

2023 Virginia General Assembly Military and Veterans Bills and Resolutions that passed both chambers - as of 03/06/2023

HOUSE BILL NUMBER	LIS SUMMARY	STATUS	RELATED BILL(S)	JLC
HB1388 Fowler Virginia National Guard Passport; established, free entry and parking for state parks.	<p>State parks; Virginia National Guard Passport established; free entry and parking. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to establish a Virginia National Guard Passport that authorizes a member of the Virginia National Guard to enter state parks without paying a parking or admission fee. This bill is identical to SB 915.</p>	<p><i>Passed House (99-Y 0-N); Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>SB915</p>	<p>2023-05</p>
HB1425 Coyner Conservators of the peace; search warrants; military criminal investigative organizations	<p>Conservators of the peace; search warrants; military criminal investigative organizations. Provides that a special agent of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division and United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations shall be a conservator of the peace and may serve a search warrant jointly with a Virginia law-enforcement officer. Under current law, of the federal military investigation offices, only a special agent of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service has this authority. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to SB801 .</p>	<p><i>Passed House (98-Y 0-N); Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>SB801</p>	
HB1624 Ballard Mental health and rehabilitative services; military serv. members transitioning to civilian life.	<p>Department of Veterans Services; Adds military service members transitioning from military to civilian life to the list of persons supported by the program for mental health and rehabilitative services administered by the Department of Veterans Services. The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to include in the Department's annual report data related to such transitioning service members and an overview of the activities of the Military Spouse Liaison, including any legislative recommendations. This bill is identical to SB 1071.</p>	<p><i>Passed House (100-Y 0-N); Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>SB1071</p>	

HB1759 Reid Commissioner of Dept. of Veterans Services to study strategic plan making VA. the best	<p>Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services; workgroup; statewide strategic plan; report. Directs the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to convene a workgroup to study and develop recommendations for implementing a statewide strategic plan to guide legislation to make Virginia the best state for veterans. The Commissioner or his designee shall serve as chairman and be responsible for conducting the meetings of the workgroup, developing key performance indicators that can be compared with those of other states in determining veterans' quality of life, and reporting the workgroup's findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology.</p>	<p><i>Passed House 99-Y 0-N; Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>		
HB2033 Sewell Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; Va. to become a signatory to Compact	<p>Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. The Compact increases public access to audiology and speech-language pathology services by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses for such services. The Compact has been enacted in 23 states and the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission is currently preparing rules and bylaws in order for the member states to be fully integrated in the Compact's data system. <i>(Supports spouses of relocating Active Duty Military personnel)</i></p>	<p><i>Passes House (99-Y 0-N); Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>		
HB2077 Murphy Veterans Services, Department of; disclosure of services provided.	<p>Department of Veterans Services; disclosure of services provided. Requires all attorneys who hold accreditation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to assist veterans with VA-related claims and appeals processes to provide a written disclosure informing all clients of the free services provided by the Department of Veterans Services for service members, veterans, and their families.</p>	<p><i>Passed House 99-Y 0-N; Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>		
HB2080 Murphy License plates, special; issuance for women veterans	<p>Special license plate; women veterans. Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for supporters of women veterans bearing the legend SUPPORT WOMEN VETERANS. This bill is identical to SB1372.</p>	<p><i>Passed House (100-Y 0-N); Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>SB1372</p>	

HB2246 Cordoza License plates, special; military service, unremarried surviving spouses.	<p>Special license plates; military service; unremarried surviving spouses. Authorizes unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive a special license plate for military service to also receive such special license plates. The law currently authorizes this for certain types of military service. This bill incorporates HB 1868.</p>	<p><i>Passed House (100-Y 0-N); Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>HB1868</p>	
HB2362 Wiley Military spouses; burial fees.	<p>Burial fees for military spouses. Provides that, from such funds as may be appropriated or otherwise received for such purpose, the Commonwealth shall pay any burial fee for (i) a member of the National Guard and Reserve or (ii) a deceased spouse of a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or of the National Guard and Reserve, regardless of whether such spouse's death precedes or succeeds the death of the member or veteran. This bill is identical to SB 924.</p>	<p><i>Passed Senate with substitute (38-Y 1-N) Senate substitute agreed to by House (97-Y 1-N)</i></p>	<p>HB1565 SB924</p>	<p>2023-04</p>
HB2373 Wyatt Income tax, state; subtraction for members of National Guard.	<p>Income tax subtraction; National Guard. Increases from \$3,000 to \$5,500 the income tax subtraction for wages or salaries of a member of the National Guard of the Commonwealth for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023. The bill also expands the military ranks that qualify for the subtraction from O3 and below to O6 and below.</p>	<p><i>Conference report agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N); Conference Report agreed to by House (93-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>SB1210</p>	<p>2023-06</p>
HB2414 Scott Real property; tax exemption for disabled veterans or surviving spouse.	<p>Real property tax exemption; disabled veterans. Allows a disabled veteran or surviving spouse to apply for a real property tax exemption and receive a decision prior to purchasing a qualifying property. The bill provides that the commissioner of the revenue of the county, city, or town, or such other officer as may be designated by the governing body in which the property is located, shall, within 20 business days of receiving the application, process the application and send a letter to the disabled veteran or surviving spouse stating whether the application is approved or denied. If the application is approved, the bill requires the letter to include the amount of the tax exemption approved. The bill provides, however, that the exemption described in such letter shall become effective only after the disabled veteran or surviving spouse becomes the owner of the property.</p>	<p><i>Passed House (99-Y 0-N); Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>		

