

Status of JLC 2021 Recommendations – as of April 7, 2021

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>How it was addressed</i>	<i>Bill Number or Budget Amendment Item</i>	<i>Success? (Bill passed or funding included in budget)</i>
JLC 2021-01 <i>Income Tax Subtraction for Certain Low-Income Disabled Veterans</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federal adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.	Legislation (Bill)	<u>HB2337 (Wiley)</u> Passed House 100-0 Left in Senate Finance and Appropriations	No
JLC 2021-02 <i>Promote Hiring of Virginia National Guard and Reserve Members</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve \$50,000 to create a grant program to incentivize small to medium-sized Virginia employers to hire members of the Virginia National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves.	Legislation (Bill) and Budget Amendment Request	<u>HB 1771 (Freitas)</u> Left in House Appropriations <u>Budget Amendment Request (Reid)</u> Not included in budget <u>Budget Amendment Request (McDougle)</u> Not included in budget	No
JLC 2021-03 <i>Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Members</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly amend the Code of Virginia to provide a real estate property tax exemption to both the surviving spouses of service members who were “ <i>Killed in Action</i> ” and those who “ <i>died while serving or from a service connected injury or illness.</i> ”	House Joint Resolution	<u>HJ 614 (Mundon King)</u> Left in House Privileges and Elections	No
JLC 2021-04 <i>Disabled Veteran State Park Passport</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly expand the Virginia Disabled Veteran’s Passport to any Virginia veteran who has been found to have a service-connected compensable or non-compensable disability.	Legislation (Bill)	<u>HB 1766 (Cox)</u> Left in House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	No

JLC 2021-05 <i>Reduced Price Annual Passes to Virginia State Parks for Guard Members</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly grant a 50% reduced price annual passes to Virginia State parks to members of the Virginia National Guard.	Legislation (Bill)	No bill submitted	No
JLC 2021-06 <i>No Cost License Plates for guard Members</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly further reduce the cost of license plates to recognize the service and commitment of our National Guard members, by changing the current 50% reduced price for a maximum of two license plates per household and registrations to 100% reduction for a single (1) license plate and registration.	Legislation (Bill)	<u>HB2261 (Wyatt)</u> Passed House 99-0 Passed Senate 31-6-1	Governor Approved effective 7/1/2021
JLC 2021-07 <i>Partial State Tax Exemption for Military Income</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly support changes to the current Virginia tax laws for a partial exemption of military retirement pay to reduce state tax on military retirement income.	Legislation (Bill)	<u>SB 1151 (Kiggans)</u> Left in Senate Finance and Appropriations <u>SB1448 (Chase)</u> Passed by indefinitely in Senate Finance and Appropriation	No
JLC 2021-08 <i>Support for the Department of Veterans Services' Programs and Services</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly take action to restore the funding for critical DVS programs and services.	Budget (appropriation)	Introduced Budget and budget approved by General Assembly include \$727,000 for DVS (funding for programs that address behavioral health, suicide prevention, homelessness, claims processing, and women veterans)	
Letters <i>At the October 21, 2020 meeting, the JLC voted to address two policy proposals with letters.</i>				
<i>Revision to the Code of Virginia Ensuring VSO honor Guards, Color</i>	The 2020 General Assembly amended §18.2-433.2 of the Code of Virginia to make a person guilty of unlawful paramilitary activity punishable as a Class 5 felony, if he:	Legislation (Bill)	<u>SB 1129 (Reeves)</u> Passed Senate 34-5	No

<p><i>Guards, and Rifle Teams are Exempted from Inadvertent Impacts of State Statutes</i></p>	<p><i>“1. Teaches or demonstrates to any other person the use, application, or Making of any firearm... 2. Assembles with one or more persons for the purpose of training with practicing with, or being instructed in the use of any firearm... 3. Violates subsection A of § 18.2-282 while assembled with one or more persons for the purpose of and with the intent to intimidate any person or group of persons.”</i></p> <p>The JLC’s concern is that a VSO honor guard, color guard, or rifle team member may be inadvertently be identified as a member of a paramilitary organization and held liable. The JLC requests that the Code be amended to provide a specific exemption for these activities.</p>		<p>Left in House Public Safety</p>	
<p><i>Support for Annual State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) program briefings for National Guard Members</i></p>	<p>The JLC supports efforts to ensure Virginia National Guard members receive an annual briefing on the SSLI program, facilitated and coordinated through the Adjutant General.</p>	<p>Administrative (agency operations)</p>	<p>Letter sent to Secretary Hopkins</p>	<p>In process</p>