a judge to declare unconstitutional a controversial resolution that Prince William supervisors passed in July. The enforcement efforts, including a bid to curb public services for illegal immigrants, have not taken effect, and supervisors have said it is too early to decide whether to allocate the \$14.2 million needed to fund them.

Meanwhile, Fairfax County Sheriff Stan G. Barry (D), who runs Virginia's largest jail, has decided to begin screening inmates for immigration violations and working with federal authorities to deport those in the country illegally.

#### **Va. Report Finds Psychiatrist Shortage Emergency Treatment for Mentally Ill Lacking**

Virginia lacks enough experienced psychiatrists to evaluate the mentally ill, there aren't enough beds for those seeking emergency treatment in many areas and hospitals are losing money on mentally ill patients, according to a state government report.

The report, by the Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission, states that 47 of Virginia's 135 localities do not have public psychiatrists and that 87 do not have public child psychiatrists. In addition, half of the state's psychiatrists are in seven Virginia localities, according to the report, and one in five is in Fairfax County, Fairfax City and Falls Church.

#### **Warner Has Wide Lead in Senate Race Poll Pits Ex-Governor Against Davis and Gilmore**

Former Virginia governor Mark R. Warner (D) holds a 30-point lead over his two potential Republican rivals in next year's U.S. Senate race, boosting Democrats' chances of expanding their congressional majority and highlighting the party's ascendancy in the state, according to a new Washington Post poll.

Warner, who announced his candidacy last month, would get more than 60 percent of the vote in a hypothetical matchup against Rep. Thomas M. Davis III or former governor James S. Gilmore III, the two Republicans who have indicated they might run.

### **Possible New Site Emerges for Army Jobs Alexandria Property's Owners Begin Lobbying**

When the U.S. Army agreed in late summer to rethink plans to move thousands of jobs to Fort Belvoir in southern Fairfax County, it did so largely on the promise of an alternative property in Springfield near Metro and Virginia Railway Express stations.

But another site, in Alexandria, has emerged as a competitor. In recent weeks, its owners have pressed Pentagon officials and two congressmen to move the jobs there. The Alexandria property, known as the Victory Center, sits on 16 acres along Eisenhower Avenue not far from the Van Dorn Metro station. Prudential Real Estate Investors owns the site.

### **Across the Region D.C. School-Voucher Program; Metro Fare Talks**

Â• The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship program, designed to send low-income children in the District to better-performing private schools, has allowed some students to take classes in unsuitable learning environments and from teachers without bachelor's degrees, according to a government report. The shortcomings are detailed in a draft prepared by the Government Accountability Office.

Â• Metro board members voted to delay for two weeks consideration of proposals to raise fares. That gives them more time to consider three plans they put forth as alternatives to one recommended by General Manager John B. Catoe Jr.

## **Graphic**

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IMAGE; By Donnie Biggs -- Potomac News Via Associated Press; Gearing Up Sen. James Webb rides a VRE train with VRE official Jennifer Straub. VRE is pushing for federal funds to buy new locomotives. Webb says VRE could benefit from the new taxation authority of a regional transportation program.

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