SENATE BILL NUMBER	LIS SUMMARY	COMMITTEE	RELATED BILL(S)	JLC
SB801 Surovell Conservators of the peace; search warrants; military criminal investigative organizations	<p>Conservators of the peace; search warrants; military criminal investigative organizations. Provides that a special agent of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division and United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations shall be a conservator of the peace and may serve a search warrant jointly with a Virginia law-enforcement officer. Under current law, of the federal military investigation offices, only a special agent of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service has this authority. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is identical to HB 1425.</p>	<p><i>Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N); Passed House (99-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>HB1425</p>	
SB802 Hashmi Counseling Compact; licensure of professional counselors.	<p>Licensure of professional counselors; Counseling Compact. Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Counseling Compact. The Compact permits eligible licensed professional counselors to practice in Compact member states, provided that they are licensed in at least one member state. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024, and directs the Board of Counseling to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. The Compact takes effect when it is enacted by a tenth member state. <i>(Supports spouses of relocating Active Duty Military personnel)</i></p>	<p><i>Passed Senate (35-Y 5-N); Passed House (97-Y 1-N)</i></p>		
SB915 Morrissey Virginia National Guard Passport; established, free entry and parking for state parks	<p>State parks; Virginia National Guard Passport established; free entry and parking. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to establish a Virginia National Guard Passport that authorizes a member of the Virginia National Guard to enter state parks without paying a parking or admission fee. This bill is identical to HB 1388.</p>	<p><i>Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N); Passed House (99-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>HB1388</p>	<p>2023-05</p>
SB924 DeSteph Military spouses; burial fees.	<p>Burial fees for military spouses. Provides that, from such funds as may be appropriated or otherwise received for such purpose, the Commonwealth shall pay any burial fee for (i) a member of the National Guard and Reserve or (ii) a deceased spouse of a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or of the National Guard and Reserve, regardless of whether such spouse's death precedes or succeeds the death of the member or veteran. This bill is identical to HB 2362.</p>	<p><i>Passed House with substitute (97-Y 1-N); House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>HB1565 HB2362</p>	<p>2023-04</p>

SB955 Ruff Higher educational institutions, public; tuition grants, Virginia National Guard.	<p>Public institutions of higher education; tuition grants; Virginia National Guard. Provides that public institutions of higher education may enter into special arrangement contracts with the Virginia Department of Military Affairs for the purpose of providing reduced rate tuition charges for any member of the Virginia National Guard receiving state tuition assistance grants. The bill also provides that in order to be eligible for such state tuition assistance grant a member of the Virginia National Guard must have two years remaining on his service obligation to the Virginia National Guard as of the last day of the last term or semester for which tuition assistance is requested. Current law provides that as a condition of being awarded a tuition assistance grant a member of the Virginia National Guard will incur a two-year service obligation to commence after the last day of the term or semester for which tuition assistance is requested.</p>	<p><i>Passed House with substitute (96-Y 0-N); House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>		
SB1071 Bell Mental health and rehabilitative services; military serv. members transitioning to civilian life	<p>Department of Veterans Services; mental health and rehabilitative services; Military Spouse Liaison. Adds military service members transitioning from military to civilian life to the list of persons supported by the program for mental health and rehabilitative services administered by the Department of Veterans Services. The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to include in the Department's annual report data related to such transitioning service members and an overview of the activities of the Military Spouse Liaison, including any legislative recommendations. This bill is identical to HB 1624.</p>	<p><i>Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N); Passed House (99-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>HB1624</p>	
SB1082 DeSteph Veterans Services, Dept. of; hospitals that furnish comprehensive treatment program for veterans.	<p>Department of Veterans Services; post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury treatments; data collection. Allows the Department of Veterans Services (the Department) to contract with any hyperbaric clinic providing medical-grade 100 percent oxygen in U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved chambers in the Commonwealth or any hospital that furnishes a comprehensive treatment program that includes, medication, psychotherapy, and hyperbaric oxygen therapy, from an accredited program, to any veteran in the Commonwealth who has been certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as having post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury. The Department shall include in any contract with such clinic or hospital the requirement that data be collected to assess the efficacy of such treatments for veterans and any other information deemed relevant by the Department.</p>	<p><i>Passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) Passed House (96-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>SB1234 SB1446 HB1891</p>	

