

Status of JLC 2023 Initiatives – as of February 24, 2023

<i>Initiative Number</i>	<i>JLC Recommendation</i>	<i>VSO</i>	<i>Budget Item or Budget Amendment #</i>	<i>Bill Number and Patron</i>	<i>Status/Next Steps</i>
JLC 2023-01 <i>Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Service Members to also include “Died in the Line-of-Duty”</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly reform the Virginia state law, Tax Relief for Surviving Spouse of a Member of the Armed Forces “Killed in Action” through a Virginia Constitutional Amendment to include died on active duty in the section that addresses surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action.	MOAA	N/A	SJ231 (Senator McPike) NOTE: A similar resolution was introduced in the House (HJ533 Delegate Tran) and was left in House Privileges and Elections	SJ231 passed the Senate and House. An identical resolution must pass the 2024 General Assembly in order to be on the ballot in the November 2024 General Election
JLC 2023-02 <i>Real Property Tax Exemption Effective Date</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly Amend the Veteran Real Property Tax law to make explicit that local jurisdictions must provide a veteran or surviving spouse the exemption as far back as the veteran or surviving spouse is eligible, but not earlier than January 1, 2011, regardless of when the veteran or surviving spouse applies.	ROA	N/A	HB1470 (Delegate Watts) HB2361 (Delegate Wiley) NOTE: A similar bill was introduced in the House (HB2361 Delegate Wiley) and was left in House Finance	HB1470 passed House 99-0 and is in Senate Finance
JLC 2023-03 <i>Removal of Age Requirement Income Tax Subtraction</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly remove the 55-year age limitation on exemption of military retirement income from state tax	AL / AUSA	N/A	HB1436 (Delegate McGuire) HB1690 (Delegate Greenhalgh) SB1194 (Senator Reeves)	HB1436 Passed by indefinitely in Senate Finance; HB1690 Left in House Finance; SB1194 Passed by indefinitely in Senate Finance
JLC 2023-04	That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate an additional \$400,000 (GF) to the Department of	FRA	HB1400/SB800 (Budget Bills),	HB2362 (Delegate Wiley)	HB 2362 Passed House and Senate

<p><i>Appropriate \$400,000 (GF) for State Veterans Cemeteries; Eliminate Spouse/Dependent and Guard/Reserve Burial Fees</i></p>	<p>Veterans Services so that the spouse and Guard/Reserve burial charges may be eliminated at Virginia State Veterans Cemeteries, and that Virginia work with Congress to secure the funding (in the VA budget) to extend the VA plot allowance to spouses at all state veterans cemeteries nationwide.</p>		<p>Item 471 (Governor's Introduced Budget). \$400,000 GF increase to eliminate spouse/dependent and guard/reserve burial fees.</p>	<p>SB924 (Senator DeSteph) NOTE: A similar bill was introduced in the House (HB1565 Delegate Convirs-Fowler) and was left in House Appropriations</p>	<p>(HB2362ER) SB924 Passed Senate and House (SB924ER)</p>
<p>JLC 2023-05 <i>Virginia National Guard State Park Admission</i></p>	<p>That the Governor and General Assembly grant free admission to Virginia State parks to members of the Virginia National Guard.</p>	<p>VNGA</p>	<p>HB1400/SB800 (Budget Bills), Item 375 (Governor's Introduced Budget). \$20,000 GF increase to offset decreased operating revenue.</p>	<p>HB1388 (Delegate Fowler) SB915 (Senator Morrisey)</p>	<p>HB1388 Passed House and Senate (HB1388ER) SB915 Passed Senate and House (SB915ER)</p>
<p>JLC 2022-06 <i>Virginia National Guard Income Tax Exemption</i></p>	<p>That the Governor and General Assembly adjust increase the amount of income excluded from State Income Tax from \$3,000 to \$6,000 and increase the pay grade eligibility to LTC (O5 pay grade).</p>	<p>VNGA</p>		<p>HB2373 (Delegate Wyatt) SB1210 (Senator Mason). The conference bill has passed the Senate and is awaiting House vote as of 02/24</p>	<p>HB2373 Passed House and Senate (HB2373ER). Increases to \$5,500 and O6</p>