SB1210 Mason Income tax, state; subtraction for members of National Guard.	<p>Income tax subtraction; Virginia National Guard. Increases to \$5,500 the amount of the income tax subtraction for income derived from service as a member of the Virginia National Guard and expands eligibility to those persons in the ranks of O6 and below beginning in taxable year 2023. Under current law, the subtraction may not exceed \$3,000 and is only available to those persons in the ranks of O3 and below.</p>	<p><i>Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N) and by House (91-Y 0-N) House: VOTE: Adoption (91-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>HB2373</p>	<p>2023-06</p>
SB1372 Vogel License plates, special; issuance for women veterans.	<p>Special license plate; women veterans. Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for supporters of women veterans bearing the legend SUPPORT WOMEN VETERANS. This bill is identical to HB 2080.</p>	<p><i>Passed House with substitute (99-Y 0-N); House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>HB2080</p>	
SJ231 McPike Constitutional amendment; property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses.	<p>Constitutional amendment (first reference); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty. Expands the current tax exemption for real property available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty with a Line of Duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense.</p>	<p><i>Agreed to by Senate (38-Y 0-N); Agreed to by House (95-Y 0-N)</i></p>		<p>2023-01</p>
SJ256 Vogel Warrior Call Day; designating as first Sun. after Veterans Day in 2023 & in each succeeding year	<p>Warrior Call Day. Designates the first Sunday after Veterans Day, in 2023 and in each succeeding year, as Warrior Call Day in Virginia.</p>	<p><i>Agreed to by Senate by voice vote; House: Agreed to by House (98-Y 0-N)</i></p>		

SJ287 Reeves Flight training programs; new processes by which schools can adjust student pricing for veterans	Flight training programs; veterans. Encourages the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and the Virginia State Approving Agency to develop and implement new processes by which flight training and aircraft maintenance training schools in Virginia can adjust student pricing for veterans based on market conditions.	<i>Agreed to by Senate by voice vote; Passed House (95-Y 0-N)</i>		
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Count (introduced) 52: HB: 27 HJ: 3 SB: 18 SJ: 4

Count (at crossover 02/07) 30. HB: 14 HJ: 0 SB: 12 SJ: 4

Count (bills/resolutiona that passed both chambers as of 03/06) 23. HB: 11 SB:9 SJ:3

2023 Virginia General Assembly Military and Veterans Bills and Resolutions that did not pass in 2023 Session

HOUSE BILL NUMBER	LIS SUMMARY	STATUS	RELATED BILL(S)	JLC
HB1436 McGuire Income tax, state; military benefits subtraction, age restriction.	Income tax; military benefits subtraction; age restriction. Removes the age 55 or older restriction on those individuals allowed a military benefits income tax subtraction beginning with taxable year 2023.	Passed House (98-Y 0-N 1-A); Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 5-N)	HB1690 SB1194 SB1462	2023-03
HB1460 Wiley Income tax, state; subtraction for low-income mil. veteran w/permanent service-connected disability	Income tax; subtraction for low-income military veterans with a permanent service-connected disability. Provides an income tax subtraction for the military retirement income received by a veteran who has been rated with a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability for taxable years on and after January 1, 2023. The bill provides that the subtraction is available only to those taxpayers whose federal adjusted gross income is not greater than 150 percent of the federal poverty level for a four-person household.	House: Left in Finance		
HB1470 Watts Real property; tax exemption for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses.	Real property tax; exemption for disabled veterans and surviving spouses. Provides that a person who is eligible for the real property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses is entitled to a refund, retroactive to his date of eligibility, of taxes paid during the period of exemption, excluding interest or penalties. Under the bill, the refund is exempt from the statute of limitations for applications for correction of an assessment.	Passed House (99-Y 0-N) Senate: Left in Finance and Appropriations	HB2361	2023-02
HB1565 Convors-Fowler Military spouses; burial fees	Burial fees for military spouses. Provides that, from such funds as may be appropriated, the Commonwealth shall pay the burial fees charged for the burial at a veterans cemetery operated by the Department of Veterans Services for (i) a member of the National Guard and Reserve, (ii) a spouse of an active duty member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or a spouse of a member of the National Guard and Reserve, or (iii) a surviving spouse of such member or veteran.	House: Left in Appropriations	SB924 HB2362	2023-04
HB1690 Greenhalgh Income tax; military benefits subtraction; age restriction	Income tax; military benefits subtraction; age restriction. Removes the age 55 or older restriction on those individuals allowed a military benefits income tax subtraction beginning with taxable year 2023.	House: Left in Finance	HB1496 SB1194 SB1462	2023-03

HB1791 Filler-Corn Veterans' Behavioral Health Services Grant Matching Fund; created, report	<p>Veterans' Behavioral Health Services Grant Matching Fund; established. Creates the Veterans' Behavioral Health Services Grant Matching Fund for the purpose of providing matching funds to local nonprofit organizations to establish and expand community behavioral health programs to serve service members, veterans, and their families. The Fund is administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.</p>	<p><i>House: Left in Appropriations</i></p>		
HB1867 Scott Virginia Retirement System; prior service or membership credit	<p>Virginia Retirement System; prior service or membership credit. Allows a member of the Virginia Retirement System who is a teacher to receive at no cost up to four years of service credit for prior active duty military service in the armed forces of the United States.</p>	<p><i>House: Left in Appropriations</i></p>		
HB1868 Scott Special license plates; military service; unremarried surviving spouses	<p>Special license plates; military service; unremarried surviving spouses. Authorizes unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive a special license plate for military service to also receive such special license plates. The law currently authorizes this for certain types of military service</p>	<p><i>House: Left in Transportation</i></p>	<p>HB2246</p>	
HB 1882 Freitas Virginia National Guard member benefits; health savings accounts	<p>Virginia National Guard member benefits; health savings accounts. Provides that a member of the Virginia National Guard may elect to receive, in lieu of any tuition assistance grants, a matching contribution from the state to a health savings account. The bill requires the Department of Military Affairs to establish a health savings account for any member who elects to receive this benefit, with a matching contribution equal to the member's contribution up to the maximum amount allowable by federal law. The bill provides that eligible members must (i) have a minimum remaining obligation of two years, (ii) have satisfactorily completed required initial active duty service, (iii) be satisfactorily performing duty in accordance with regulations of the National Guard, and (iv) be eligible for such an account under federal law. The bill also provides that if a member ceases to be eligible for a health savings account, by reason of being called to active duty military service or otherwise, all contributions from the state shall stop, and the Department of Military Affairs shall provide notice to the member of the loss of eligibility</p>	<p><i>House: Tabled in Public Safety</i></p>		

HB1890 Tata Public institutions of higher education; admissions; Virginia Promise to Veterans Act; report.	<p>Public institutions of higher education; admissions; Virginia Promise to Veterans Act; report. Establishes the Virginia Promise to Veterans Act for the purpose of removing barriers to higher education for veterans of the uniformed services, as defined in the bill, and assisting such veterans in making the transition to civilian life in the Commonwealth. In furtherance of this purpose, the bill directs the governing board of each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to provide for the guaranteed acceptance of any eligible veteran applicant, defined in the bill as any applicant who served as a member of the uniformed services and (i) graduated from a high school in the Commonwealth or (ii) served in the uniformed services while assigned to a location in the Commonwealth and who otherwise meets the admissions requirements to enroll as an undergraduate student at such institution. The bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System, to develop guidelines relating to the administration of the provisions of the chapter for the governing board of each public institution of higher education and to develop guidelines for potential eligible veteran applicants, including any additional resources available to eligible veterans applying under the Act.</p>	<p><i>Passed House 99-Y 0-N; Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (10-Y 6-N)</i></p>	<p>SB1356</p>	
HB1891 McGuire Transcranial magnetic stimulation; DBHDS to establish pilot program	<p>Transcranial magnetic stimulation; pilot program. Requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish a pilot program to make electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic stimulation available for veterans, first responders, and law-enforcement officers. The bill requires the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish regulations for the pilot program</p>	<p><i>House: Left in Appropriations</i></p>	<p>SB1082 SB1234 SB1446</p>	
HB2036 Sewell Veterans care center; DVS to establish in the eastern portion of the Northern Va. region, report	<p>Department of Veterans Services; veterans care center in Northern Virginia; report. Directs the Department of Veterans Services to study and develop a plan for the establishment of a veterans care center in the eastern portion of the Northern Virginia region and to report such plan to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health by November 1, 2023</p>	<p><i>House: Left in Appropriations</i></p>		

HB2076 Murphy Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility	<p>Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility. Makes several changes to the eligibility criteria for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program, including (i) shortening from five years to one year all of the relevant mandatory physical presence or domicile requirements, (ii) changing the requirement for veterans to be at least 90 percent permanently disabled to qualify for program benefits to a requirement for such veterans to have a static rating of at least 90 percent disabled, and (iii) declaring eligible for program benefits the stepchildren of eligible living veteran military service members.</p>	<p><i>House: Left in Appropriations</i></p>		
HB2152 Guzman Public institutions of higher education; in-state tuition; children of active duty service members	<p>Public institutions of higher education; in-state tuition; children of active duty service members or veterans. Provides that any child of an active duty service member or veteran who claims Virginia as his home state and filed Virginia tax returns for at least four years during active duty service is eligible for in-state tuition charges regardless of domicile. Under current law, any such child is eligible for in-state tuition charges if such service member or veteran claims Virginia as his home state and filed Virginia tax returns for at least 10 years during active duty service</p>	<p><i>House: Left in Education</i></p>		
HB2361 Wiley Real property tax; exemption for disabled veterans and surviving spouses	<p>Real property tax; exemption for disabled veterans and surviving spouses. Provides that a person who is eligible for the real property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses is entitled to a refund, retroactive to his date of eligibility, of taxes paid during the period of exemption, excluding interest or penalties. Under the bill, the refund is exempt from the statute of limitations for applications for correction of an assessment.</p>	<p><i>House: Left in Finance</i></p>	<p>HB1470</p>	
HB2473 Seibold Department of Labor and Industry; workplace poster for veterans benefits and services	<p>Department of Labor and Industry; workplace poster for veterans benefits and services. Directs the Department of Labor and Industry, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Services, to create a poster describing benefits and services available to veterans and allows employers to request and display such poster in the workplace. The bill enumerates a minimum group of resources the poster shall include, including (i) Department of Veterans Services' programs, contact information, and website address; (ii) substance abuse and mental health treatment resources; (iii) educational, workforce, and training resources; (iv) tax benefits; (v) eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits; (vi) legal services; and (vii) the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Crisis Line.</p>	<p><i>House: Left in Commerce and Energy</i></p>		

HJ497 Reid Constitutional amdmt.; prop. tax exemption for surviving spouses of certain members of armed forces	Constitutional amendment (first reference); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of certain members of the armed forces. Provides that the General Assembly may by general law exempt from taxation the real property of a surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States who died in the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Under a current constitutional provision, only the surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who was killed in action is eligible for the real property tax exemption.	<i>House: Left in Privileges and Elections</i>		
HJ533 Tran Constitutional amendment (first reference); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses	Constitutional amendment (first reference); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty. Expands the current tax exemption for real property available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty with a Line of Duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense.	<i>House: Left in Privileges and Elections</i>	SJ231	2023-01
HJ539 Mundon-King Study; Department of Transportation; exempting certain veterans from paying tolls; review of month	Study; Department of Transportation; exempting certain veterans from paying tolls; review of monthly toll collections; report. Requests the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility and impact of exempting persons with disabled veteran license plates from paying tolls and review the total amount of monthly tolls collected in the Commonwealth.	<i>House: Left in Rules</i>		

SENATE BILL NUMBER	LIS SUMMARY	COMMITTEE	RELATED BILL(S)	JLC
SB783 Reeves Issuance of a restricted driver's license	Issuance of a restricted driver's license for multiple convictions of driving while intoxicated; completion of specialty dockets. Provides that a person whose driver's license has been revoked for multiple convictions of driving while intoxicated may file a petition for the issuance of a restricted driver's license without having to wait for the expiration of three years from the date of his last conviction when such person's last conviction resulted from a final order being entered by a court after the successful completion of a Veterans Treatment Court Program, behavioral health docket, or other specialty docket.	<i>Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N); House: Left in Courts of Justice</i>		

SB890 Hashmi Veterans' Teaching Licensure Support Fund and Program; created and established	Veterans' Teaching Licensure Support Fund and Program; established. Establishes the Veterans' Teaching Licensure Support Fund and Program for the purpose of supporting veterans and service members teaching in a public school in the Commonwealth or pursuing a career in education in the Commonwealth by awarding a reimbursement grant to eligible veterans and service members to reimburse them for their professional studies tuition expenses incurred toward receiving teacher licensure in the Commonwealth.	<i>Passed Senate (38-Y 0-N) House: Tabled in Appropriations (12-Y 9-N)</i>		
SB1032 Stuart State subsidy of property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and surviving spouses of military members killed in action	State subsidy of property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and surviving spouses of military members killed in action. Requires the Commonwealth to subsidize local real estate tax relief for disabled veterans and surviving spouses of members of the United States Armed Forces killed in action when more than one percent of a locality's real estate tax base is lost due to such state-mandated tax relief programs. The bill provides that the Commonwealth will subsidize only that portion of tax-exempt real estate that exceeds the one percent threshold and requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to establish an application process whereby a locality demonstrates that more than one percent of its real estate tax base was lost. Under the bill, the Auditor certifies to the Governor and the General Assembly those localities that are eligible for a subsidy and the Governor includes in the Budget Bill a proposed appropriation of the amount of the state subsidy to be provided to localities certified as eligible localities.	<i>Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations</i>		
SB1194 Reeves Income tax; military benefits subtraction; age restriction	Income tax; military benefits subtraction; age restriction. Removes the age 55 or older restriction on those individuals allowed a military benefits income tax subtraction beginning with taxable year 2023	<i>Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations</i>	HB1436 HB1690 SB1462	2023-03
SB1202 Reeves In-state tuition eligibility; certain non-Virginia students who are members of the Virginia Guard.	In-state tuition eligibility; certain non-Virginia students who are members of the Virginia National Guard. Declares eligible for in-state tuition at a public institution of higher education, regardless of domicile, any non-Virginia student who is a member of the Virginia National Guard and who is eligible pursuant to relevant law for a grant in the amount of the difference between the full cost of tuition and any other educational benefits for which he is eligible as a member of the Virginia National Guard	<i>Passed Senate (38-Y 0-N); House: Tabled in Appropriations (19-Y 2-N)</i>		

SB1234 Cosgrove Transcranial magnetic stimulation; pilot program	<p>Transcranial magnetic stimulation; pilot program. Requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish a pilot program to make electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic stimulation available for veterans, first responders, and law-enforcement officers. The bill requires the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish regulations for the pilot program.</p>	<p><i>Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N); House: Tabled in Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)</i></p>	<p>SB1082 SB1446 HB1891</p>	
SB1356 Reeves Public institutions of higher education; admissions; Virginia Promise to Veterans Act; report	<p>Public institutions of higher education; admissions; Virginia Promise to Veterans Act; report. Establishes the Virginia Promise to Veterans Act for the purpose of removing barriers to higher education for veterans of the uniformed services, as defined in the bill, and assisting such veterans in making the transition to civilian life in the Commonwealth. In furtherance of this purpose, the bill directs the governing board of each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to provide for the guaranteed acceptance of any eligible veteran applicant, defined in the bill as any applicant who served as a member of the uniformed services and (i) graduated from a high school in the Commonwealth or (ii) served in the uniformed services while assigned to a location in the Commonwealth and who otherwise meets the admissions requirements to enroll as an undergraduate student at such institution. The bill requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System, to develop guidelines relating to the administration of the provisions of the chapter for the governing board of each public institution of higher education and to develop guidelines for potential eligible veteran applicants, including any additional resources available to eligible veterans applying under the Act.</p>	<p><i>Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations</i></p>	<p>HB1890</p>	

SB1446 Cosgrove Department of Veterans Services; hyperbaric oxygen therapy; data collection	<p>Department of Veterans Services; hyperbaric oxygen therapy; data collection. Allows the Department of Veterans Services to contract with any hospital in the Commonwealth that furnishes the treatment option of hyperbaric oxygen therapy to provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy to any veteran in the Commonwealth who has been certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as having post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury. The Department shall include in any contract with such hospital to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy the requirement that data be collected to assess the efficacy of hyperbaric oxygen therapy for veterans and any other information deemed relevant by the Department.</p>	<p>Senate: Incorporated by General Laws and Technology (SB1082)</p>	<p>SB1082 SB1234 HB1891</p>	
SB1462 Chase Income tax; military benefits subtraction; age restriction	<p>Income tax; military benefits subtraction; age restriction. Removes the age 55 or older restriction on those individuals allowed a military benefits income tax subtraction beginning with taxable year 2023.</p>	<p>Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations</p>	<p>HB1436 HB1690 SB1194</p>	<p>2023-03</p>
SJ251 Locke Acknowledging with profound regret the denial of benefits under the G.I. Bill to Black World War II.	<p>Acknowledging with profound regret the denial of benefits under the G.I. Bill to Black World War II veterans. Expresses the sentiment of the General Assembly in acknowledging with profound regret the denial of benefits under the G.I. Bill to Black World War II veterans. In acknowledging this injustice, the General Assembly expresses its support for measures addressing the harm committed against Black World War II veterans.</p>	<p>Agreed to by Senate by voice vote; House: Left in Rules</p>		

2023 Virginia General Assembly Military and Veterans Budget Items - Introduced Budget (12/15/2022)

ITEM	AGENCY	SUMMARY	FY 23 GF	FY23 NGF	FY22 VPBA	FY24 GF	FY24 NGF	FY23 VBPA	JLC
42	Supreme Court	Provides funding to support specialty treatment dockets for Veterans, Behavioral Health, and Drug Treatment.				\$3,500,000			
283	SHHR	Funds a consultant in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources that will study the Commonwealth's coordination of behavioral health and substance abuse programs with an emphasis on veterans. The one-time study will include, but not be limited to, state efforts to address substance use disorder, suicide and post-traumatic stress disorder.				\$250,000			
375	DCR	Appropriates general fund dollars to address revenue loss associated with providing free admission to the state parks for members of the Virginia National Guard.				\$20,000			2023-05
405	DCJS	Provides funding and one position to coordinate Virginia's efforts in assisting military personnel interested in pursuing a law enforcement career in Virginia after transitioning from the military.				\$100,328			
469	DVS	Provides additional nongeneral fund appropriation and an increase to the existing working capital advance to support start-up costs at the Jones and Cabacoy Veterans Care Center in Virginia Beach and the Puller Veterans Care Center in Fauquier County.					\$20,500,000		

470	DVS	Funds five veterans service representatives to coordinate expanded veterans care services provided by the federal Pact Act. The Pact Act expands health care and benefits to veterans who were exposed to certain substances during their service.				\$416,667			
470	DVS	Provides appropriation for a new program coordinator to support the Hire Vets Now/SkillBridge Fellowship program. This position will develop partnerships with organizations that provide internships, apprenticeships, and				\$96,250			
471	DVS	Provides funding to cover burial fees for the spouses and dependents of veterans, and members of the National Guard and Military Reserve				\$400,000			2023-4
474	VSF	Provides funding for a financial manager position to support the operations of the Foundation				\$109,079			
C-69.10	DVS	Provides funding and appropriation to replace fire alarm systems at Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond	\$244,519	\$454,106					
C-69.50	DVS	Provides authority for the Department of Veterans Services to request federal funding from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to construct a replacement veterans care center in Roanoke. This action also authorizes a short-term interest-free treasury loan for the state share of the construction cost.					Language Only		
C-69.50	DVS	Provides authority for the Department of Veterans Services to request federal funding from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to renovate the Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond. This action also authorizes a short-term interest-free treasury loan for the state share of the renovation cost.					Language Only		

C-70	DMA	Provides funding to be used as match for federal funding that becomes available for repair, improvement, or modernization projects at readiness centers.				\$3,000,000			
C-70.50	DMA	Provides nongeneral fund appropriation to construct a new Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) in Sandston, Virginia, for the Virginia Army National Guard (VaARNG).					\$126,788,000		
C-71.10	DMA	Provides state funds to plan and design the renovation of facilities at the State Military Reserve to house the National Guard Job ChalleNGe program.	\$90,000						
C-71.20	DMA	Provides state funds for planning and design purposes to allow the Department of Military Affairs to compete for federal funds for construction projects.	\$250,000	\$750,000					

VBPA = Virginia Public Building Authority bonds

Legislative Information System (LIS) Virginia State Budget website: <https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/>

Virginia Department of Planning & Budget (DPB) website - Executive Budget Document: [PBPublic \(virginia.gov\)](http://PBPublic.virginia.gov)

2023 Virginia General Assembly Military and Veterans Budget Items - Member submitted Budget Amendments Requests - as of 01/20/2023

ITEM	AGENCY	SUMMARY	FY 23 GF	FY23 NGF	FY23 VPBA	FY24 GF	FY24 NGF	FY24 VBPA	JLC
HOUSE									
142 #1h (Coyner)	SCHEV	This amendment requests funding to offset the total cost of tuition waivers in the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program	\$0			\$61,220,560			
295 #3h (Brewer)	VDH	This amendment provides \$500,000 the second year from the general fund for the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to contract with Reach Out and Read to create a pilot program for pediatric primary care providers at military installations in Virginia or pediatric primary care clinics that see a high volume of patients from military families. VDH will contract with Reach Out and Read to expand and improve the delivery of an evidence-based model that promotes early literacy and parental bonding as part of routine pediatric primary care visits.	\$0			\$500,000			
311 #5h (McGuire)	DBHDS	This amendment provides \$12.0 million the second year from the general fund to establish a neuromodulation pilot program for veterans, first responders, and law-enforcement officers in Virginia. This funding will create up to ten treatment sites where up to 160 individuals can receive electroencephalogram-driven, transcranial magnetic stimulation (eTMS) services. This treatment has shown to be effective for individuals with a history of mental health and substance use disorders, brain injury, trauma, and sleep disruption.	\$0			\$12,000,000			

312 #5h (Filler-Corn)	DBHDS	This amendment provides \$5.0 million the second year from the general fund to create the Veterans' Behavioral Health Services Grant Matching Fund, pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1791 of the 2023 General Assembly. This fund will be managed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and provide competitive matching grants to local nonprofits to serve the behavioral health needs of service members, veterans, and their families.	\$0			\$5,000,000			
468 #1h (Reid)	SVDA	This amendment provides \$50,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2024 to support a workgroup established pursuant to House Bill 1759, which directs Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs to convene a workgroup to study and develop recommendations for implementing a statewide strategic plan to make Virginia the best state for veterans. This is a placeholder amendment until a final fiscal impact statement for the bill has been made available.	\$0			\$50,000			
470 #1h (Sewell)	DVS	This amendment provides \$480,000 from the general fund the second year to establish the Transportation Care Coordination Pilot program. The pilot program would provide transportation for health care services upon request by underserved veterans	\$0			\$480,000			
470 #2h (Murphy)	DVS	This amendment provides \$50,000 from the general fund the second year pursuant to House Bill 2077, which would require certain attorneys assisting veterans with VA-related claims and appeals to provide a written disclosure informing all clients of free services provided by the Department of Veterans Services. This amendment is a placeholder until a fiscal impact statement for this bill is produced.				\$50,000			

470 #3h (Ballard)	DVS	This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund the second year for the Department of Veterans Services to contract with a non-profit organization to provide robotic companion pets to 5,000 veterans suffering with dementia	\$0			\$500,000			
470 #4h (Tran)	DVS	This amendment provides \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to support the creation of regional pilot programs to develop veteran entrepreneurs	\$0			\$1,500,000			
472 #1h (Sewell)	DVS	This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund the second year for the Department of Veterans Services to study and develop a plan to establish a veterans care center in the eastern portion of the Northern Virginia region, pursuant to House Bill 2036. This amendment is a placeholder until a fiscal impact statement for the bill is produced	\$0			\$100,000			
498 #1h (Scott)	VRS	This amendment provides \$78,000 from the nongeneral fund in fiscal year 2023 to fund the VRS administrative cost pursuant to the passage of House Bill 1867 allows a teacher, in the VRS, who has prior active duty military experience to get credited up to 4 years service at no charge. In addition to the administrative cost this legislation will have a fiscal impact on the VRS teacher system resulting in a state general fund cost and a cost to the local school division. The exact cost cannot be quantified at this time as the VRS cannot identify how many teachers have active duty military service.	\$0			\$78,000			

0 #21s (Mason)	Enacting Clause	This amendment accompanies Senate Bill 1210, a bill that increases the income tax subtraction from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for income derived from service as a member of the Virginia National Guard and expands eligibility to those persons in the ranks of O5 and below beginning in taxable year 2023. This amendment assumes a general fund revenue reduction of \$1.2 million the second year as a placeholder. The actual impact is to be determined. (Language Only)	\$0			\$0			2023-06
136 #34s (Hashmi)	DOE	This amendment provides \$2.0 million GF the second year to support veterans of the uniformed services and service members teaching with a provisional teaching license in a public school in the Commonwealth or pursuing a career in education in the Commonwealth, but seeking an alternative to a full-time teacher education program. Funds shall be used to reimburse such veterans and service members for the tuition expenses incurred toward receiving a Virginia teacher licensure in the Commonwealth	\$0			\$2,000,000			
266 #3s (McPike)	DOA	This amendment provides \$34.5 million GF the second year to backfill localities for 50.0 percent of the real estate tax revenue foregone by a locality for a taxable year as a result of the property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action. Based on tax year 2020 data, localities in aggregate provided approximately \$69.0 million in local real estate tax relief.	\$0			\$34,500,000			

266 #5s (Stuart)	DOA	<p>This amendment provides \$12.6 million GF the second year to implement SB 1032 of the 2023 General Assembly, contingent on its final passage, whereby the Commonwealth would subsidize local real estate tax relief for disabled veterans and surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action when more than one percent of a locality's real estate tax base is lost due to such state-mandated tax relief programs. This is the estimated fiscal impact.</p>	\$0			\$12,600,000			
389 #9s (Deeds)	DHR	<p>This amendment provides \$867,000 GF in the second year to the City of Charlottesville in support of construction of a pedestrian bridge and accessible parking area to improve pedestrian access to the memorial. The funding represents a third of the total cost of the project, which shall be matched by the City and the Dogwood Veterans Memorial Foundation</p>	\$0			\$867,000			
470 #1s (Bell)	DVS	<p>This amendment provides \$220,000 GF the second year and two positions as a placeholder for the potential fiscal impact of Senate Bill 1071, which incorporates service members transitioning from military to civilian life into the program for veterans mental health and rehabilitative services case management administered by the Department of Veterans Services</p>	\$0			\$220,000			
470 #2s (Reeves)	DVS	<p>This amendments provides one-time funding of \$500,000 GF the second years to provide an estimated 5,000 Virginia veterans suffering from dementia with a robotic companion pet for the purpose of reducing depression and isolation</p>	\$0			\$500,000			

470 #3s (DeSteph)	DVS	This amendment provides \$50,000 GF the second year to support costs incurred pursuant to Senate Bill 1082, which authorizes the Department of Veterans Services to contract with hospitals in the Commonwealth that offer comprehensive treatment programs including medication, psychotherapy, and hyperbaric oxygen therapy to any veteran who has been certified as having post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury.	\$0			\$50,000			
470 #4s (Cosgrove)	DVS	This amendment provides \$12.0 million GF the second year to establish a pilot program to expand access to electroencephalogram-driven, combined transcranial magnetic stimulation available for veterans, as well as first responders and law enforcement officers.	\$0			\$12,000,000			
471 #1s (Ruff)	DVS	This amendment provides \$3.0 million GF the first year to Prince George County for construction of a museum enclave to allow the public to directly access Fort Lee's museums, including the U.S. Women's Army Museum.	\$3,000,000			\$0			
471 #2s (DeSteph)	DVS	This amendment provides language setting out \$400,000 GF the second year included in the introduced budget to cover veterans cemetery burial fees for military spouses and dependents, as well as members of the National Guard and Military Reserve	\$0			\$0			2023-04
471 #3s (Morrissey)	DVS	This amendment provides \$2.5 million GF the first year to Prince George County for construction of a museum enclave to allow the public to directly access Fort Lee's museums, including the U.S. Women's Army Museum.	\$2,500,000			\$0			

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ITEM	AGENCY	SUMMARY	FY 23 GF	FY23 NGF	FY23 VPBA	FY24 GF	FY24 NGF	JLC
HOUSE								
225 #1h House	VT	This amendment provides funding to research the efficacy of establishing sites to provide treatment using a transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) machines and encephalogram (EEG) machines to diagnose brain disorders for veterans, first responders, and law-enforcement officers				\$1,000,000		
313 #2h House	SHHR	This amendment provides \$2,000,000 the second year to provide matching grants to the National Center for Healthy Veterans and Up Center in Virginia Beach to provide behavioral health care to veterans in Virginia				\$2,000,000		
SENATE								
283#3s Senate	SHHR	This amendment removes \$250,000 the second year from the general fund provided in the introduced budget for a statewide coordination study of behavioral health and substance use disorder services with an emphasis on veterans	\$0			(\$250,000)		
295 #3s Senate	VDH	This amendment provides \$250,000 the second year from the general fund for the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to contract with Reach Out and Read to create a pilot program for pediatric primary care providers at military installations in Virginia or pediatric primary care clinics that see a high volume of patients from military families. VDH will contract with Reach Out and Read to expand and improve the delivery of an evidence-based model that promotes early literacy and parental bonding as part of routine pediatric primary care visits	\$0			\$250,000		

386 #5s Senate	DHR	This amendment provides \$600,000 GF in the second year to the City of Charlottesville in support of development of a pedestrian bridge and accessible parking area to improve pedestrian access to the Dogwood Veterans Memorial.	\$0			\$600,000		
405 #1s Senate	DCJS	This amendment removes \$100,328 included in the introduced budget for a position at the Department of Criminal Justice Services to coordinate efforts in assisting military personnel pursue law enforcement careers after transitioning from military service to civilian life. The Senate budget maintains a companion position at the Department of Veterans Services for this purpose	\$0			(\$100,328)		
470#1s Senate	DVS	This amendment removes \$166,665 GF and two positions related to projected increased caseloads for veterans benefit claims related to the federal PACT Act. The amendment maintains funding for three new positions for such caseloads. Chapter 2, 2022 Session Special Session I Acts of Assembly, provided 37 new positions, including 13 new veterans services representatives to assist with benefit claims, for the Department of Veterans Services.	\$0			(\$166,665)		
470#2s Senate	DVS	This amendment removes \$500,000 GF the second year to adjust the increase for the Virginia Values Veterans grant program included in the introduced budget from \$5,000 to \$2,500 per veteran hired. The amendment maintains an increase of \$1,500 for the grant, bringing the total grant award to \$2,500 per hire	\$0			(\$500,000)		
C-69.50#1s	DVS	This amendment removes the language authorizing short-term, treasury loans to be used as the match to federal dollars for two veterans facility projects. Companion amendments provide \$250,000 GF for each project to conduct pre-planning	\$0			Language		

C-69.60#1s	DVS	This amendment authorizes \$250,000 GF the second year for the Department of Veterans Services to conduct pre-planning to renovate the Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond	\$0			\$250,000		
C-69.70#1s	DVS	This amendment authorizes \$250,000 GF the second year for the Department of Veterans Services to conduct pre-planning to construct a new veterans care center with up to 192 beds in the Roanoke area of Virginia.	\$0			\$250,000		